

## THE BRITISH OPEN FIRE

### Warren Begins the Bombardment of Tabananna Mountain.

General French's Right Flank Advances to Within Fifteen Miles of Novala's Post—Indications that the Boers are being attacked all along the line by the British.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Natal, Jan. 20.—(11 a. m.)—Gun firing was heard early this morning. General Warren has commenced bombarding Tabananna Mountain.

Among the prisoners taken by Lord Dundonald is a grandson-in-law of President Kruger.

RENSBURG, Jan. 19.—General French's right flank has advanced eight miles east of Slinger's Fort and is now within fifteen miles of Novala's Post. A. estimate made here of the total Boer losses to date places the number at 6,000. The indications are that the Boers are being attacked all along the line.

## BOER TRENCHES SHELLED.

### The British Fire Falls to Right and Left.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The "Post" today publishes the following: "General Buller's headquarters, Spearman's Farm, Natal, Jan. 19, 10:10 a. m.—General Sir Charles Warren's division early this morning started on its march toward Ladysmith.

"The naval guns of General Lytton's brigade resumed this morning the bombardment of the Boer positions facing Potgieter's Drift on the front of the main body of General Buller's corps.

"After the Boer trenches had been shelled from daylight to dusk yesterday by the naval guns and the howitzers, General Lytton ordered his brigade to advance in extended order in the evening toward the Boer positions, but failing to draw the Boer fire, the brigade returned. The British do not intend to walk into another trap."

## THEIR RETREAT CUT OFF.

### The Boers Believed to Be Hard Pressed by the British.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The latest despatches from the British army advancing on Ladysmith indicate that the means of retreat for the Boers into the Orange Free State is cut off.

As the British are pressing the Boers hard at Colenso, at Potgieter's Drift around their right, at Acton Homes, and between there and Ladysmith, their situation is perilous in the extreme unless they can hurl back the advancing hosts of Buller's army at several points at once.

Lord Dundonald's success at Acton Homes is what cut off the Boers' road for flight into the Orange Free State.

News is momentarily expected that General White from Ladysmith has joined in the attack on the Boers. Already shells from Ladysmith have nearly met those fired from Buller's army of relief.

## PLEASED WITH BRABANT.

### The New Commander of the Colonial Forces in Favor.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 19.—(2:15 p. m.)—Colonel Brabant's appointment to the command of the colonial forces is very popular and shows appreciation of his services to the Colonial Government. He was a captain in the old Cape Mounted Rifles when that body was an imperial force. Subsequently he was colonel of the Cape Yeomanry during the Basuto war in 1880. He is a brother of Captain Brabant, of the Imperial Light Horse, who was killed at Ladysmith.

## WESTERN HORSES FOR AFRICA.

### The British Agents Have Orders to Buy Cavalry Stock.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 20.—It has been announced here that the British officers now in this city arranging for the purchase of mules for shipment to South Africa have been ordered to purchase horses also for the use of the cavalry and mounted infantry.

Colonel Stevens, who has charge of the purchases, said that the animals wanted will be mainly the tough little horses of the West, used to hardships, as the conditions in South Africa are similar to those in the West. No idea has yet been given of the number of horses that will be needed.

## A Deficit in the Revenues.

### CAPE TOWN, Jan. 19.—The Colonial Government is inviting applications for treasury bills to the amount of £600,000. This is doubtless owing to the deficiency in the revenue caused by the war.

## Volunteers From Winnipeg.

### ST. PAUL, Jan. 20.—Premier McDonald, of Manitoba, announces that a new regiment is being formed at Winnipeg for service in South Africa, to be known as the Winnipeg Light Infantry.

## Charged With Embezzlement.

### CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Clifford R. England, alias James Hammond, manager and confidential man of John McClelland's wholesale furniture house, 370 Wabash avenue, and lately of New York, was arrested in his home at 1309 Indiana Avenue last night on a charge of embezzling \$10,000 from the Warren Schaff Asphalt Pavement Company of Detroit, Mich. England left Detroit in June, 1897, with his wife and \$10,000. He went to New York and there circumnavigated the world, returning to New York sixteen months ago. Six months ago he secured a position with McClelland as district manager and salesman. He was soon brought to Chicago and given the management of the entire business. He lived undisturbed until his arrest last night.

## A Congregation Row.

### WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 20.—The Rev. H. P. Morgan, of the First Welsh M. E. Church, has asked the court to send the five trustees of the church to jail for contempt of court. There has been a conflict between pastor and trustees for a long time, and recently Judge Woodward made a decision that the pastor was a power in his own church, and enjoined the trustees from interfering with him.

## Risked Life for Fifty Cents.

### NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—William O'Hearn lost his life yesterday while trying to save a 50-cent piece from being run over by a train in New Brunswick. O'Hearn was a gate man at a crossing of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In some manner a 50-cent piece dropped from his hand. In trying to save the coin, which had rolled on the track, he was unable to get out of the way of a down train and he was run over, and died in a few hours.

## Flynn's Business College, 8th and K.

85—Census Office Examination—85.

## JOHN RUSKIN DEAD.

### The Famous English Essayist Passes Away at Brantwood.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin died at his home at Brantwood today. He had been steadily failing bodily and mentally for many months.

John Ruskin, the celebrated English social art critic, was born in London, February 8, 1818, his father being a wealthy wine merchant of that city. He took his degree at Oxford University in 1842. Studying painting under such masters as Copley, Fielding, and Harding, he nevertheless showed a strong predilection for the old Dutch masters.

In 1843 appeared the first volume of his "Modern Painters," which, from its revolutionary tendency, excited the hostility of conservatives. Gradually, however, his views made way, and the unequalled splendor of his style gained him a high place in literature. He has written "The Seven Lamps of Architecture," and in 1851-53 "The Stones of Venice," both typifying the author's peculiar ideas in relation to architectural art and illustrated by his own drawings.

The movement termed prerafaelism was warmly supported by him in several pamphlets which he wrote at this time (1855-60).

Since that time he has occupied a place in the front rank of English letters and art. During his life he has on various occasions exhibited signs of mental decay and among these was an extraordinary antipathy to railways, which drove him into seclusion at Brantwood. In the past few years he has published little, but the work of former years will make his position in the history of art a most unique one.

## DONE WITH ACTIVE SERVICE.

### Brigadier General Anderson to Retire Tomorrow.

The retirement of Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Anderson, commanding the Military Department of the Lakes, is scheduled for tomorrow. The retirement is on account of General Anderson having reached the age of sixty-four years. Brig. Gen. William Ludlow, in charge of the Department of Havana, Cuba, succeeds to the vacancy in the rank of brigadier general. General Ludlow's nomination was sent to the Senate some time ago and was confirmed.

The order naming General Anderson's successor in command of the Department of the Lakes has not been issued, but it is believed that Gen. J. D. Wade, commanding the Department of Dakota, will assume temporary command of the Department of the Lakes, and that Brig. Gen. John R. Brooke, who was formerly Military Governor of Cuba, will relieve him shortly. General Brooke is in Florida, recuperating from his hard work in Cuba, but is expected in Washington at any time.

## ANGRY WITH THE COURT.

### A Woman Lawyer Criticizes a Delaware Decision.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Carrie B. Kilgore, a lawyer, of this city, who was yesterday refused permission to plead in the courts at Wilmington, Del., is very indignant over it. She says the contention of the Delaware judges, that the provision of the constitution requiring the State officers to be voters includes lawyers, is ridiculous.

Mrs. Kilgore says she will not give up without further effort.

"I will," she says, "present the case to the Pennsylvania courts, which admitted me to practice, and have never refused permission to a Delaware lawyer to practice temporarily in this State."

Legal men here say the Delaware judges' interpretation is far-fetched.

## CHARGED WITH DESERTION.

### A Soldier Arrested as He Leaves the Hospital.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 20.—When James Mullen, a young man well known in this borough, his former home, stepped out of Charity Hospital, where he had been suffering from appendicitis, he was arrested and handed over to four members of the Fourth United States Artillery on a charge of desertion.

While Mullen was in the hospital his furlogun expired, and it was not renewed. He says that his friends, that he had no idea of deserting.

## MR. TOOKER'S MISTAKE.

### He Forgot His Bride and Thought She Had Fled.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 20.—Louis Tooker and his bride have blotted from their memories the record of their first two days of married life and have decided to live together. After Tooker reported to the police that his wife had run away and later discovered that he had simply forgotten where he had left her, he went to his home and bought a ticket to Florida.

Mrs. Tooker, who waited for her husband in vain, went to her mother's home when she learned that he had made her name known over the country by reporting her to the police. Later Tooker sent a note to his wife asking if he might call. She consented and they made up their differences and decided to live together.

Tooker says that he does not blame his wife, but he wants to fight a duel with a man who was standing in the lobby when he was looking for his wife, and who said:

"Why, I just saw your wife going up the street with another man."

## Government Bonds Their Booty.

### VINELAND, N. J., Jan. 20.—Burglars entered the residence of Willard Guterson last night and carried away \$320 worth of government bonds. The robbery was discovered yesterday when Guterson went to his desk. There were many burnt matches strewn about the floors of the rooms, indicating that the thieves had ransacked the building in search of money. The theft occurred during the absence of the family at a dance.

## Patrols at Large in Massachusetts.

### BOSTON, Jan. 20.—Two patrolmen, which escaped from a managerie, have taken possession of the woods between Waltham and the town of Weston, and have stopped travel after dark between the two communities. Thus far their attacks have been confined to hen roosts. Unless they are captured today they will be hunted down tomorrow by an organized band from the watch factories of Waltham. The Chicago police and the county sheriff have been ordered to the capture of the beasts, dead or alive.

## Soldiers En Route From Cuba.

### The War Department Received a Cablegram From Captain Stanton, of the Eighth Cavalry, Today Stating that the Depot Squadron of that Regiment, Stationed at Nuevitas, Cuba, has Sailed from that Place Today for this Country. There were Five Commissioned Officers, Two Officers' Wives, Eighty-Two Enlisted Men, and Eight Private's Horses. The Detachment Will Land at Newport News and Go to Fort Riley, Kan.

## \$125 to Baltimore and Re-325 Turn via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Telex on sale Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21, except on Monday, January 22. All trains except Congressional Limited.

## TRAPPED BY FILIPINOS

### American Troops Ambuscaded in Laguna Province.

Lieutenant Ralston Loses Two Men Killed, Five Wounded, and Eight Missing, and a Pack Train of Twenty Ponies—Colonel Dorst Victorious in a Similar Encounter.

General Otis cabled the War Department today of two ambuscades laid by the insurgents to the American troops. One of them was successful, the Americans losing heavily, while the other was discovered in time to be outflanked. The insurgents were routed with heavy loss.

The first ambuscade was laid by the insurgents between Santa Tomas and San Pablo, in Laguna Province, and Lieutenant Ralston, of the Thirtieth Infantry, with fifty men, guarding a pack train of twenty ponies, walked into the trap. In the fight that followed the Americans lost two men killed, five wounded, and nine missing, while an entire pack train was lost. Lieutenant Ralston and thirty-four men succeeded in escaping. They returned to Santa Tomas with the dead and wounded. This is the most serious loss the Americans have sustained in a long time, and General Otis has ordered an investigation.

The second ambuscade was laid for Colonel Dorst's Fifth Philippine Scout Infantry in the Batangas Mountains, but he was not to be caught napping, and charged the insurgents boldly, killing eight of them, capturing three and capturing seventeen prisoners, a Suptani and six rifles. He had only two men slightly wounded.

War Department officials declined to discuss the defeat of Lieut. Ralston and the loss of the pack train further than to say that it was something that might happen to any United States force in the island and rough country. The lieutenant Ralston credit for having saved his dead and wounded, and say that he must have been off his head. It is believed that the pack train was surprised, and the animals and men stampeded at the first fire, but that Lieutenant Ralston rallied his men and drove the enemy away.

Francis W. Ralston, Jr., is from Philadelphia. The Thirtieth Volunteer Infantry was recruited at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Colonel Dorst, who was in command of the troops which ambuscaded the insurgents and defeated the insurgents, is Captain J. H. Dorst, of the Fourth Cavalry of the regular army, an officer with a fine reputation for bravery and skill in handling troops. He is colonel of the 10th Cavalry, and has been mentioned frequently in despatches from Manila as doing good work in the campaign, and army officers are not surprised that he should have discovered the ambuscade and defeated the insurgents.

## ROBERTSON ACQUED.

### The Police Inspector Served in a Reform School.

Policemen George W. Mason and D. O. Hayes were arraigned at Police Headquarters before Trial Officer Pugh this morning, charged with an infraction of the police regulations.

The complaint was made by John W. Robertson, Night Inspector of Police. A sensation was created when Robertson was forced to admit that he had served five years in the Reform School, and that when he was appointed to the position of Night Inspector he had made affidavit that he had never been indicted or convicted of a crime.

The Police Court records were put in evidence, and it was shown that in 1878, Robertson was sentenced to the Reform School after being convicted of larceny.

The credibility of Robertson as a witness was questioned by the defense and a decision in the case will not be rendered for several days.

## ELECTRIC ROADS FOR HONOLULU

### A Syndicate Proposes Investing \$5,000,000 in Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—L. P. Matthews, of Cleveland, Ohio, representing an Eastern syndicate, which proposes to construct electric railways in Honolulu, is on his way home. He says that \$5,000,000 may be expended there. He said:

"In the near future more than a million dollars' worth of ties and lumber will be shipped from Honolulu to Hawaii for the projected roads. Plans already perfected call for the construction of some 310 miles of electric lines. Most of the road will be in Honolulu and elsewhere on Oahu Island. Ferry boats will be run between the termini of these roads and the various islands."

## TO PREVENT LYING.

### A Bill in the Mississippi Legislature for This Purpose.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 20.—At a mass meeting of colored citizens to endorse Governor Long's attitude on lying, resolutions to that effect were adopted.

Following the governor's suggestions, Senator Adams has introduced a bill providing that the officers "who lose prisoners" to mobs shall forfeit their offices and be liable to a fine. A lynching occurs shall pay \$5,000 to the heirs of the victim of the mob's fury.

## HANGED TOO SPEEDILY.

### After Eighteen Years Another Confesses the Murder.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 20.—By the confession of Mrs. Vanhorn, made on her deathbed, in the State of Washington, it is shown that Thomas Egan, who was hanged here in 1882 for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Vanhorn's mother, was an innocent man, the crime having, according to the confession, been committed by Mrs. Vanhorn.

Egan stoutly protested his innocence to the last.

## Science and Gambling.

### CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—It is said that the gamblers have decided to have a floating pool-room on the lake outside the jurisdiction of the municipal and county authorities, and use wireless telegraphy in connection with the pool selling. The Chicago police and the county sheriff have been ordered to the capture of the gamblers, dead or alive.

## The Removal of a Tariff Tax.

### The State Department has been informed by Mr. Newell, United States Minister at the Hague, that a royal order has been issued in which other sulfuric resins are included in the preparation of albumen from milk, is declared exempt from duty.

## Personally Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

February 6, two weeks' tour to Florida, \$48. February 12, twenty-three days' tour to Mexico, \$300. February 12, forty-six days' tour to Old Mexico and California, \$550. February 27, thirty-one days' tour to California, and near by, Florida, includes railroad, Pullman, and meal service, to and from Jacksonville. Other rates include all necessary expenses during the tour. For itineraries and further information, apply to agents.

## THE KENTUCKY CONTESTS.

### An Appeal to the People From the Republican Managers.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 20.—The attorneys and managers of the Republicans have issued another address to the people of Kentucky. In it they denounce the alleged trickery which has established the "packed juries" now hearing the contest cases and the avowed partisanship of the contest board.

The address thus says: "We appeal to the manhood of Kentucky to resist this encroachment of their rights; not by violence and bloodshed, but by meetings, resolutions, remonstrances, petitions, and personal appeals. There should be an explanation to the people from every hill top, every ward or school district, and school-house in the State. It is the cause of the people, irrespective of party; not of one political party, or of one set of officeholders against another. It is the duty of the honest Democrat, of the sincere Republican, of the plain Prohibitionist, of the patriotic Populist to rise in their might and with united voices demand that the injurious proceedings stop, and that all differences between the contesting parties be settled by a fair and impartial board, according to the law. 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