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BIG BATTLE HAS BEGUN

Preliminary Losses Are Severe for the British.

FEAR ANOTHER MAGERSFONTAIN.

Report From Durban That British Wounded Are Arriving at Mool River Hospital by Every Train—Buller Issues Appeal to His Troops.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A special dispatch from Durban says: "Advices from Potgieter's drift dated Tuesday say that Sir Charles Warren has arrived within 17 miles of Ladysmith and that the British wounded are arriving at Mool river hospital by every train, indicating that there has been severe fighting."

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The war office has issued the following from General Buller, Spearman's camp, Jan. 18: "One field artillery, howitzer battery and Lytton's brigade across the Tugela at Potgieter's drift. The enemy's position is being bombarded by us. Five miles higher up Warren has crossed the river by a pontoon, 85 yards long. He hopes his force will by evening have advanced five miles from the river to his right front. The enemy is busily intrenching."

From Roberts, Cape Town, Jan. 18: "Gatacre reports that 300 men of all ranks have been moved from Bushman's hoek to Hoperberg and the Seventy-fourth field battery and one company of mounted infantry from Sterkstroom to Bushman's hoek. Otherwise there is no change."

GREAT BATTLE SOON.

London Military Experts Predict a Decisive Engagement.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Military critics in affiliation with the war office consider that the expected battle south and west of Ladysmith can hardly be delayed beyond today. From Durban it is reported that fighting has already begun. General Buller's forces in the flanking operation across the Tugela are some 18,000 or 14,000 bayonets. The disposition of his other 15,000 or 20,000 men is not known, but the assumption is that the whole army will be in action when the hour for combined movement arrives. Three weeks ago General Buller had 30,000 men. Considerable reinforcements have since reached him, giving him probably 35,000 men and 80 guns all told. Estimates as to how many men and guns the Boers have to oppose him are mere guesswork. In not replying to General Lytton's shelling, they are using the tactics that proved so successful in the battle of Magersfontain and Colenso, lying low in their trenches, thus hoping to conceal their precise position until the infantry advances.

The Daily Chronicle's military expert sees curious analogy between General Buller's situation now and the eve of Magersfontain. Now as then the Boers are making a stand with their backs to investing lines within a few miles. As Lord Methuen, after crossing the Modder river, had to attack the Syfontein and Magersfontain hills, so General Buller after passing the Tugela faces invisible entrenchments in a rough country. One correspondent mentions General Buller's wheeled transport of 5,000 vehicles, which connect him with the rail head about 30 miles to the rear. Among these vehicles are 30 traction engines, which draw from 10 to 15 wagons each.

General Buller's warning about the misuse of the white flag by the Boers in his proclamation to the troops is considered a rather broad hint to give no quarter. His phrase "there will be no turning back," is played upon editorially by the morning papers as presaging cheerful announcements.

The absorbing interest felt in Natal makes other theaters of the war seem microscopic.

WEBSTER IN BRONZE.

Colossal Statue of the Great Statesman Is Unveiled.

PRESIDENT AND CABINET PRESENT

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts the Orator of the Day—Stilson Hutchins' Gift to the Government Is Gratefully Received. Ceremonies of Presentation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—A distinguished gathering of public officials, including President McKinley and his entire cabinet, participated in the exercises attending the unveiling of the colossal bronze statue of Daniel Webster, executed by the Italian sculptor, Trentanove, and presented to the United States by Stilson Hutchins of this city. The statue occupies a position on Scott Circle, but prior to the actual unveiling the ceremonies of presentation and acceptance were at the Lafayette opera house.

After an eloquent prayer by the blind chaplain, Rev. Dr. Milburn, Senator Chandler, in behalf of the two branches of congress, read Mr. Hutchins' presentation letter and added a brief but glowing tribute to the statesmanship, the oratory and the patriotism of Webster.

Secretary Long then accepted the statue in behalf of the United States. Secretary Long's remarks were warmly applauded, and then, amid another outburst of applause, Senator Lodge delivered the oration of the day.

The formal ceremonies concluded with a benediction by Rev. Mr. Coudan, chaplain of the house.

The president and most of the other distinguished guests then proceeded to Scott Circle, where at 12 o'clock the statue was unveiled.

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AMBUSH THE AUSTRALIANS.

Small Scouting Party Cut Off and Compelled to Surrender.

RENSBERG, Cape Colony, Jan. 19.—A patrol composed of 16 men of the New South Lancers and South Australians was ambushed yesterday by the Boers and overwhelmed, after a severe fight. Two of the detachment escaped and have arrived in camp. This morning a patrol visited the scene of the fight and found five dead Australians and one wounded. A number of dead Boer horses also were found, showing that the Australians made a gallant fight before surrendering.

It appears that when the Australians encountered the first body of Boers and finding their retreat cut off they galloped for a nearby kopje, hoping to beat off the Boers, but on arriving they found another force of burghers concealed there.

Swiss Government Takes a Hand. CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—For the first time in the history of the local criminal court a foreign government has undertaken to thwart the operation of the gallows in the Cook county jail. In the course of its endeavors the republic of Switzerland disclosed yesterday the fact that a Chicago murderer, convicted recently as Frank Steiner, for the murder of Frank Karus on July 11, is in reality a member of a wealthy family of the name of Hertenstein. The Swiss consul here asked State's Attorney Densen, in the name of the Swiss government, to consent to a postponement of the argument on a motion for a new trial. The case was set originally for Jan. 27, and Mr. Densen said it could go over two weeks, when it will come up again.

Report in Favor of Democrats. FRANKFURT, Jan. 18.—The Goebel attorneys at the conclusion of the sitting of the contest board last night objected to the deduction from their time of several hours which had been taken up in argument over pleadings and other preliminary matters, but Chairman Hickman announced that they had exhausted their time and no more would be allowed. Two legislative contest committees, trying the contested house election cases, will report today unanimously in favor of seating McKinney (Dem.), who is contesting the seat of Representative Taylor of Trigg county, and in favor of Crawford (Dem.) of Breathitt, whose seat is contested by a Republican.

ALL ROADS IN BIG POOL.

Combine to Carry Out Anti-Commission Agreement.

FIFTY THOUSAND MEN LET OUT.

Result of Consolidation of Great Trunk Railways East of Chicago—Will Abandon All City Ticket Offices and Substitute Joint Offices in Larger Cities.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The Tribune says: In order to carry out the anti-commission agreement it is proposed now to combine all the railroads in the country in a big passenger pool and operate it in such a manner that each road will get an agreed percentage of the earnings. The eastern roads have all voted in favor of the scheme and a committee of western railroads' executive officers is now at work to get all the western lines into the combination.

The railroad magnates do not admit that the formation and maintenance of a passenger pool would constitute a violation of the law. It has always been the contention of the railroads that the section of the interstate commerce act forbidding pools relates only to freight traffic and does not affect passenger business in any way and it now seems to be their determination to act and fight it out on this presumption.

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NEWS OF WEST SIDE

Rev. Lawson of Carroll, will assist in the revival meetings here over Sunday.

John Bohrer was in Omaha this week purchasing goods for the spring trade.

Herman Mumm left Wednesday for an extended visit with relatives at Moline, Ill.

Henry Suhr has been confined to the house for several days on account of a severe attack of rheumatism.

Marvin Peters, who went to Chicago with stock early in the week, is now visiting relatives in Clinton, Iowa.

C. W. Johnson has purchased a lot east of the Methodist church, upon which he is now erecting a neat residence.

I. Patterson and James Walsh returned this morning from a trip to Chicago. It rained almost continuously while they were in the city.

Dr. A. J. Beebe left Tuesday with family and household effects for Greeley, Iowa, where he has purchased a half interest in a drug store. The doctor and his estimable family made many warm friends during their brief residence here, who will regret to learn of their departure.

Mrs. Henry Seemann has been enjoying a visit from her brother, Mr. Gus Gulck, this week. Yesterday, Mrs. Seemann and Mr. Gulck visited relatives in Charter Oak. From here Mr. Gulck goes to California.

Mrs. J. P. Jones, Mr. J. H. Jones and Miss Julia Jones were in Woodbine this morning attending the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Patrick Mulvihill. Mrs. Mulvihill was sixty years of age, and the immediate cause of her death was paralysis.

Wyatt Van Winkle is at home on a thirty days leave from his work at Cleveland, Ohio. Wyatt has charge of the block system of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad. It is a responsible position and we are glad to see one of Denison's young men filling it so well.

The High School oratorical contest will occur at the Opera House Monday Jan. 29th. In the oration class Harold Romans, Geo. Morris, and Horace Gregory won out in the preliminary contest and will appear in the final contest. This will be an interesting event.

Messrs. John and August Wiess are enjoying a visit from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wiess and their brother, Elmer Wiess, of Manning and their uncle, Mr. Herman Wunder of Valentine, Nebraska. The boy's relatives will find them prosperous and holding a high place in the esteem of Denison people.

COUNTIES AND THE INSANE.

Board of Control Denounced by Association of County Supervisors.

AMES, Ia., Jan. 19.—The third biennial meeting of the Association of County Supervisors of Iowa began here yesterday. The afternoon session was devoted most entirely to discussion of county care of incurable insane. The question was introduced by F. E. Morris of Polk county, who denounced the recent order of the board of control, to the effect that hereafter such patients would be kept by the state at the expense of the county. The interference of the board of control in the matter was vigorously criticised on all sides and Judge Kinne of the board was especially taken to task for his reports regarding the condition of several county poor farms and insane hospitals which he visited for the purpose of inspection. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the counties can take as good care of harmless and incurable insane as the state; that they can do it cheaper and that the association advocated the maintenance of these unfortunates at home near their friends.

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INDICTS A DIVINE HEALER.

Iowa Grand Jury Also Accuses Mother of the Patient.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Jan. 19.—The grand jury returned true bills against S. P. James of South Omaha, a divine healer, and Mrs. P. E. Yates of Tabor, Ia., on the charge of being criminally responsible for the death of the latter's daughter, Ethel Yates, which occurred in this city Jan. 5.

The post mortem examination held on the body of Miss Yates showed that death was the result of appendicitis. A physician who had been in attendance upon the case was discharged and the girl was treated by faith cure.

SUBMITTED TO MUNGER.

Case of Corporal Fair and Private Jockens Now in Court's Hands.

LINCOLN, Jan. 19.—Judge Munger in the federal court yesterday listened to the closing arguments in the habeas corpus case of Corporal Fair and Private Jockens and at the close of the afternoon session the case was submitted. As the case is of the utmost importance, involving far-reaching questions that have never before been decided by any court, the decision will probably not be handed down for several days.

STICK TO PUTS AND CALLS.

Brokers Organize a Board to Keep Up that Class of Trading.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Nearly 200 brokers on the board of trade met last evening to devise measures to continue trading in puts and calls, despite the strong stand taken against it by President Warren and the new board of directors. It was decided to continue the trade in privileges outside the jurisdiction of the board and for that purpose a put and call market, to be known as the Millers' exchange, was provided for.

FRUIT GROWERS ORGANIZE.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 19.—The fruit growers and farm products shippers have formed a permanent organization, to be known as the Growers' and Shippers' National Protective union. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000, in shares of \$1 each. Headquarters are to be in Kansas City, with branch offices in other cities. Any grower or shipper may become a member by paying for one or more shares. The officers are: J. K. Saunders, Pierce City, Mo., president; J. C. Evans, Kansas City, vice president; S. N. Barrick, Kansas City, secretary; John P. Logan, Siloam Springs, Ark., treasurer.

SMALLPOX AT MARSHALLTOWN.

MARSHALLTOWN, Jan. 19.—Excitement prevails here owing to a report to the local health board of five cases of smallpox and many exposures. All the sick are negroes and live within half a block of the main business street. They have been sick since last Thursday, but physicians were not called till yesterday. Strict quarantine prevails on the houses and inmates.

COURT STOPS TELEPHONE DEAL.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—A proposed consolidation of the Iowa Telephone company and the Home Telephone company, the latter a local concern, was stopped by an order of the court, issued at the instance of a minority stockholder, who opposed the absorption of the smaller concern by the Bell corporation.

MAN AND WIFE GOING TO KLONDIKE.

VILVISA, Ia., Jan. 19.—Charles Dunn and wife are preparing for an early start to the Klondike. Dunn has been there before. His wife says she is willing to go wherever he does.

RUSSIAN WARSHIP AGROUND.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—The Russian ironclad Poltava, of 10,960 tons, is dangerously ashore near Liban, on the Baltic.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Tidal waves higher than have been known for a long time have swept along the Chilean coast, doing considerable damage.

The international track meeting between Yale, Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge universities in this country next spring now seems to be an assured fact.

Aloysius Frauenheim, president of the Pittsburg Brewing company and president of the Bohemian Publishing company, died at Pittsburg, after a lingering illness.

IOWA HAPPENINGS.

Woman Who Was a County Recorder. SIBLEY, Ia., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Alice C. Hill, a pioneer and former county recorder of this county, died here yesterday.

Refunding Bonds Legal. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 18.—By a decision of the supreme court the city of Cedar Rapids is authorized to call in \$205,000 outstanding warrants and issue that amount of refunding bonds, which will be done at once.

Library for Ottumwa. OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 15.—Andrew Carnegie will probably endow Ottumwa with a \$50,000 library building. The only restricting proviso is that the city vote \$5,000 annual tax to maintain the institution. The city council has tacitly agreed to pass an ordinance to this effect.

Poultry Association Officers. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 18.—The 24th annual election of the American Poultry association resulted as follows: President, E. A. Kegley, Cedar Rapids; secretary and treasurer, H. A. Bridges, Columbus, O. The association presented two massive silver cups to the Cedar Rapids club to be competed for at their next annual meeting.

Riser's Body Found in the River. LANSING, Ia., Jan. 17.—The mystery which has surrounded the disappearance of Edward Riser for a week past was cleared up yesterday by finding his body in the river in front of town. He was last seen Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, skating for his farm opposite town on the Wisconsin side and evidently he skated into an airhole. He was 30 years of age and one of the most extensive farmers in this part of the state.

More Sioux City and Northern Litigation. SIOUX CITY, Jan. 17.—James J. Hill's purchase of the Sioux City and Northern railway does not seem to have ended the litigation regarding the property. An amended petition of intervention has been filed in the federal court in the foreclosure proceedings, in which the Trust Company of America asks the court to order an accounting and a determination of claims against the railway company and the Manhattan Trust company, amounting to \$434,318.

Buyers Des Moines Distillery. DES MOINES, Jan. 16.—The American Malt company of New York City succeeds the American Spirits Manufacturing company in the ownership of the old distillery property in this city. No spirits have been made here since the prohibition law went into effect, several years ago, but the property has been operated for malting purposes for some years and will so continue until the law is changed to permit the manufacture of spirits. The consideration was about \$500,000.

Recalls Haddock Murder Case. SIOUX CITY, Jan. 17.—Information has been received by the authorities here that Henry Peters, a hackman supposed to have been murdered ten years ago and his body cremated in Arensdorf's brewery, is living in Oklahoma. Peters' disappearance was one of the mysteries connected with the famous Haddock murder case in the latter eighties. Haddock was the Methodist preacher murdered here for his relentless war on saloons. One of the principal witnesses desired by the prosecution was Henry Peters, a hackman, known to have driven the party of liquor dealers, of whom Arensdorf was one, about the city a short time before Haddock was killed. But from the date of the murder Peters disappeared.

GEAR GETS HIS CERTIFICATE. Joint Session Elects Him Senator and Credentials Signed at Once. DES MOINES, Jan. 18.—Yesterday at noon the Iowa legislature met in joint session and re-elected John H. Gear of Burlington to the United States senate. The vote stood: Gear (Rep.), 111; White (Dem.), 32. Governor Shaw immediately after the ballot was taken, signed Senator Gear's certificate and forwarded it to Washington.

The announcement of the house committees yesterday by Speaker Bowen was a complete surprise. He has given the best chairmanships to those who opposed him. The appointment of Eaton to the chairmanship of ways and means makes the defeated candidate the most important member of the house. Second on this committee is Prentiss of Ringgold, who at one time was a Gear sympathizer, but later threw all his support for Eaton and Cummins. Byers of Shelby, Stewart of Folk and other prominent Cummins people are members of the ways and means committee. Following came Temple of Clarke, chairman of judiciary; R. Byers of Shelby, Carr of Polk, Eaton of Mitchell and Blake of Webster, four members who were leaders in the Cummins-Eaton campaign. Carr of Polk is made chairman of banks and banking, Overfield of Howard gets private corporations, Stewart of Polk, building and loan; Thuenen of Scott and other of Mr. Eaton's friends are given good chairmanships.

The fight to abolish the office of state printer and binder was initiated in the joint assembly yesterday afternoon. The advocates of abolition gained a decided victory.

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