

Bismarck Daily Tribune.

TWENTIETH YEAR.

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, MONDAY, JAN. 29, 1900.

FIVE CENTS

LOCAL DIRECTORY.

OFFICERS OF BURLEIGH COUNTY.
Sheriff H. P. Bogue
Treasurer E. H. Sperry
County Judge John Fort
County Clerk John Fort
County Attorney E. S. Allen
Register of Deeds Chas. A. Johnson
Coroner John White
Superintendent of Schools C. M. Edick
Surveyor John Harold
Physician C. A. Ballard
County Commissioners—George Welsh,
Harvey Harris, Gust W. Johnson,
County Board of Health—Dr. W. A. Bentley,
E. S. Pierce, E. S. Allen.
Insanity Board—F. Fort, Dr. W. A. Bentley,
E. S. Allen.
County Justices—Edgar Tibbals, Edward Rawlings,
Elvis Wood, John Clark.
County Constables—Patrick McHugh, John Hubert,
David Williams, Ole Sather.

BISMARCK CITY OFFICIALS.

Mayor Edw. G. Patterson
Clerk Henry W. Richholt
Treasurer J. M. Edick
Justice J. F. Fort
Attorney E. S. Allen
Aldermen—First ward, John White, M. E. Halloran,
Second ward, H. P. Bogue, E. S. Pierce,
Third ward, Walter Skelton,
J. A. Barnes,
Fourth ward, S. D. Rohrer,
W. H. Sanderson.
Chief of Police P. McHugh
Night Watchman John Hubert
Chief of Fire Department Wm. Jaeger
Custodian of Jail F. Fort
City Surveyor John Harold
Foundmaster Chas. White

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OFFICES.

School Board—Jos. Hare, Harvey Harris,
H. L. Michelson, Louis Larson, James McDonald.
State Officials—Offices at Capitol
County Officials—offices at courthouse except
as herein otherwise indicated.
City Council—regular meetings first and
third Tuesdays of each month at city hall.
Chambers of W. H. Winchester, district
judge, First National Bank Building.
Office of County Judge Webb Block
Office of State Attorney Webb Block
Office of Mayor Meridian House
Office of City Treasurer First Nat. Bank
Office of City Clerk City Hall
Office of City Justice Webb Block
Office of County Justice City Hall
Office of Supt. Schools First Nat. Bank Bldg.
U. S. Land Office First Nat. Bank Bldg.
U. S. Court Rooms Webb Block
U. S. Commissioner, J. R. Gage, First National
Bank Building.
Deputy U. S. Marshal E. G. Patterson
United States Weather Bureau, (and state
weather and crop service) B. H.
Ironson, director, government reservation,
West Main street.
Postoffice, Agatha G. Patterson, postmaster,
Webb Block.
St. Alexius Hospital Main & Sixth Sts.
Aiding Assn. U. S. Marine Hospital Surgeon,
F. R. Smyth, First Nat. Bank Bldg.
United States Board of Pension Examining
Surgeons—Dr. A. S. Storer, president; Dr.
Ballard, secretary. Board meets the
first and third Mondays of each month at
the office of Dr. Ballard, First National
Bank Bldg.
Western Union Telegraph office, Main and
Fourth streets.
Authorized Northern Pacific Surveys—F. A.
Smyth, Bismarck; G. B. Furniss, Mandan.
Officer in charge of construction of new military
post, Major E. B. Robinson, U. S. Army.
Resident engineer, new military post, T. H.
Humphreys, Bismarck Bank block.

TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT—SIXTH DISTRICT.

First Subdivision—Bismarck, third Tuesday
in May and fourth Tuesday in November.
Second Subdivision—At Medora, Billings
County; two terms, at such times as judge
shall direct.
Third Subdivision—At Williamsport, Emmons
county; two terms, at such times as the
judge shall direct.
Fourth Subdivision—At Steele, Kidder
county; third Tuesday in June and second
Tuesday in January.
Fifth Subdivision—At Stanton, Mercer
county; two terms, at such times as the
judge shall direct.
Sixth Subdivision—At Washburn, McLean
county; two terms, at such times as the
judge shall direct.
Seventh Subdivision—At Mandan, Morton
county; third Tuesday in April and first
Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
Eighth Subdivision—At Sanger, Oliver
county; two terms, at such times as the
judge shall direct.
Ninth Subdivision—At Dickinson, Stark
county; first Tuesday in April and second
Tuesday in September.
Hon. W. H. Winchester, judge; chambers
in First National Bank Bldg.
R. M. Tuttle, Stenographer.

MAILS AND TRANSPORTATION.

MAILS CLOSE.

Eastern via N. P. No. 2-7:30 p. m.
Western via N. P. No. 12-1:45 a. m.
Office hours of postoffice, general delivery,
5 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday;
box delivery from 7 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily.
On Sunday the general delivery is open
between 1:30 p. m. and 2:30 p. m. General
delivery is closed while mail is being
distributed after arrival of trains each way.

WEST BOUND.

No. 1—Leaves Bismarck at 10:25 p. m.; Fargo,
8:15 a. m.; Valley City, 7:50 a. m.; Jamestown,
8:55 a. m.; Tappen, 10:22; Dawson, 10:30;
Steele, 10:40; McKenzia, 11:45; Bismarck,
11:52 a. m.; Bismarck, 12:15 p. m.

EAST BOUND.

No. 2—Leaves Mandan, 11:55 a. m.; Bismarck,
12:10 a. m.; Bismarck, 12:35 a. m.; McKenzia,
11:45 a. m.; Stearns, 12:53 a. m.; Steele, 1:45
a. m.; Dawson, 2:45 a. m.; Jamestown, 3:45
a. m.; Valley City, 4:45 a. m.; Fargo, 4:00
a. m.; St. Paul, 3 p. m.

Passengers can obtain permits of agent to
ride on some way freights each way.

STAGE LINES.

For Fort Yates, way points and connections,
including Glencoe, Livona, Campbell, La
Grace, Fort Rice, Cannon Ball, Williams-
port, Gayton, Hampton, Emmonsburg,
Winn and Standing Rock; stage leaves
every morning except Sunday; returning
leaves Fort Yates at 7 a. m., arriving in
Bismarck about 6 p. m.

For Fort Berthold, Coal Harbor, Turtle
Lake, Weller, Washburn, Painted Woods,
Falconer, Elbow Woods, and way
points, stage leaves every morning except
Sunday; returning leaves Berthold every
morning, arriving in Bismarck about 5
p. m.

For Slaughter, Conger, Crofts, Cromwell
and Francis and way points, stage leaves
at 8 a. m. Mondays and Fridays; returning
arrives in Bismarck Tuesdays and
Saturdays.

MISSOURI RIVER PACKETS.

Benton Transportation Company, I. P.
Baker, general superintendent; steamers
leave weekly during navigation season
for Standing Rock, Fort Yates, Cannon
Ball and way points, and to Washburn,
Coal Harbor, Mannhaven and up river
points, as per special announcement.

Better to response name.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Oxford and Cambridge,
after consultation, have decided
that it would be better to postpone the
return field games with Harvard and
Yale until 1901, principally owing to the
difficulty of arranging a date suitable to
both sides.

A DECLARATION

Belief Growing That Congress Should Definitely State Its Position.

Further Delay Might Work Harm to Islands and the Admin- istration.

Senate Expected to Take the First Practical Steps to This End.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A special to
The Herald from Washington says:
The impression is growing among ad-
ministration leaders that there should
be some definite action by congress,
without much further delay, upon the
problem of the Philippine policy. It is
generally felt that further delay in the
declaration of some sort of government
policy in regard to the islands may not
only work harm to the islands, but may
be used by the Democrats in the presi-
dential campaign.

The senate is expected to take the first
practical steps on this line; but as yet
nothing has been done. Senator Lodge
of Massachusetts, chairman of the Phil-
ippine committee, has, up to this time,
been of the opinion that there should be
nothing in the nature of a declaration of
policy in advance of the ending of the
insurrection by the capture of Aguinaldo
and the surrender by the Filipinos of
their arms. It is understood several
prominent senators on the committee
are urging action for two reasons indi-
cated, that a declaration by congress
would tend to help conditions in the
Philippines, and that such action would
strengthen the administration.

Spencer Has a Resolution.

The only resolution now before the
senate, legislative in its character, is
that of Senator Spooner of Wisconsin.
This is modeled on the similar resolution
of congress under which the president
obtained full authority, legislative, ex-
ecutive and judicial, in the territory
covered by the Louisiana purchase until
such time as congress should itself take
charge.

"I think it would be better," said Mr.
Spencer, "to take that action than to
have the conduct of affairs remain in
the hands of the president, simply
through his power as commander-in-
chief of the army, a year after peace has
been secured. The most practical de-
claration we can give the people there
would be to show them that congress
recognizes that we have acquired posses-
sion of the country and we are legislat-
ing for it.

"Of course we shall put down the in-
surrection. That is what we have in-
creased the army for, and, by showing
them that congress treats them as in-
surrectionists and regards their country
as part of the territory controlled by us,
we will, I think, do more towards bring-
ing about a settlement than a mere
formal declaration of policy."
Senator Morgan of Alabama agrees
with Senator Spooner's view of what
should be done by congress.

NUMBER OF FIGHTS.

Filipinos Defeated by Americans in En-
gagements at Different Points.

MANILA, Jan. 29.—A dispatch from
Sorsogon says Brigadier General Kobbe's
expedition has occupied Sorsogon,
Donsola, Bullan, Logaspi and Virac, on
Catanduanes island. The only resistance
was at Logaspi, where 5 Americans
were wounded and 45 dead and 15
wounded Filipinos were found. It is
estimated that there are 125,000 bales of
hemp in these provinces and 76,000
bales in the ports of Sorsogon and Lo-
gaspi. The United States gunboat
Nashville's shrapnel burned 8,000 bales
in Logaspi. The expedition arrived off
Sorsogon Jan. 20 and the town dis-
played white flags. General Kobbe and
Colonel Howe, with a battalion of the
Forty-seventh infantry, landed and
raised the United States flag. The in-
surgent force, numbering 300 men,
evacuated the place. The natives were
passive. During the morning of Jan.
23 the Nashville and Venus, with four
companies of the Forty-seventh in-
fantry under Major Shipton, approached
Logaspi. Filipino flags were flying and
the trenches were crowded.

The Nashville Assists.

A detachment of 150 picked men, led
by Major Shipton, landed on the beach
about a mile north of the town. The
Nashville bombarded the trenches and
the enemy retreated to Albay, whence
they were easily dispersed to a hill. The
Filipino dead were mostly villagers who
were attempting to fly. The expedition
will proceed to Samar and Leyte, where
the Fourth battery and a battery of the
Third artillery will be distributed. The
natives complain of lack of food result-
ing from the blockade. They are
strongly opposed to the return of the
friars. Native priests are officiating in
the churches.
Lieutenant Colonel Webb C. Hayes
has defeated an entrenched force of the
enemy at Sariaga. One American was

DEMOCRATS WIN

Test Vote in the Kentucky Legis- lature Results in Their Favor.

Acknowledged a Forecast of the Vote in the Gobel-Taylor Contest.

Bourke Cochran Makes a Propo- sition to Unite Democrats For Bryan.

SHOULD BE KEPT QUIET.

London Newspapers Object to Publication
of Distressing Bulletins.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The afternoon
papers describe the general's dispatches
as unpleasant reading for the British
people, intensely mortifying to the
national pride and damaging to the
country's prestige and scathingly denounce
the gazetting, at the present time, of re-
ports, which The St. James Gazette
says, display academic frivolity, not un-
commonly found in combination with
practical incapacity, lapsing into sneer-
ing, when they ought to rebuke, and
filled with the slang and humor of Kip-
pling's subalterns.

The St. James Gazette sums up its
opinion as follows:

"These dispatches sweat the folly
which has prevailed throughout the
period the campaign has covered, and
which has exacted its usual tithe of lives
and men."

There are signs of important move-
ments developing in the north of Cape
Colony. General French has succeeded
in getting in touch with General Gata-
ce, possibly presaging a combination
of the two columns and the commence-
ment of a concentration of the forces
which is believed to be the ground work
of Lord Roberts' plan of campaign.

AFRICA THE RAILROADS.

Minnesota Commission Gives Notice of a
Hearing Looking to Rate Reductions.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 29.—The state railroad
commission has taken action which
promises to result in far-reaching devel-
opments. Notice has been served on all
the railroads of the Twin Cities that
they will be required to show cause why
reductions should not be made in cer-
tain kinds of freight, especially in the
carriage of wheat and fax incoming to
the Twin Cities and outgoing merchan-
dise.

The commission has long thought the
southwestern part of the state suffered
unjustly in rate matters in comparison
with the northwestern section. For in-
stance, it is understood that the south-
western roads have enjoyed a rate of
from 1 to 8 cents per 100 pounds more
on certain classes of freight than
those handling the business in the
northwestern part. The
Northern Pacific is the one road not
mentioned in the resolution adopted by
the commission, although it is said to
have been notified of the hearing. That
road has been making a lower rate,
apparently, than the others, although
the Great Northern meets it at competi-
tive points. If the purpose of the com-
mission has been correctly learned, that
body desires the farmer to have a lower
rate on grain shipped into the Twin
Cities, and to have a lower rate on mer-
chandise shipped from the Twin Cities
to adjoining towns.

The hearing is set for Wednesday,
Feb. 21.

DEATH OF ARMOUR, JR.

Son of the Chicago Packer Dies Suddenly
in California.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The news of the
death of Philip D. Armour, Jr., young-
est son of the millionaire Chicago
packer, at Montecito, near Santa Bar-
bara, Cal., comes as a complete surprise,
as it was known that when he left for
the Pacific coast he was in the best of
health. A telegram from a member of
the party that accompanied young Mr.
Armour from Chicago a few weeks ago,
when he went to California to join his
father, conveyed the information to J.
Ogden Armour, a brother. At first J.
Ogden Armour was inclined to believe
there was an error in the report of the
death of his brother, as the name signed
to the telegram was not that of a mem-
ber of the family. But confirmatory
messages came later, and he at once pre-
pared to leave for California to take
charge of the funeral arrangements. He
is undecided as to whether the remains
will be shipped to Chicago, or interred
in California, where the senior Armour
has decided to live permanently.

Plankinton Bank Dividend.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 29.—Judge Johnson
has signed an order authorizing Assign-
ee Henry Herman to pay a 5 per cent
dividend to all the creditors of the
Plankinton bank, except the American
Trust and Savings bank of Chicago and
the National Bank of the Republic of
New York.

New Iowa Road Incorporated.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Jan. 29.—The articles
of incorporation have been filed for the
Muscatine, Tipton and Northern Rail-
way company, a corporation about to
begin construction of a line of railway
from Muscatine to Independence, a dis-
tance of 100 miles.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 29.—Van Meter
of Fayette county, Democrat, was given
the seat of Henry S. Berry, Republican,
by a vote of 51 to 45. The majority re-
port from the committee was favor of
Mr. Berry, all the members of the com-
mittee, with the exception of Mr. Raw-
lins, being Republicans. Mr. Rawlins
presented the minority report which
was adopted. The vote on this contest
has been pronounced by both Democrats
and Republicans as being an accurate
forecast of the vote on the gubernatorial
contest.

The Democrats voting with the Re-
publicans were Cochran, Egbert, Grider,
Hinton, Orr and Willingham. Sledge,
Democrat, was absent, and Speaker
Trimble did not vote.

COCKRAN'S POSITION.

New Yorker Will Support Bryan if He
Drops Silver Until 1904.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—W. Bourke
Cockran has announced his advocacy,
with one condition, of the renomination
of William J. Bryan for the presidency.

Mr. Cockran proposes a truce with the
Nebraskan on the silver question until
1904, and if Bryan will agree to the
armistice anti-imperialism will be the
Democracy's war cry in the 1900 cam-
paign.

If Mr. Bryan will consent to postpone
the silver fight until 1904 Cockran
agrees to endorse the Chicago platform
in its entirety.
"To unite the Democratic party it is
not necessary that it should repudiate
any of its former expressions, that it
should renounce, disguise or forego any
of its beliefs," says Mr. Cockran.

SHOT BY MEXICANS.

Six American Prospectors Said to Have
Been Executed.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 29.—Mail advices
from Guayamas, Sonora, Mex., bring
the news that a report is current there
that six Americans—David Cusick, John
Eldridge, George Lunt, Charles Burns,
Lion Webster and Harry Williams—
were shot during the last week near the
foot of the Bacete mountains, east of
Guayamas, by order of General Torres,
who is in command of the Mexican
troops now operating against Yaqui
Indians in the Bacete range.

It is further reported that the matter
was brought to the attention of the
American consul at Guayamas, but the
latter declined to act.

It is said the Mexican troops found
the Americans in friendly intercourse
with the Yaquis whom the troops have
surrounded in the range.

PROMPTLY STRUNG UP.

Convict Who Killed a Colorado Penitentiary
Official Captured.

DENVER, Jan. 29.—News has just been
received here of the capture and lynching
of Reynolds, one of the escaped con-
victs who killed Night Captain Rooney
of the Colorado penitentiary at Canon
City. Reynolds was captured near
Florence and taken overland to Canon
City. Notice of his arrest was received
at the latter point in advance of his ar-
rival and when the officers reached there
the prisoner was taken and hanged to
a telegraph pole just outside the
penitentiary walls. The mob, which
consisted of several hundred men, ap-
peared to be wholly unarmed and not a
word was spoken by anyone until after
the man had been hanged.

Steyn Removing to Pretoria.

DURBAN, Wednesday, Jan. 24.—One
hundred and sixty Boers, captured dur-
ing General Buller's recent operations,
have arrived here. A Free Stater, who
is among the recent arrivals, says that
President Steyn has been removing his
furniture to Pretoria, where several of
his officials have taken houses.

Want to Hear Dewey.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 29.—The lower
house of the general assembly passed a
resolution inviting Admiral George
Dewey to address a joint session of the
legislature during his visit to the South.
Hon. William J. Bryan has accepted an
invitation to address the general assembly
at an early date.

Beloit Student Drowned.

BELOIT, Wis., Jan. 29.—Albert D.
Burns, a member of the college senior
class and one of the most prominent
students of Beloit college, was drowned
in Rock river while skating. His body
was recovered.

AWARDED A SITE.

Washington Statue to Be Erected on the
Place de Jena at Paris.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Wash-
ington Statue association, of which Mrs.
Justice Field is president, and the ob-
ject of which is to present to France a
statue of Washington, commemorative
of the gratitude of the women of Amer-
ica for the aid rendered to their country
in its infancy and hour of need by
France, has just received a concession
from the municipality of Paris of a site
for the statue on the beautiful Place de
Jena at the intersection of the Avenue
de Jena and the Avenue du Trocadero.

The monument will be thoroughly
American, in that the statue was
modeled in this country by American
sculptors and has been cast in bronze by
an American company. Moreover, the
pedestal was designed by an American
and will be executed in American
granite.

The incident chosen is when Wash-
ington took command of the army at
Cambridge, and he is represented with
uplifted sword, invoking Divine aid.

The statue is equestrian, of bronze,
and of heroic size, being about 21 feet
in height to the point of the sword, and is
to be erected on a classic pedestal of
granite 40 feet in height.

It is designed to unveil the monument
on July 8 next, the anniversary of the
day on which Washington assumed
command of the army. The statue has
been fully paid for. But several thou-
sand dollars are still needed for the com-
pletion of the pedestal and for the ex-
penses incident to the unveiling, and the
association hopes for the prompt co-
operation of all patriotic women of the
United States in raising the additional
amount required.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Bodies of Minnesota, North and South Da-
kota Boys Brought Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The bodies
of the dead that arrived on the trans-
port Peking from Manila, 199 in all,
have been removed to the Presidio,
where they will remain until ordered to
burial grounds by relatives. The fol-
lowing are the names of the dead from
Minnesota and the Dakotas:

Thirteenth Minnesota—Company A,
Privates C. A. Payson, Colwell, L.
H. Currier; D. Private John S. Wood;
E. Sergeant Marvin S. Carlton; F. Pri-
vate Sydney T. Garrett; G. First Lieut-
enant Frank A. Morley; H. Private
Charles H. Schwartz.

First North Dakota—Company C, Pri-
vates John C. Beckley, Frank Upham;
H. Privates John Morgan, Frank Har-
den; K. Private Ole T. Lakkian.
First South Dakota—First Lieutenant
and Regimental Adjutant Jonas Lien;
Company D, Privates Askel Eidsnes,
Fred D. Greenslita; F. Second Lieuten-
ant Sydney F. Morrison; E. Musicians
Irving J. Willet, J. Berg; G. Private
Jay A. Smith; H. First Lieutenant
Frank H. Adams, Private Orris J. Mc-
Cracken; I. Privates James E. Link,
Fred E. Green, William G. Lowes; K.
Privates James M. Clark, John J. Ma-
honey; M. Sergeant William B. Smith.
There are three unknown dead.

McKINLEY'S RUNNING MATE.

Friends of Assistant Secretary Davis Say
He Is Slated for the Place.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29.—Webster Dav-
is, assistant secretary of the interior
and former mayor of Kansas City, has
an ambition to become President Mc-
Kinley's running mate this fall, accord-
ing to The Star. The Star says:
Davis' closest friends here in Kansas
City believe he went to South Africa on
some mission other than in search of
health. One of Davis' warmest ad-
mirers tells of a conversation he had
with the assistant secretary of the in-
terior in Washington nearly a year ago.

"I called on Davis in relation to a pen-
sion claim. He referred me to Corne-
lius Bliss. Bliss talked of the future of
Davis in politics. After we talked with
Mr. Bliss we went over to see the presi-
dent. Mr. McKinley declared that Davis
was destined to be a great man in the
nation.

"After we left the White House Davis
told me that he was slated for the no-
mination for vice president. He declared
the president had taken up the subject
with him voluntarily. McKinley be-
lieves that Davis can carry Missouri for
the Republican ticket."

SECURED EIGHT THOUSAND.

Bank of Deerfield, Wis., Robbed of a
Round Sum.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 29.—A special from
Madison, Wis., to The Evening Wiscon-
sin says only \$8,000 in cash was secured
by the robbers who looted the bank of
Deerfield. A quantity of village water
works bonds was also stolen.

Macrum Starts Home.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Charles E. Macrum,
former United States consul at Pretoria,
left here for Cherbourg, intending to
sail from that port for New York on the
American line steamer St. Paul, which
left Southampton on noon.

Desperate Criminals Escape.

WAUPUN, Wis., Jan. 29.—Three des-
perate criminals escaped from the state
prison during the night. Their names
are Ferdinand Knaak, John Wilson and
Edward Ratigan. Knaak was recapt-
ured later at Oakfield.

BAD NEWS BACK

All Sorts of Rumors Flying About in London, Except the Cheer- ful Sort.

Even Said in Some Quarters That Buller's Forces Are in Full Retreat.

Casualties Reported by Buller Were Not Those Sustained at Spion Kop.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—It is said that the
German foreign office has confirmation
of the report that General Warren's di-
vision has been crushed.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—It is reported that
the British under General Buller have
suffered another reverse besides that at
Spion kop and that a portion of his
force has been driven back beyond the
positions he held prior to the attack on
Spion kop.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The Evening
Journal publishes a report that the ex-
treme right division at Chieveley, under
General Clerly, has been surprised by
the Boers.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The war office an-
nounces that the casualties reported by
General Buller on Friday, occurred in
the battalions of General Lyttelton's
brigade, which, so far as known at the
war office was not engaged in the cap-
ture or defense of Spion kop. It appears,
therefore, that they are additional to the
considerable casualties which General
Buller has reported as having occurred
at Spion kop.

LOURENOZ MARQUES, Delagoa Bay,
Friday, Jan. 26.—It is reported on good
Transvaal authority that Mafeking was
relieved Tuesday, Jan. 23.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—In connection with
the meeting of the defense committee of
the cabinet the rumor was reiterated
that the war office is concealing the
gravest kind of news from the Upper
Tugela river. The reports even go so
far as to say the forces of General Buller
are in full retreat. It is impossible to
confirm or deny the reports, as the
officials maintain strict silence as to
the rumors. They say they have nothing
for publication. It is evident, how-
ever, from the war office announce-
ment, that the casualties reported by
General Buller occurred in General Lyt-
telton's brigade, which apparently was
not engaged at Spion kop, that there has
been severe fighting not yet reported.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the chancel-
lor of the exchequer, came to London
purposely to attend the defense commit-
tee meeting and Joseph Chamberlain,
the secretary of state for the colonies,
gave up other engagements for the same
reason.

Lord Wolsley, the commander-in-
chief of the forces, was also present at
the meeting of the committee.

RECEIVES NO CREDIT.

Dispatch From Berlin Not Believed to Be
Authentic.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—1:15 p. m.—The
war office has no news of the catastrophe
to General Buller's force reported from
Berlin, and discredits the story. Neither
has the war office any explanation, at
least for publication, of the abandon-
ment of Spion kop, and there are no ad-
vices in this connection from independ-
ent sources. The disposition is to re-
gard the evacuation as not so serious as
at first thought, and commentators are
abasing the military authorities, both at
the front and at home, for publishing
hasty accounts of an incomplete, half-
understood operation, thus alternately
thrilling and depressing the nation.

FROM THE BOER CAMP.