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**BULLER MAKING
GOOD PROGRESS**

Swartzkop Hill Captured by General Dundonald's Forces.

BOER SURPRISE COMPLETE

Active Movements in Progress on All Sides—Important Developments Are Taking Place Hourly.

LONDON, Jan. 18, 4:30 A. M.—General Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgieter's drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, Wednesday, Jan. 16.

This intelligence is contained in an exclusive dispatch to the Times, dated yesterday. He followed up the movement by shelling the Boer trenches.

This news completely disposes of the statement that Sir Charles Warren's force went in the direction of Weenen and it tends greatly to restore confidence in General Buller's tactics. The supposition that he had divided his forces into three columns had given a cause of anxiety.

It is now seen that such a view was erroneous, as General Buller's forces are concentrated.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's farm, dated January 17, 9:20 P. M.: The force marched westward January 16. Lord Dundonald, by a dashing movement, occupied the hill above Potgieter's drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, taking the Boers perfectly by surprise.

The same evening the infantry followed. General Lyttleton's brigade crossed the river yesterday and today shelled the Boers beyond with howitzers.

General Warren's force is now crossing the Trichardt drift, five miles above. He is not opposed, although the Boers are holding a position five miles from the river.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Daily Mail has the following, dated yesterday, from Pietermaritzburg:

"News has been received that General Buller is making satisfactory progress."

In Cape Colony General Methuen has made a demonstration in force, shelling the Boer works. General Gatacre is skirmishing around Molteno and General French has thrown a few shells at the Boers at Rensberg. Colonel Plummer is moving to the relief of Mafeking from Betschuanaland. He is now in command of less than 2000 men. Mafeking is in a bad way; the siege is being pressed with determination and the Kafirs are deserting because of pinched rations and the necessity of eating horsemeat.

The Standard's vivid account of the assault upon Ladysmith shows that the garrison was surprised and that several times its salvation was critical. Out of a detachment of Gordon Highlanders who surrendered every man was wounded, says a correspondent. Curiously enough this is the first mention of the capture of the Highlanders. The government is relaxing its efforts to send out reinforcements.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Spearman's farm describes Lord Dundonald's advance to Swartzkop hill, commanding Potgieter's drift and says:

"General Lyttleton's brigade was sent to hold a position on Swartzkop Hill.

"Leaving a strong body to hold Colenso and General Hydeyard's brigade at Springfield, our whole force advanced without delay.

"After a four days' halt on the south of the Tugela, our advance to the northward began Tuesday, January 16. General Lyttleton's brigade crossed the drift that evening and held the kopjes on our right.

"Sir Charles Warren's division has made an attack upon the enemy's left flank. The column is now crossing the river."

ROBERTS TURNED DOWN.

Investigating Committee Will Report Unanimously in Favor of His Expulsion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The special committee of the house to investigate the case of Roberts of Utah, today reached a final conclusion. On the polygamous status of Roberts the committee was unanimous, and agreed upon a formal statement of facts. On the question of procedure to be adopted the committee was divided.

The majority, consisting of all members except Littlefield and Darmond, favored exclusion at the outset. Littlefield and Darmond will make a minority report favorable to seating Roberts on his prima facie rights and then expelling him.

The committee in its statements, finds that about 1878 Roberts married

DEMONSTRATION BY METHUEN.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 17.—There was a demonstration in force under General Methuen yesterday, a division being engaged with the object of ascertaining the strength and disposition of the Boer force and also in order to try to draw the Boers from Kimberley, where lately they have been active.

The British discovered the Boers to be in great force and that they had been reinforced from the direction of Jacobsdal. At 4:30 the artillery opened fire, the shells dropping in the Boer entrenchments with great precision. The firing continued until sunset. There were no casualties among the British troops.

LORD ROBERTS HEARD FROM.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, Jan. 16, evening:

"On the 15th the Boers made a determined attack on French's advanced post, held by the New Zealand mounted rifles and a detachment of the First Yorkshires. The Boers were repulsed, having twenty killed. Their wounded are estimated at not less than fifty. The attack was preceded by a long range fire from one gun. Otherwise the situation is unchanged."

MUST REMOVE WOMEN.

STERKSTROOM, Wednesday, Jan. 18.—General Gatacre has warned the Boer commandant that if the women are not removed they must take their chances of being shot in the event of attack.

THE BOERS MISUNDERSTOOD.

Former United States Consul Says Reforms Would Have Come Without War.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—George F. Hollis, who was United States consul at Cape Town, under President Harrison, has written a letter to the committee in charge of the meeting to be held in Faneuil hall tonight in support of the Boers, in which he says:

"I accept with great pleasure your invitation to speak to the Boston people in Faneuil hall on Wednesday evening Jan. 17, on the subject of England in the Transvaal, believing as I do, that for several years the attempt has been deliberately made to mislead the minds, not only of our own people, but of the people of England on that question.

"I have long held the belief that the United States and England were to have a large and honorable share in advancing the civilization of the world, and I am grieved beyond measure that England has become involved in what I consider to be an unrighteous war.

The position of President Kruger and his relations to the Uitlanders was very peculiar. He had, in the first place, to listen to the demands of this great inrush of people and in the meantime to bring his people, who had little knowledge of modern appliances, somewhat into sympathy with what the time required.

"To do this required time, patience and tact, all of which President Kruger possesses. Had the English representatives met him in the spirit of good will and fairness, all their just demands and claims would have been amicably met.

"But because of the arrogant and reckless spirit displayed by these people an animosity was created in the minds of the Dutch burghers which retarded all the efforts of radical men and progressive parties in the republic to advance matters as they desired."

DROWNED AT SKAGWAY.

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—Thomas A. North hotel at Skagway, fell from the deck of the steamer Farallon at that place on January 11 and was drowned. He attempted to cross a freight gang plank which was covered with a thin coating of ice and in doing so lost his footing and fell into the bay. He was 35 years old and leaves a widow and three children.

**HOT DEBATE
IN THE HOUSE**

Sulzer Continues to Attack Gage on the Custom House Sale.

SIBLEY ON FREE SILVER

Cause He Once Thought Sacred Now Become Ridiculous—The Lack of Democratic Policy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The house had another inning today over the sale of the New York custom house by Secretary Gage.

Sulzer, of New York, the author of the resolution for the investigation of Secretary Gage's transaction with the New York banks, started the ball rolling by charging that a mandate, had already gone forth to suppress it.

Sibley, a Pennsylvania democrat, formerly a radical advocate of free silver, and who is now out of sympathy with the democrats in the house, warmly commended Gage's course. These two speeches precipitated a debate which almost lasted three hours.

Grosvenor (rep.), of Ohio, explained that the committee on rules to which Sulzer's resolution had gone, had not acted because no evidence had been produced before the committee to warrant the ordering of such a far reaching investigation.

Hepburn (rep.), of Iowa, assailed Sulzer for some of his extravagant statements and declared there ought to be some way to rebuke members for slandering honored officials.

Later in the day, during a discussion of the appropriation for the army, Cannon, in charge of the bill, challenged any member to move to strike it out.

Williams (dem.), of Mississippi, replied to Cannon, in an eloquent speech, in which he affirmed the loyalty of every American citizen to the flag and charged Cannon with shrewdly issuing a challenge that would not be accepted.

The urgency deficiency bill was passed with only one unimportant amendment.

Sibley, in reply to a criticism of Clark, of Missouri, said:

"I believed in 1898 that bimetalism was sacred, but events have so changed conditions by the enormous production of gold, that the price level for which both the gentlemen from Missouri (Clark) and I were striving was raised.

"The cause I held sacred then has become ridiculous now, and I believe if the democratic party is victorious this fall it will not be able to write a single line of financial legislation in the next six years.

"I am striving to do something practical and helpful. If the democratic party is to live it must have a policy. It must do something besides carping and finding fault. If it will adopt a policy, I will keep step with it, but if it invites me to a banquet of carping and fault finding it will have to excuse me." (Loud republican applause.)

BOISE CLERK ARRESTED.

BOISE, Jan. 17.—George W. Lamoreau, clerk and recorder of this county, was today arrested on a charge of embezzlement of \$1,000. His bail was fixed at \$10,000, which he was unable to give.

HELEN GOULD'S GENEROSITY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Miss Helen Gould has contributed \$50,000 to aid in the building of the new home for the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn.

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Chairman Taylor was authorized to prepare the majority report. It will be ready in a few days and prospects are that the subject will be before the house early next week. Darmond will submit the views of the minority.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The vote on the motion to exclude Roberts was as follows:

Yeas—Taylor, Freare, Morris and McPherson, republicans; Lanham and Miles, democrats.
Noes—Littlefield, republican, and Darmond, democrat.

PETTIGREW AGAIN RAMPANT.

His Currying by Wolcott Has Made Him Crazier Than Ever.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—In the senate, at the conclusion of routine business today, the resolution of inquiry introduced by Hoar (Mass.), and amended by Lodge (Mass.), calling for general information regarding the conduct of the insurrection in the Philippines, was laid before the senate. Pettigrew said he desired to address the senate upon the resolution before it was passed. He favored the passage of the resolution, believing the information asked for was entirely proper. He declared he had received information since the introduction of his resolution that assured him of the facts he had asserted.

"The blood of every soldier," said he, "who has fallen since the war began is on the hands of the administration. The blood of 60 soldier boys of South Dakota, who lost their lives after being conscripted into an unwilling service after their terms had expired, lies at the door of the administration, and there is no escape from it."

TACOMA, Jan. 17.—S. A. Gibbs, of Tacoma, a prominent shingle dealer, brought suit today in the United States court against the Washington Red Shingle Manufacturers' Association for damages in the sum of \$51,600 for a violation of the act of congress in relation to the trusts.

Gibbs alleges the association controls nearly all of the shingle mills in the state and is able to fix and regulate prices and to restrain the manufacture of shingles, and that its members refused to sell to him at a fair price, whereby he was greatly damaged. He also alleges that the central committee sent out a circular derogatory to his business standing.

This, he alleges, was given a wide circulation, for which he claims damages in \$15,000. The total damage is \$17,500.

Under the act of congress above alluded to he is entitled to recover three times the value of his damages and he therefore asks for \$51,600.

THE "OPEN DOOR."

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