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## SUMMARY OF NEWS

### Happenings All Over the Union Briefly Told.

News of Many States Collected and Compiled in Short Form.

Tuesday, January 9.

January wheat at Chicago, 65; May, 65 3/4. Portland, cash, 52 to 52 1/2; Tacoma, 51.

Blackburn, democrat, was elected senator from Kentucky. Both houses gave him a majority. The vote was: Blackburn, 79; Bradley, 54.

Senator Hoar charged in the senate that General Otis brought on the Filipino war by suppressing a proclamation of the president and issuing one of his own.

The appeal of George Webster to the United States supreme court has been dismissed. Webster is under sentence of death at Spokane for the murder of Mrs. Lize Aspland near Cheney. He will hang.

The loving cup of silver made of melted dimes collected from over 70,000 Americans, of whom were children, was presented to Admiral Dewey. The cup stands nearly six feet in height, and is appropriately inscribed.

Wednesday, January 10.

Governor Tanner of Illinois announces himself a candidate for United States senator against Cullom.

Julia Morrison James, an actress who shot and killed Frank Leidenheimer at Chattanooga, Tenn., was acquitted by a jury.

President nominated as rear admirals of the navy: Henry L. Howison, Albert Kautz, George R. Remeny, Norman H. Farquhar.

Lloyd Lowndes, republican governor of Maryland for four years, surrendered the office to John Walter Smith, his democratic successor.

For dealing in confederate money F. M. Davis was arrested by United States officers. Bills representing \$10,000 were found in his place of business.

Elihu Root, secretary of war, and much talked of as a vice presidential candidate, announced emphatically that he would not be a candidate.

Senator Allen introduced a bill in the senate granting a pension of \$10 a month to every soldier and sailor who served in the civil war for three months or more.

Thursday, January 11.

The fund for General Lawton's widow has reached \$72,990.

Leslie M. Shaw was inaugurated the second time as governor of Iowa.

The senate committee on Indian affairs authorized a favorable report on Senator Pettigrew's bill for free homes on lands ceded from the Indians. A favorable report was also made upon Shoup's bill to ratify the agreement with the Fort Hall Indians for cession of a portion of their lands.

Four members of the Omaha board of education were arrested today on warrants charging them with accepting a bribe. They are A. M. Cowie, G. G. Irey, George H. Hess and Frank A. Sears. The case grows out of the letting of a contract for Venetian blinds for several large new school buildings erected last year.

Secretary Long approves the recommendation of the board of officers engaged in revising the naval regulations. Admiral Dewey will continue to be available for sea duty. A provision inserted in the regulations permits his assignment to command a fleet and to a sphere of duty as the secretary of the navy may direct. It is not expected that the admiral will again go to sea, though if he were to make application for a sea assignment, the department would undoubtedly be glad to give it to him.

Friday, January 12.

Robbers cleaned out a bank vault at Owensville, Indiana, and got away with \$15,000.

E. J. Lehrmann of Chicago, originator of the department store idea, died, worth \$6,000,000.

Michael Rosendorf of Independence, Oregon, succeeded at Baker City. Gambling proved his ruin.

A pension of \$30 a month was granted by the commissioner of pensions to the widow of General Guy V. Henry.

Mrs. John Corse of California was seized on a Chicago street by thugs, thrown into a cab and robbed of \$600 worth of diamonds.

General Corbin announced that the subscriptions to the Lawton fund had reached the handsome figure of \$80,101, \$8,000 having been received since the last report.

The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce voted to make a favorable report on the Nicaragua canal, the United States to build, maintain and operate it.

May pork went up 10 cents a hundred at Chicago, closing at \$11.05. Liberal Argentine shipments of wheat and crop conditions there depressed January wheat to 63 and May to 67. Portland, cash, 52 to 53; Tacoma, 51.

Saturday, January 13.

Division of Alaska into two territories is being pressed upon congress.

Seventeen cadets who failed in examinations were dismissed from West Point.

Three burglars killed N. K. Goss, who caught them in his store at Edinburgh, Ohio. They escaped, but three men believed to be guilty have been caught.

Orders were issued from the war department for shipment from the Pacific coast of an ice making plant to Manila. Beef on hoof will also be shipped from Pacific coast ports.

H. H. Tamen and Fred Bonifis, proprietors of the Denver Post, were shot and wounded in their office by W. W. Anderson, an attorney, with whom they had trouble. Bonifis will probably die.

Des Moines, Iowa, held a pro-Boer meeting, at which the proposition that Iowa ought to raise 5000 men and \$100,000 for the Boer cause was cheered. At Chicago 3000 people cheered for

Great Britain and denounced the Boers, and \$1000 was collected for widows and orphans of British soldiers. The meeting was under the auspices of the Sons and Daughters of Great Britain.

John W. Baker, broker, was arrested at St. Louis on a charge of using the mails to defraud with a "get rich quick" scheme. Complaints indicate that he has swindled people who bit out of at least \$100,000.

Surplus reserve in New York banks has increased \$5,000,000. The excess over legal requirements now stands at \$16,707,350, greater than the banks have reported since June 24. Most of it came from the interior.

Thirty prisoners in the St. Clair county, Illinois, jail seized the turnkey and took his pistol. Sheriff Barniskal heard his cries. When he appeared Ed. Rively shot him in the arm, but he shot Rively twice and killed him. The riot was quelled.

Colonel Kolbe of the Thirty-fifth volunteers, recruited at Vancouver, has been promoted to brigadier general of volunteers. Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Plummer, who organized the regiment, has been made colonel, and Major Luhn made lieutenant colonel.

Secretary of State Hay said that the British government had released the American goods on the Dutch vessel Maria and that they were now in Delagoa bay. The goods consist of flour and other provisions which the English authorities seized as contraband of war, intended for the use of the Transvaal troops.

The receipts from internal revenue for the month of November last were \$24,457,365, an increase as compared with the corresponding month in the preceding year of \$2,052,959. The receipts for the five months ended November 30, 1899, show an increase of \$11,431,267, compared with the corresponding five months in the preceding year.

Senator Hanna says McKinley has a claim for renomination, but that there will be a fight for the nomination of the working people and that the republican party is in pressing need of funds to meet the labor agitators of the democrats at work in the west and the campaign must be begun without delay.

Sunday, January 14.

Indiana republican chairman says the party will surely carry the state.

Some of the manufacturing concerns in the Schuylkill valley, Pa., shut down because they couldn't get coal.

A daring hold-up man held up two restaurants in Kansas City one after the other and got away with \$150.

Two work trains collided head on in a tunnel on the Southern Pacific near West Fork, Oregon. One man was killed.

Rod mill workers at Cleveland, Ohio, decided to strike in the four mills of the American Steel & Wire Company for a substantial increase in wages. It will affect 4000 men.

George W. Lamoreau, clerk of Ada county, Idaho, is \$2000 short. His bondsman supplied it and placed another man in charge of the cash. A woman not his wife was the cause of it all.

Mrs. C. M. Foote, aged 73, of Los Angeles was taking her husband's body to Seattle for burial, when she fell dead in a car near Ashland, Oregon. Her remains were placed in a baggage car beside her husband's and sent on to Seattle.

At East St. Louis an undertaker was preparing to inject embalming fluid in the supposed dead body of Mrs. C. A. Hirtl, when an eye weight fell off and he noticed a slight movement of the eyelid. The woman was resuscitated and said she knew all about what was being done.

Monday, January 15.

John H. Whallen and Chas. H. Ryan were indicted at Frankfort, Ky., for attempted bribery of State Senator S. B. Harrell.

Honolulu has had 22 cases of bubonic plague to date. But one was a white person—Ethel Johnson, a Swede girl of 14. The entire judicial district is under quarantine.

Chas. Joyce, proprietor of a San Francisco saloon, was shot and killed by Thos. Dillon, recently retired from the police force, in a quarrel over payment for a drink. Dillon was shot in the cheek.

James Welch was beaten in a damage case against the Northern Pacific at St. Paul and then tried to shoot Judge Wm. Lochran in the federal court in his chambers, but was knocked down by the court crier. He then jumped from a second story window, but was captured.

The urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the first of the important bills for the government, reported to the house by Chairman Cannon today, carries \$56,127,841, of which \$47,603,322 is reapportioned for the military and naval establishments and \$8,825,500 are district appropriations.

Tuesday, January 16.

The total of the Lawton fund now amounts to over \$90,000.

James Gear was re-elected United States senator from Iowa.

Gen. Joe Wheeler is to start home from Manila within a week.

Increase in the visible supply sent wheat down at Chicago. Quotations for January, 62 1/2; May, 65 1/2. Portland, cash, 50; Tacoma, 51.

In a desperate duel in the lobby of the Capitol hotel at Frankfort, Ky., between ex-Congressman David G. Colson and Lieutenant Ethebert Scott, Scott was shot six times and killed; Luther W. Demarre, a bystander, was shot three times and killed; Charles Julian, a bystander, was shot in the leg and bled to death; Captain B. B. Golden was shot in the back and is expected to die; Harry McEwing was shot in the foot, and W. O. Ridpatch of Chicago had a leg broke by a dead man falling against it. Colson was colonel, Scott lieutenant and Golden captain in a Kentucky regiment of volunteers last year. They had trouble and some time ago Scott shot Colson in a restaurant, partially paralyzing him. Scott and Golden came into the hotel where Colson was seated and he opened on Scott with two guns. It was their first meeting since the former affray.

## CROSSED THE TUGELA

### Buller's Army Occupied Former Boer Positions.

### The Whole English Force is Advancing to the Success of Ladysmith.

Spearman's Farm, Natal, Jan. 17.—Lord Dundonald, with a mounted brigade, pushed suddenly forward Thursday last and seized Springfield bridge. Then, hurrying forward, he took a very strong position at Swartkop, commanding Potgieter's drift, finding the Boers totally unprepared for the British advance. A number of the enemy were bathing in the river when Lord Dundonald's force appeared. Gen. Lytton's brigade will be sent to hold the position.

The whole British force, with the exception of a garrison to hold Colenso, advanced without delay. General Buller's command is now at Springfield. The South African light horse desired to bring a pontoon or ferry boat to the south side of the river, and six men of that command therefore swam the river and brought the boat over under Lieut. Carlyle. After a wait of four days the British advance was resumed yesterday. Lytton's brigade crossed the drift in the evening, and is holding the kopjes on the British right.

Warren's division made a left flank attack on the enemy. The remainder of the column is now crossing the river.

### Buller's Force Concentrated.

London, Jan. 18.—General Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgieter's drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, on Wednesday, January 10. 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 Weanpan, 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 cause for anxiety.

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

### CAVALRY ON THEIR HEELS.

### Hot Pursuit of the Fleeing Filipinos in the Mountains.

New York, Jan. 11.—The Sun's Manila special says: The rush of the cavalry squadron from Binang through Silang was a wonderful performance. The men passed through gorges where 20 Boers had stopped any army and struck the insurgent rear guard in the hills near Carmona. Thereafter the rebels made a headlong rush to escape, scattering in all directions and dropping their rifles as they ran. They also abandoned one cannon. The precipitate flight of the rebels prevented destruction by them of bridges over gorges. If these bridges had been destroyed it would have been impossible for the troops to cross. The cavalrymen raced on through to Silang, destroying the arsenal and capturing several thousand rounds of ammunition. The trail in this neighborhood is one of the worst yet met and crosses a number of streams. There are four American prisoners with the fleeing insurgents. The cavalrymen occupied the insurgent hospital, where they found 7700 pesos in money.

Colonel Bullard's movement southward has been very successful. Last Tuesday he started in pursuit of the rebels and struck several large forces. His men captured the strongly fortified town of Santo Tomas, where the rebels left 36 dead in the trenches. Fifty four insurgents with their Mausers were captured and the enemy abandoned four smooth bore cannon.

The people of Santo Tomas say that Aguinaldo is in Cavite province.

Joseph Boyd of the Thirty-seventh volunteer infantry, has captured retired insurgent General Riscal. He also found a handsomely carved casket containing the bones of the general's brother, Marty Riscal, as the Filipinos called him, at a village three miles from Los Banos.

### Particulars of the Fight.

Manila, Jan. 11.—Colonel Bullard, with the Thirty-ninth infantry, moving in three columns from Calamba with two guns, attacked 10 companies of insurgents strongly entrenched on the Santa Tomas road. They resisted stubbornly, making three stands. Twenty-four of the rebels were killed and 60 prisoners were taken. The Filipinos retreated, carrying their wounded toward Lake Taal. One American was killed and two officers slightly wounded.

### Shot American Prisoners.

Manila, Jan. 13.—Captain Leonhauser and Lieut. Enoch Bates, with two companies of the 26th Infantry, while reconnoitering near Arayat yesterday, found and attacked an insurgent camp. During the fight the rebels brought out five American prisoners from the jail—three men of the 9th and two of the 12th Infantry—and forced them to kneel in front of a firing party. Two of the men were killed at the first volley. The others were bolted and received terrible wounds. Two of them were rescued alive.

### Want the Niggers Themselves.

Madison, Ga., Jan. 14.—W. A. Williams, the emigrant agent, who during the past six weeks has sent 2500 negroes out of the state, has been in jail here for 24 hours to save him from a mob of farmers who threatened his life at Greensboro, Saturday. Williams had engaged the negroes to leave Greensboro for the west and was arranging for their departure. The negroes have been leaving the farmers in large numbers of late and many farmers are entirely without help. The exodus will materially reduce the cotton acreage for the present year, perhaps from 20 to 25 per cent.

### Big Blizzard in New Mexico.

Denver, Jan. 12.—A special to the News from Almo Gorda, N. M., says: Details of the blizzard which swept over southwestern New Mexico, Tuesday and Wednesday, are just coming in and they indicate that it was the severest storm ever experienced in the region. A stretch

of territory 50 miles in width with White Oakes and Nogales for the center seemed to suffer the most, although the severity of the storm was fully felt throughout the Sacramento mountain region. The velocity of the wind was terrible, all roads and trails were obliterated and the driving snow made it impossible for travelers to see their way in the storm. When the storm abated wagons which had been abandoned were found strewn all over the section. Several fatalities are reported, including the driver of the White Oakes-Lincoln stage. It is feared that many sheepherders have lost their lives. Thousands of head of stock perished and it is believed the loss will aggregate over half a million dollars.

### THE BOER WAR.

Boers demolished one of the defense forts at Mafeking Monday.

British force in South Africa is 120,000, with 30,000 on the way.

Deaths from enteric fever and dysentery at Ladysmith average 9 or 10 daily.

A British column of 11,000 men, moving to relief of Ladysmith, crossed Little Tugela river Sunday.

British authorities have released the German steamer Herzog, seized January 6, while on the way to Lorenzo Marquez.

The Boer successes have been followed by a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm and Boer sympathy in the western part of Cape Colony.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts and General Kitchener, chief of staff, landed Friday at Cape Town. They are followed by 30,000 fresh troops.

The embargo at Delagoa Bay upon Transvaal imports is the question of the hour with the burghers. If this is not removed, it is asserted that steps will be taken prejudicial to prisoners and aliens.

The Suffolk regiment of the English army near Colesburg moved out and attacked a hill. The commander was fatally wounded, three lieutenants and 23 men killed, 21 wounded and 114 are missing.

The Portuguese government has prohibited the passage of "travelers from Delagoa bay across the frontier into the Transvaal, unless they give satisfactory evidence that they are not going to fight for the Boers.

Friday's dispatches gave British losses at the assault on Ladysmith at 14 officers killed, 34 wounded, and over 800 men killed and wounded. The English heard the Boer losses to be between 2000 and 3000.

Lord Strathcona, of Victoria, B. C., has offered to equip a mounted corps of 400 Canadians for South Africa service, which, if the offer is accepted, will be composed of British Columbians. It will cost him \$1,000,000.

A Transvaal telegram of January 10 gives the Boer losses at the assault on Ladysmith at the ridiculously low figure of four killed. Natives assert 150 were killed in one commando alone and that there were wagon loads of wounded.

A newspaper correspondent in South Africa reports that November 22 the Yorkshire and Surrey regiments of the British army fought each other in the darkness, killing and wounding many. They even came to the bayonet point without recognition.

Buller reported January 10: "I occupied the south bank of the Tugela river at Potgieter's drift this morning and seized the point. The river is in a flood. The enemy is strongly entrenched about four and one-half miles to the north."

Boers attempted Monday morning to rush a hill at Rensberg held by a company of Yorkshires and New Zealanders. They got to the trenches when the Britons jumped out with bayonets and chased them away. They left 21 killed and 50 wounded.

A Tuesday dispatch from Pietermaritzburg says: "There was very heavy firing to the north yesterday. I believe the Boers are contesting General Buller's passage of the Tugela river. Howitzers are evidently being used, as the firing is the heaviest yet heard in Natal."

Enthusiasm for the Boers is assuming substantial shape among the French military men. Investigations show that 211 French officers have thrown up their commissions and taken service with the Transvaal army. Popular enthusiasm in France, however, is not caused so much by love for the Boers as by hatred of the English.

The Boer strength, originally 30,000, is now heavily augmented by Cape Colonists, and the enemy's fighting forces may be estimated fairly at 100,000 men and 205 guns. The Boers are not compelled to guard their communications. Their grass is good, the crops are growing, vegetables, cattle and sheep are plenty and game is abundant.

### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Eighteen deaths from bubonic plague had occurred at Honolulu up to Friday last.

The English cabinet is in danger of being deposed. The people look upon the war office as incompetent.

A large passenger steamer, name unknown, went to pieces on the rocks at St. Mary's bay on the New Foundland coast Friday.

Canada is having a war scare over the actions of the Crees and other northern tribes, who seem to think now is a good time to fight.

Germany has addressed two notes to the British foreign office, challenging Great Britain's right to detain any ships traveling between any two neutral ports.

Renewed buying of silver by the Indian government, the Statist says, can not be much longer delayed in consequence of rupee coinage requirements and this will lead doubtless to a marked improvement in the price of silver.

Corporal Lindsey of the Northwest mounted police went to Regina to enlist in the Canadian contingent for the Boer war. He failed to pass the doctor and succeeded. His father and brother were both killed in the first Boer war and he wanted to avenge their deaths.

There is abundant evidence in the Japanese press of the probability that Japan is drifting into a war with Russia. The Japanese apparently do not shrink from the dangers of such a conflict, their government recently having given an order in England for 100,000 suits of warm winter clothing for Japanese soldiers, in preparation for a campaign in Russia.