

STILL HAS HOPES

ROBERTS DOES NOT ADMIT HE WILL NOT BE GIVEN SEAT IN HOUSE

INTENDS TO FIGHT ON

WILL ENDEAVOR TO HAVE RULING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REVERSED

NOT MUCH CHANGE FOR HIM

He May Possibly Be Allowed to Take His Seat, but in That Event Will Probably Be Expelled as Soon as a Resolution Can Be Given Consideration by the House—Week in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Brigham H. Roberts has by no means given up the hope that he may be permitted to take his seat as a member of the house of representatives from Utah. The committee has made a report against him, but the majority report gives another phase to his case. While the majority of the members of the house do not desire to vote to give him his seat, it is not entirely impossible that this action may finally be taken.

Mr. Roberts, in discussing the adverse report of the majority of the committee, said: "I contend that the only subject of inquiry which was properly before the committee was the question whether I possessed the qualifications for a representative in congress required by the constitution. If more moral defects are to be inquired into in the consideration of cases of this kind, the result will be chaos. The committee admitted I possessed all the requisite constitutional qualifications. Upon that statement of fact I am entitled to a seat."

"The house must yet act," he added, "and I have by no means abandoned my fight for what I believe to be my rights and the rights of the people I represent." Mr. Roberts emphatically declared that he would remain in Washington during the remainder of the session of congress whether or not the seat was given to him. It is impossible at this time to forecast the action of the house of representatives in dealing with this matter, but it would not create great surprise if the majority of the members consider his case from a constitutional standpoint and consent that he occupy his seat during this session of congress. Although his enemies insist that this will not be the outcome.

OUT FOR HEATWOLE.

There is a rumor which seems to have some foundation in fact to the effect that Representative Heatwole, of the Third Minnesota district, is Senator Nelson's favorite. Minnesota here, who know something about the situation, believe that some sort of a compact has been made by Nelson and Heatwole, by which the former is to support the latter for the governorship, and in return for this support the Third district representative is to do his best to assist Mr. Nelson in bringing about the re-election to the United States senate.

There is some foundation for this rumor, without doubt, for the reason that Tamm Elby not long ago advised Senator Heatwole to enter the race for the governorship, and this statement upon the part of the former chairman of the Minnesota Republican state central committee foreshadowed some deal of this kind between Nelson and Heatwole.

Whether or not Heatwole will be able to capture the nomination is a question of the future. It is certain that if he is able to discover in advance that he can win the prize he will make a fight to get it. If he finds, however, that it will be impossible to secure the nomination, he will not contest it. He is a candidate, and if he decides to stay out of the contest Capt. Van Sant, of Winona, it is believed here, will be nominated.

Tomorrow will be devoted to District of Columbia matters, and Friday to eulogies upon the life and public services of the late Vice President Hobart.

CASE OF ROBERTS.

IT WILL BE THE FEATURE OF THE WEEK IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The feature of the proceedings in the house this week will be the consideration of the case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative who has attracted intense interest all over the country. Though both the majority and minority of the committee which investigated the case agree that Mr. Roberts should not sit as a member of the house on account of alleged polygamous practices there will be a royal struggle over the question of procedure. The case will be called up on Tuesday, and two, possibly three, days will be devoted to it. The majority of the committee hold that Mr. Roberts should be excluded, while the minority contend that he be seated and then be expelled, basing their argument for this course upon the ground that Mr. Roberts possesses all the constitutional qualifications for membership, and that any attempt to exclude him upon the theory that congress has the power to add to the majority in their respective branches a dangerous precedent that might return to public congress in the future.

Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, and Mr. De Armond, of Missouri, who presented the minority report, will make a strong fight, and say they believe they can convince a majority of the house that the course they advocate is the only proper one to pursue. The majority of the committee, on the other hand, are confident that they will be backed by a majority of the house. Should Roberts be seated in accordance with the contention of the minority, a resolution to expel him will be immediately offered, and this, doubtless, will carry by an almost unanimous vote. The majority of the committee have insisted that, once seated, a member cannot be expelled for acts committed before he was a member of the house. Tomorrow will be devoted to District of Columbia matters, and Friday to eulogies upon the life and public services of the late Vice President Hobart.

IN THE SENATE.

This Coming Week Will Be Devoted to Speech Making.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The senate again this week will devote itself almost exclusively to speechmaking. A variety of subjects will be covered. The financial bill will remain the unfinished business, but the senate will not be held strictly to its consideration. Several speeches probably will be made upon it, among those who are expected to speak being Senators Cockrell, Daniel and Allen. No announcement has yet been made of speeches on the affirmative side of the

MEASURE, BUT NOW THAT A DAY HAS BEEN

agreed upon for a vote, it may be expected to begin here at a quarter before the bill will speak in its defense.

The first speech of the week will be made immediately after the close of the routine business Monday morning, by Senator Pritchard, on his resolution declaring the proposed amendments to the constitution of North Carolina to be in contravention of the federal constitution. He will be followed by Senator Turner in a prepared speech on the Philippine question. Tuesday Mr. Ross will address the senate on the application of the constitution of the United States to Puerto Rico and the Philippine archipelago. He will be followed the same day by McEnery with a speech on the North Carolina constitutional question.

The two reports on the Quay contest will be presented Monday or Tuesday, and as this contest is a privileged question it is not unlikely to receive early attention. Senator Fenrose who is in charge of Mr. Quay's case, says he will ask that the contest be pressed to an early decision in the senate. The Saroman treaty will also be taken up in executive session on the motion of Senator Jones, of Arkansas, to reconsider the vote by which it was ratified. The treaty has already been returned to the senate by the president to await the presentation of the Arkansas senator's motion.

MEXICO SHAKEN.

Loss of Life by Earthquake Reported—Property Damaged.

COLIMA, Mex., Jan. 21.—An earthquake shook this town at a quarter before midnight Friday, and assumed serious proportions at Tenimata, many houses being badly injured, and some of light construction wrecked. Seven people were killed outright, and sixty were wounded and are being cared for by local surgeons. It was reported that the volcano had burst into eruption, but it now appears that the phenomenon was confined to subterranean manifestations. Local scientific men believe that the earthquake traveled from under the Pacific ocean, and that when next it strikes here from the east there will be interesting details.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Jan. 21.—At midnight Friday an earthquake shook the arches and staircase of the state palace and the porticos of the university and the Degallado theater, the latter one of the most massive structures here. The churches of San Francisco and San Jose were damaged. The former is one of the handsomest edifices on the continent and is locally known as the cathedral. The earthquake struck the interior of the structure, and the closed Ragaric church, fearing the dome will fall.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Jan. 21.—The earthquake traveled across the country, reaching here just after midnight Saturday morning. The shock was comparatively light.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 21.—News is arriving from the interior points affected by the earthquake Friday night and Saturday morning. The City of Mexico came off comparatively unscathed in the quake, few accidents occurring here or in the suburbs, although some huts in the suburbs fell in, and one bridge was partly wrecked.

TRADE WITH MANILA.

Heavy Increase Shown by Official Figures for Three Months.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The war department made public today a statement showing the imports at the port of Manila for the three months of July, August and September last, being the first official data relating to imports during so long a period since American occupation.

The total value of merchandise entered at Manila custom house for the three months named was \$5,892,181. In addition there was \$32,530 in gold, and \$255,284 in silver. The British India, and \$322,707 in silver coin from China, bringing the aggregate of imports up to \$6,443,102, or at the rate of more than \$5,400,000 a year for Manila alone.

The growing nature of the trade is shown by a comparison with the amounts for all Philippine ports for the fifteen years ending in 1894, the average yearly imports of the archipelago only amounted to \$17,039,048, or approximately two-thirds of the value indicated by the trade of three months ending with September, 1899, for Manila alone.

The values of importations of merchandise from the various countries which have traded with the United States are given as follows: China, \$2,454,103; United Kingdom, \$916,501; Spain, \$683,465; Australia, \$146,422; Germany, \$387,328; United States, \$229,114.

Eleven other countries furnished goods in amounts ranging from \$93,521 from the Netherlands down to \$798 from Denmark. Cotton and wool were the chief exports, \$1,200,000 out of the total imports, of which the United States furnished goods amounting to \$1,478. The United Kingdom furnished \$1,000,000, Germany, \$1,000,000, France, Italy, Belgium all led this country, and only Japan and Russia appear further down the list.

NOT A YELLOW JOURNAL.

Daily Paper to Be Edited for a Week by Rev. Mr. Sheldon.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 21.—The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," is to be given an opportunity to edit a daily newspaper as he thinks a Christian should be called to do. For the week beginning March 13 he will have absolute control of every department of the Topeka Capital—news, editorial and advertising. At the same time the Christian Endeavor society Mr. Sheldon asked what "philanthropic gentleman in this age of multifarious endowments to educational institutions would give the creation of a great Christian daily?" The philanthropic gentleman has not as yet appeared with the money, but in response to the appeal the leading citizens of Topeka, Mr. Sheldon's home town, Dell Keyser, the president of the Topeka Capital company, offered to give the paper to Mr. Sheldon for one week, and the offer has been accepted. It is understood that able writers are to assist Mr. Sheldon, and that statements, prominent divines and editors of some of the dailies of New York, Chicago and St. Louis will help him by suggestions. Mr. Sheldon has not yet given any intimation of his plans.

OSMAN DIGNA IN PRISON.

Leader of the Dervishes Brought to Suakin a Captive.

SUAKIM, Jan. 21.—Osman Digna, principal general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, and who was captured last Thursday in the hills near Tokar, was brought here today and imprisoned.

PASSING OF BLACKMORE.

Death of the Author of "Lorna Doone" Reported at London.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Richard D. Blackmore, the novelist, died today. He was born at Longworth, Berks, in 1823.

REVOLT IN NEGROS

AFFAIR MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN WAS STATED IN OFFICIAL REPORTS

PLANNED BY THE OFFICIALS

NATIVES WHO WERE INSTALLED IN POWER ATTEMPTED TO ASSERT INDEPENDENCE

LEADERS MAY BE DEPORTED

Forces at the Command of the Autonomous Government Were to Be Used to Overpower the Americans—Plot Failed Because of a Premature Attempt to Put It Into Execution—Eleven Officials Arrested.

MANILA, Jan. 21.—Advices from Negros bring particulars of the uprising in the southern part of the island, in which Lieut. A. C. Leyard, Sixth infantry, was killed. Instead of being an unimportant revolt of native police, as was at first reported, it appears to have been an attempt to overthrow American authority.

The movement was started by the chief authorities of the autonomous government, the men who were elected and inaugurated with so much ceremony last November. Eleven of these officials, including the president and several councilors, were lodged in jail on charges of plotting treason. Several secured their releases under heavy bonds, but others remain in prison.

Gen. Smith found evidence that the revolting police were following the orders of the autonomous government, which designed to use the force under its control to overpower the Americans. The plot failed through being started prematurely, but Negros was in a state of uneasiness. Two companies of the Twenty-sixth infantry were summoned from Iloilo to reinforce the garrison at Bacoor. The authorities are trying the accused officials of Negros. It is believed they will be expelled from the island.

ESCORT AMBUSCADED.

The escort of fifty men of Company C, Thirtieth infantry, Lieut. Raiston commanding, which was ambushed near Lipa, consisted of fifty convalescents from the hospital, who were going to rejoin the regiment. The insurgents hid in the bushes along the road and opened fire upon the party. The Americans were compelled to abandon the train, which consisted of twenty-two horses and their packs and fell into the hands of the insurgents, who pursued the retreating escort for three miles along the road until the Americans were reinforced.

PRaise FOR WHEELER.

Enthusiastic Words Written by a Volunteer in the Philippines.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 21.—B. F. Whaley, a Hoosier volunteer, writes from Paniqui, province of Tarlac, Luzon, Philippine Islands, making the following reference to Gen. Joseph Wheeler: "I have seen a single man in our ranks, be he veteran or 'rookie,' make ever a wry face at the trials of war when the inspiring sight of that venerable 'cottonhead' Southern war horse and hero of El Caney and San Juan, Gen. Joseph Wheeler, is at the front of our column, leading the way through swamps, across rivers and into dense jungles of this island, and now and then dismounting from his horse and bidding some exhausted soldier to get into the saddle while he, taking the gun of the private and slinging it over his shoulder, marches along with us, chatting with the men about him in a gleeful, familiar way, causing them to forget every sensation of hunger and fatigue and to remember only they were the defenders of the flag."

"When we left Angeles, in October, Gen. Wheeler gave imperative command that no soldier should be upon a march burdened with unnecessary baggage. Consequently we are at present the raggedest, dirtiest, nakedest and the most dilapidated and weather-beaten set of lads upon the Philippine line and rains of Luzon ever descended."

STORY OF LOGAN'S DEATH.

Shot by a Sharpshooter While Assisting a Wounded Soldier.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Two soldiers of the Thirtieth infantry, who arrived today from Manila on the transport Conemaugh, tell a new story of the death of Maj. Logan. They say Logan was shot by a Filipino sharpshooter, who was in a tree and aimed his rifle at the major as he was assisting a wounded soldier. The Filipino first shot a private and Maj. Logan, who was in full regiments, jumped from his horse and helped the wounded man, when the sharpshooter shot and killed him. The major's orderly went to his assistance and was also shot, as well as the hospital steward. Maj. Lieberman then saw the Filipino in a tree and dropped him with his pistol.

STRIKE STATUS SERIOUS.

Wabash and Its Employees May Not Be Able to Agree.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 21.—The negotiations between the Wabash railroad officials and the committee sent here by the trainmen to seek an advance in wages have taken a turn which may result in a serious crisis. The men presented their claims several days ago and have been waiting for a definite answer. This it seems, was not forthcoming as soon as the committee believed it should be, and they are now being held in four great divisions of employees. These men Thursday and spent the entire day investigating the justice of the demands by the hospital steward. The result of a long discussion they sent a message to General Manager Ramsey, of the Wabash, asking for a conference. This they say was not granted. The next step was to send a telegram to President Ashley, of the Wabash, whose office is in New York, setting forth the facts and asking him to grant a conference. Mr. Ashley's reply has been received, stating that he would take the request under advisement, but could give no definite answer until he had communicated with Mr. Ramsey.

SUTTON'S CREW SAVED.

Steamer Still on Shore and Probably a Total Wreck.

LEWES, Del., Jan. 21.—The brig Sutton, with a cargo of iron ore, from Cartagena, Spain, for Philadelphia, stranded on Fenwick Hill about eight miles off shore about 1 o'clock Saturday morning during a dense fog. After working all day to back off the shoal, the vessel, from constant pounding, began to fill and settle. After darkness had set in, Capt. Peak fired rockets and barges were sent and attracted attention of the revenue cutter Onondaga, which was patrolling the coast. She immediately sent boats to rescue the crew of twenty-four men. This was difficult, as a heavy southwest gale was blowing at that time, but by the aid of the Onondaga's searchlight the men were taken from the stranded vessel at midnight and the crew was brought to the breaker. It is feared the Sutton can not be saved.

RIOT IN LITTLE ITALY.

Three Men Killed in a New York East Side Brawl.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Three Italians of one home were shot to death in an inter-family row, which began in an Italian tenement house on East Eleventh street about noon today, and ended in one of the worst Sunday brawls the East side has seen for some time.

Antonio Colletti, thirty-seven years of age, married, was shot through the lung and died in his tracks. Caspar Colletti, nineteen years of age, his brother, was shot in the breast and died shortly after being taken to Bellevue hospital, and David Salvatore, forty years of age, a cousin of the Colletti, was shot in the stomach and died tonight.

Vincenzo Spinella and his son Frank, seventeen years of age, have been arrested and charged with the murder, and the police are still searching for Frank Spinella, a brother of Vincenzo, who also played a part in the tragedy.

The trouble between the Colletti and the Spinellas, which ended in the tragedy today, began late last night, between Joseph Colletti and Frank Spinella, the housekeeper of 422 East Eleventh street, where the Colletti lived. Colletti came home in company with a friend and found the door to the tenement house locked. To gain an entrance the two men kicked in a panel of the door, against the protests of the housekeeper.

A lot of words passed between the housekeeper and Colletti, but there were no particularly hostile demonstrations on either side. The Colletti family were arrested and charged with the murder, and the police are still searching for Frank Spinella, a brother of Vincenzo, who also played a part in the tragedy.

Of the Spinellas there were three brothers and one son. Vincenzo Spinella, brother of the housekeeper, lived with his son Frank, on East Thirteenth street, and the latter youth, who is seventeen years of age, precipitated the murder.

Shortly before noon young Frank went around to the Eleventh street tenement and on the appearance of Antonio Colletti, assaulted him. Colletti resisted the attack and was immediately joined by his brother Caspar, the two of them starting in to administer punishment to the youth.

At the same time the boy's father, Vincenzo Spinella, appeared on the scene and a number of the Colletti's family relatives joined in the struggle. This was the signal for a general riot, and the street was filled with a shouting, struggling mob, and the shouts of the participants, accompanied by pistol shots, and the cries of residents of the neighborhood, filled the air.

A patrolman was attracted by the noise and he summoned an ambulance from Bellevue hospital, at the same time notifying Capt. Diamond, of the Fifth street police station. The captain rushed to the scene with his staff of detectives, and with the appearance of the officers the rioters stopped suddenly.

The man who was lying on the ground, one dead and two mortally wounded. Antonio Colletti had been shot through the left lung and dropped in his tracks. Caspar Colletti was bleeding and helpless from a shot which had penetrated the left breast and David Salvatore had been shot in the stomach. Caspar was rushed to a drug store and thence to the hospital, where he died a few minutes after being admitted. Salvatore lived for several hours.

Vincenzo Spinella and his son fled from the scene on the arrival of the police. Frank, the boy, was captured before he had gone far. Vincenzo ran to his home, on Thirteenth street, firing on his pursuers as he ran. He was found under a tree in his room and arrested. Charged with homicide, as was also his son, Joseph Colletti, whose forcible entrance into the tenement last night started the trouble, and the housekeeper, Frank Spinella, the housekeeper, has disappeared.

TEXAS TROOPS OUT.

Will Preserve the Peace During the Progress of a Marder Trial.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 21.—An additional company of rangers was today ordered to Bastrop to remain there during the trial of the men charged with the murder of Arthur Burford, the son of Sheriff Burford, of Colorado county, who was killed a few days ago by members of the Reese faction. The trial is set for next Wednesday and subpoenas have been issued for 14 witnesses. The rangers will disarm every man as he enters the town. The governor has ordered that every possible measure be taken to prevent further bloodshed.

ACTRESS IN LUCK.

Roulette Game at Hot Springs, Ark., Hard Hit by Blanche Walsh.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 21.—It came to light tonight that Blanche Walsh, the successor of the late Fanny Davenport in the tragic roles of Sardou, during her recent engagement here made a "killing" in one of the clubs at roulette.

She won after a lively battle with fortune. At one time she went broke; then the famous \$10,000 diamond bracelet, which was among the Davenport jewels Miss Walsh purchased, came into play. The bracelet proved a talisman, for almost immediately favor smiled on the fair player. Luck was with her, she played a strong game, and at 6 o'clock, when she stopped, she was winner \$2,000.

She would have continued the battle longer, but was compelled to leave to get dinner before going to the theater, where the famous bracelet which had been in jeopardy in the afternoon played a brilliant part on the wrist of La Tosca.

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Jim Coleman, T. B. Daniels, J. W. and H. W. Reese were indicted for the murder of Burford.

BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY.

Weather Forecast for St. Paul:

Fair; High Winds.

1—Roberts Has Hopes.

Revolt in Negros.

Bloody Battle Raging.

2—Sermon on Saloons.

Church Anniversary.

Turkey Select New Uim.

Woman Attacked by Thugs.

Death Due to Neglect.

3—Minneapolis Matters.

Northwest News.

Pro-Boer Meeting.

4—Editorial.

5—Home and Farm.

6—Week's Markets Reviewed.

Chat of the Capital.

7—French Story.

8—in the Field of Labor.

Mayor Directed Poker Raid.

OCEAN LINERS.

NEW YORK—Arrived: La Bretagne,

QUEENSTOWN—Sailed: Cuno, New

York.

SUICIDE BY FIRE.

Young Woman at Birmingham, Ala., Deliberately Sets Fire to Herself.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 20.—Desperate with neuritic headache, Mary White, a waitress in a restaurant, arose from her bed last night, and, taking a bottle of laudanum from a cupboard, raised it to her lips, declaring that she was going to end her life. The bottle was dashed from her mouth by her roommate just in time to prevent her swallowing the contents.

"That will not stop me," exclaimed the frenzied creature, and she went deliberately to the bureau, where a kerosene lamp was burning, and threw it on the floor at her feet. The oil spattered all over her night dress and caught fire. She was at once enveloped in flames, but stood unflinchingly with her mouth open sucking in the flames and looking at her the time her companion could summon help from the next room the girl had fallen on the floor, burned to death, every particle of her gown and hair being consumed. She had been in ill health for some time and had frequently threatened to commit suicide.

LEAVES HIS PULPIT.

California Minister Accuses the Church of Hypocrisy.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 21.—Rev. James C. Macdonald, pastor of the Oak Leaf Congregational church, has announced his retirement from the ministry. Said he: "I believe in dancing and a long list of other things that are tabooed by the churchgoers when indulged in by ministers. If a man needs a drink he has the right to take it. When I meet a man on the street I like to slap him on the back and say 'Hello, there, Bill.' In a good, hearty voice, I believe in God and Christianity, but the church is burdened with false ideas and full of sinful hypocrites, and some of my friends who might be called 'lusers' are infinitely better than these frauds of piety."

IS HIS VISIT OFFICIAL?

Powers Are Inquiring into the Mission of Webster Davis.

LOURENÇO MARQUES, Jan. 21.—Webster Davis, United States assistant secretary of the interior, arrived here today on his way to Pretoria, and called upon the governor general, Cap. Alvaro Don Ferreira, who gave him a most courteous reception and requested him to convey a message of special friendship to President McKinley. The Transvaal representative has informed Mr. Davis that President Kruger's saloon carriage will convey him to Pretoria.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The publication of the fact that President Kruger is sending a private car to take Webster Davis from Lourenço Marques to Pretoria is causing considerable speculation here as to whether Mr. Davis, notwithstanding the denial from Washington, has not some sort of official mission. It is thought rather singular that a single traveler, even though an official at home, should receive so much attention. The subject is attracting the continental papers, who are inquiring through the London representatives whether the British government has information regarding the mission of Mr. Davis. They are loth to believe that one of President McKinley's assistant secretaries would take a vacation in the Transvaal and be given leave of absence for several months without some such purpose.

BOERS EXPECT DEFENT, BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE.

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Mr. Easton, of the Washington Post, who accompanied Mr. Macrum, said in the course of an interview at Naples that the Boers know they must ultimately be defeated, but are determined to resist to the last. He praises the Boer tactics, and expresses admiration for the bravery of both armies. The Afrikaners are regarded by Mr. Easton as "a permanent danger to the British." He asserts that, prior to the war, the Transvaal government inquired what quantity of cartridges was allowed to the German troops in the Franco-Prussian war and then ordered double the quantity.

LONDON DISAPPOINTED.

The News From the Front Not Just What Was Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Yesterday was quite a record day for the war office. As if anticipating important news the officials announced on Saturday that the lobbies of the war office would be open throughout Sunday, and the knowledge that a great battle was proceeding brought a continuous stream of inquirers of all classes.

Some gloomy forebodings were caused by a bulletin announcing that nearly 300 had been wounded, but in general a cheery confidence was expressed in the success of Gen. Buller's movements. On account of the fact that receipt of further official bulletins would be impossible last night the crowd slowly dispersed, disappointed that the news was not better.

Mr. Chamberlain will dine at Osborne house with the queen today (Monday), and will return to London tomorrow.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

CAPE TOWN, Saturday, Jan. 20.—The American hospital ship Maine, from the West India docks London, Dec. 23, arrived here today.

THE BLOODY BATTLE STILL RAGES

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, JAN. 21 (6 P. M.)—GEN. WARREN HAS BEEN ENGAGED ALL DAY, CHIEFLY ON HIS LEFT, WHICH HE HAS SWUNG FORWARD A COUPLE OF MILES. THE GROUND IS VERY DIFFICULT, AND, AS THE FIGHTING IS ALL THE TIME UP HILL, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY EXACTLY HOW MUCH HE HAS GAINED, BUT I THINK WE ARE MAKING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.

—BULLER.



GEN. SIR CHARLES WARREN, Whose Brigade Bore the Brunt of the Battle Near Ladysmith.

MAPEKING, Jan. 10 (by runner to Mcclell, Jan. 14, via Lourenço Marques, Jan. 21).—We concentrated our artillery, consisting of a seven-pounder, a Nordenfeldt and one little old ship's gun on Jan. 3, employing during the darkness so as to bear on the enemy's big siege gun. We carefully concealed the guns until the next afternoon, when, after the enemy had fired a couple of shells, we let loose all our pieces, firing and loading as fast as possible. One of our shots must have thrown the enemy's siege gun out of position, for it ceased firing. With glasses we could see the Boers rapidly reinforcing that point.

The next day they moved back their gun some hundred yards. They employed a five-pounder and proceeded to drop shells regularly into Market square.

We have made up our minds to stick it out, and have food for another three months. The whole garrison is enraged at the enemy for firing upon the women's laager.

The enemy continues the bombardment with field guns up to this day (Jan. 19), and an occasional hundred-pound shell falls. They have again fired at the women's laager, but without hurting anyone.

RELIEF MEASURES.

LOURENÇO MARQUES, Jan. 21.—A dispatch from Gaberones, undated, says: Col. Plumer has worked down thus far towards Mafeking with three armored trains and a relieving force. The bridge is being rebuilt so that they may proceed.

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