

BLUE FOR BRITISH

THEY ARE MAKING LITTLE HEADWAY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DISAFFECTION IS WIDESPREAD

BRITISH COUNTED TOO MUCH ON CAPE LOYALTY.

Lady Smith Will Be Relieved Shortly, but Not Without a Heavy Engagement—Boers' Policy Is Never to Make an Attack.

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LONDON, Dec. 9.—What with the growing inclination to be skeptical over glorious victories that leave the Boers able to fight just as hard the next day, with the still virulent storm of disapproval raining from all quarters on Joseph Chamberlain because of his remarkable alliance speech, and with the dawning realization of the difficulties which beset the task of conquering the Boers and wiping away Afrikaner disaffection, the position of the British government at home and in Europe has by no means been strengthened. A really decisive victory, compelling the Boers to vacate the scene of British operations or enabling the British to achieve the relief of Kimberley or Ladysmith, would quickly improve the feeling.

That all is not right is feared, even among the government's staunchest supporters. While awaiting such a victory, by mere force of numbers, it seems must come, the feeling of unrest is bound to increase, while the anxiety exhibited in well-informed quarters that previously spoke optimistically of Cape loyalty, but more regretfully admit widespread colonial disaffection, is not likely to be allayed.

It appears that the British war movement is retarded more by the political conditions prevailing in the territory through which the line of advance is being made, than by the Boers, who hang like bulwarks on the advancing flanks. Military critics during the past week have frequently observed that, if it is necessary to preserve the lines of communication with such large forces when operating in British territory, it will be much more essential to do so when the head columns have entered a backwardly hostile country.

That Ladysmith will be relieved, and shortly, is now taken as a matter of course. But the question is, is it probable that a decisive engagement must be fought before this is accomplished? Nothing has been more prominently brought out during the two months of the war than the fact that the Boers never attack, as General Buller said last year of the Boers.

With their wonderful mobility, the Boers are enabled to take up their positions, carefully selected positions, in every instance during the British general to attack them and retiring, and inflicting severe loss, to other positions equally good and apparently previously prepared. If such tactics continue, it seems probable that the relieving force will reach Ladysmith so crippled that an advance into the Transvaal will be impossible in the near future.

In fact, the most optimistic and no change of the British forces making serious headway upon an aggressive campaign for two or three months, while many who confidently prophesied that General Buller would eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria are trying to find excuses for the incapacity of the war office.

VENTURE OUT OF LADYSMITH. British Troops Make a Sortie From beleaguered City and Capture an Outpost.

BOER HEAD LAAGER, LADYSMITH, Dec. 8.—The British troops made a sortie from the beleaguered city in the morning. They crawled up a ravine and stormed a hill carrying Lombardskop, which was held by the Boers, and on which were placed a cruise gun and a howitzer. These guns were destroyed by dynamite. The British captured a Maxim gun and other arms. The Boers returned briskly. The British afterwards returned to Ladysmith. The Boer losses are reported to have been slight.

Wani McKinley to Intercede. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Burrows, of Michigan, presented to the Senate today a prepared petition asking that the chief executive under the good office of McKinley be settled of the difficulty between Great Britain and the South African republics. The petition was referred by a committee to a large number of Hollanders in Michigan.

MAJOR RAFTER'S PAY HELD UP. Surgeon of Twentieth Kansas Must Await Result of Tartar Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—One of the results of the investigations made in the case of the trooper Tartar is the stoppage of the pay of Major Rafter, surgeon Twentieth Kansas volunteers. The action was taken at the request of General Hunter, and was seconded by Secretary Root. General Hunter, who has directed the inquiry, suggested that pay in Surgeon Rafter's case should be withheld until accounts for the provisioning of sick soldiers on board the transport are settled. In a protest which Major Rafter has filed with the war department, he represents that he is not responsible for the conditions which prevailed on the Tartar.

DESERVES IT. Remarkable Success of a New Treatment for Piles.

For many years it has been supposed that the only absolutely sure cure for piles was by surgical operation, but the danger to life and the pain and expense has been so great that many thousands suffer for years rather than submit to this last resort; or they seek the temporary relief in the many remedies claimed to relieve piles, but which, as a rule, give only slight and very temporary relief. A new preparation which is painless and harmless, but which affords immediate relief, and the complete cure, is now available in a very short time, is sold by druggists under the name of Pyramid Pile Cure. It is in suppository form, and is used at night and its regular use has cured thousands of patients, long and short of the disease, and to be equally effective in all the various forms of piles, whether itching, bleeding or protruding. The Pyramid Pile Cure allays the inflammation and intolerable itching, reduces the tumors, and its antiseptic properties cause the enlarged blood vessels to contract to a normal, healthy condition. A Baltimore gentleman relates his experience with the Pyramid Pile Cure in these words: "It affords me unusual pleasure to add my endorsement to those of others relative to your really wonderful pile remedy. I was a sufferer for years until told by a fellow salesman of the Pyramid Pile Cure. It has entirely cured me, and I cheerfully send this for publication if you wish to use it in that direction. I wish you would send me one of your little books on piles and cure of piles. I desire to show it to some friends." Any pile sufferer may use the Pyramid with certainty that it will give instant relief and regular use a permanent cure, and still further certain that it contains no cocaine, morphine or any other mineral poison. All druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure, 50 cents for full sized treatment.

Handkerchiefs—50 doz. Japonette Handkerchiefs, colored, silk initials, usual 15c value, special for to-morrow 5c

309-911 MAIN STREET.

House Coats and Christmas Novelties

- At a Saving of 25 to 40 Per Cent. MEN'S FINE HOME COATS—All Wool Assabot Tricot—satin bound—double stitched—positively sold at other stores for \$5.00—your choice for to-morrow for \$3.45

Get Your Boys Ready for Christmas.

Bring them to the Palace to-morrow and pick out their outfit for the holidays. Our great purchase of Boys' Good Clothing bought from Garson, Mayer & Co. and Walroff, Goodman & Co. on sale to-morrow at a saving of one-half the usual price.

FLIGHT COST A LIFE.

Farmer Shot by Missouri Cavalry Who, with a Companion, Tried to Escape.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 9.—(Special.) Edward Krash and Joshua Kraft, two fifteen-year convicts, escaped from the Missouri penitentiary at 8 o'clock this morning by sliding down a rope from the third story of the Star Clothing Company's factory to the street. How they managed to procure the rope and citizens' clothing is not yet ascertained. They separated as soon as they reached the ground. Kraft jumped into a grocery delivery van belonging to J. B. Burns and was soon out of the city limits, where he abandoned the wagon and took to the brush. Up to this hour he has not been recaptured. Kraft took a mile from the city he broke into a farm house, stole a Winchester rifle and about a mile further on shot a farmer named Speiker through the breast, from the effect of which Speiker died several hours later. Speiker was trying to stop him. About three miles from the city he was overhauled by a party of pursuers, and he fled. He was shot in the back of the head by Crump. He threw up his rifle but it failed to fire and Crump fired the ball striking him in the chest. The ball struck him in the chest and he was killed, but investigation showed that the ball had passed through his chest and nearly all of the delivery of the certificates of election to-day, and to-night the arrangements for Taylor's inauguration Tuesday overshadow everything else. Goebel left for his home at Covington at 4 o'clock and nearly all of the Democrats left on to-night's train. Mr. Goebel was accompanied to the train by Senator Blackburn and others. He started a few minutes before his train pulled out of the building and no interest was shown in the defeated ticket holder. The fact that Pryor and Ellis did not mix with the throng indicates to some extent the feeling growing out of last night's memorable contest.

TO STOP BANK ROBBERIES.

Commissioner Breidenthal Suggests Adoption of "Reward for Evidence" Plan.

TOPEKA, Dec. 9.—(Special.) Bank Commissioner J. W. Breidenthal has issued a statement to the bankers of Kansas stating that he is prepared to issue a plan of cooperation in capturing and convicting bank robbers that the State Temperance Union is using to convict jointists—the "reward for evidence" plan. Under the plan, the State Temperance Union is offering a reward of \$100 for information leading to the conviction of a bank robber. The plan is being widely discussed and many bankers are expressing their interest in it. The plan is being widely discussed and many bankers are expressing their interest in it.

GRINSTEAD CONVICTED AGAIN.

Kansas Editor Found Guilty of Criminal Libel Three Times in a Week.

TROY, KAN., Dec. 9.—(Special.) Pool Grinstead, the editor of the Wathena Star, was convicted of criminal libel to-day on the complaint of State Senator John A. Fulton, of Brown county. The article complained of charged Senator Fulton with having attempted to seduce a young woman of this county who was in Topeka seeking a clerkship in the legislature. This is the third conviction of Grinstead for libel this week, he having been convicted on another complaint of Senator Fulton on account of another article in the Star charging bribery in the location of the new insane asylum at Parsons. The other complaint was against Grinstead and the libelous article charged Perry, who was chairman of the Democratic county central committee, with having used his position to assist his brother-in-law, Cyrus Leland, and the Republicans. Grinstead was sentenced to pay \$100 and costs, and in court, he having forfeited his bond by not appearing at the time set for trial. The other charges against Grinstead and one against Frank Elliott, editor of the Troy Times, remain to be tried.

LIUJ. DEEMING ARRESTED.

Officer of Twentieth Kansas, Formerly Living at Topeka, in Serious Trouble.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 9.—(Special.) John J. Deeming, Company A, Twentieth Kansas, the handsomest officer in the regiment, was arrested here to-day and taken to Council Bluffs, Ia., to-night, on a warrant sworn out at the latter place by Miss Lena Leonard, aged 22, who charges Deeming with betraying her. Deeming is now in the insurance business here. Lieutenant Deeming enlisted at Topeka and served with the regiment throughout the Philippine campaign, until it was mustered out. He had lived at Topeka with his parents before he went into the army.

WANT ALLEN TO WITHDRAW.

Friends of Editor G. M. Hitchcock Will Ask for a Clear Field for Him.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 9.—The latest development in the spirited contest for the United States senatorship left vacant by the death of M. L. Hayward, is the report that G. M. Hitchcock's friends will ask Allen to withdraw from the race. Adjutant

BUCHANAN'S MOVING

TO HIS LARGE AND SPLENDID SALESROOMS ON THE Southwest Corner of Twelfth St. and Grand Av.

Owing to this removal things are in some confusion, but in a few days he will be enabled to show the good people of Kansas City one of the largest and most handsome lines of up-to-date



Furniture, Stoves, Carpets, Curtains, Draperies and Home Decorations ever before shown in this city, and at prices that will be one of their specials.

He is too busy to go into details now, but you may as a sample take this elegant Cobble Rocker, gloss mahogany finish, genuine leather seat, worth \$3.50, which will be yours, as long as they last, for \$1.58

Come and get one for a Holiday Present for some member of your family, and see our other attractions.

BUCHANAN, The Liberal Credit Furniture House.

1206 GRAND AV. AND 121-123 EAST TWELFTH ST.

MORGAN TO RUN AGAIN.

Will Be a Candidate for Congress Next Year Unless Free Homes Bill Passes.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 9.—(Special.) Dick T. Morgan, of Perry, will be a candidate for the Republican congressional nomination this year. If the free homes bill passes, he has a strong tie to his aspirations. It is conceded by all aspirants in conventional form that whether or not the present congress, the Republicans of Oklahoma will insist that Dennis Flynn shall return to the territory as a member of the present congress, and Morgan's candidacy, like that of the others, is conditional upon the reception of that measure in congress.

Morgan is prominent both in legal and political circles. Last year he was a candidate against Flynn and was the second highest man in the race at the Republican convention. His friends assert that he will be an important factor in the 1900 contest, provided, of course, that free homes are passed.

The success with which Flynn will be rewarded, if he secures the passage of his law, is from the territory as a member of the present congress, and Morgan's candidacy, like that of the others, is conditional upon the reception of that measure in congress.

"I believe we have reason to hope that free homes will become a reality in the near future," he said. "I have studied the situation again and believe that there is reason to believe that the bill will be enacted into law. I believe it stands a far better show to be enacted into law than any other bill in the present congress."

A GOOD COTTON SHOWING.

That Grown in the Vicinity of Tecumseh, O. T., This Year Is Worth Nearly \$200,000.

TECUMSEH, O. T., Dec. 9.—(Special.) Up to December 1, 4,233 bales of cotton had been weighed in the yards at this point, while 533 bales had not been weighed. Along with these figures the cotton that is being held in this vicinity for higher prices and that not yet picked, estimated at about 1,000 bales, the total is swelled to 6,233 bales. Of this number, about 150 bales are the small 50 pound round bales, the remainder the standard 50 pound bales, making a grand total of about 2,604 bales. At the average price of 35 cents per bale, the value of the crop is \$918,100. The value of the crop is \$918,100. The value of the crop is \$918,100.

Was His Own Jailor.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 9.—(Special.) J. T. Ryan, who has been wanted for selling whiskey on the Fort Hill reservation, yesterday reported to the officers of the federal jail here and asked to be locked up. "I like the place here and want to be with you," he told the jailer. Ryan was arrested and served a term for the same offense some time ago and wrote to his wife from the federal jail begging forgiveness for running away with another woman. A few days ago he went to El Reno, surrendered to the officers, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve another term. He was allowed to come to Guthrie without an officer and with a commitment in his pocket.

To Make Watermelon Pickles.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 9.—(Special.) A company is being formed here to make watermelon pickles. It is said that H. J. Heitz, the millionaire pickle man of Pittsburg, Pa., is backing the project. The company is known to the world as "Dr. Dead Shot," is the chief local promoter.

Oklahoma Notes.

Meanwhile, Clyde Mattor, convicted of his break job, is smashing his record by refusing to work. "I like the place here and want to be with you," he told the jailer. Ryan was arrested and served a term for the same offense some time ago and wrote to his wife from the federal jail begging forgiveness for running away with another woman. A few days ago he went to El Reno, surrendered to the officers, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve another term. He was allowed to come to Guthrie without an officer and with a commitment in his pocket.

One of the Few.

From the Sumerville Journal. Mrs. Jackson—"That's Mrs. Witherspoon over there by the piano. She is one of our distinguished society leaders. How happy they are. To them everything is possible." Mr. Marmaduke—"And nothing probable."

Practical Point.

Scorcher—"How would you punctuate 'Look at that pretty girl in her automobile come spinning down the avenue?' "Putter—"That's easy—comma after 'pretty girl' and after 'automobile.'" Scorcher—"I'd rather make a dash after that pretty girl."