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ELECTRIC ROAD COMPLETED

Beginning of Great Inter-Urban System between Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 14.—The Kansas City & Leavenworth Electric Railway Company will open its road for general traffic on Tuesday. Everything is in readiness. The roadbed is in splendid condition, considering the fact that it has just been completed. The last trial trip over the road was made yesterday. The car carried the officers of the company and a number of other men. The distance, 21 miles, was covered in an hour, and the train proved very satisfactory.

The building of this line is thought to be only the beginning of a great interurban railway system, centering in the city at the mouth of the Kaw. Should the new line prove a good investment, it is more than probable that all of the towns and cities within a radius of 60 miles of Kansas City will be connected with this electric railway system.

Right-of-way franchises have already been secured for a similar line between Topeka and this city. The officers of the Kansas City-Leavenworth company are: David Kimberley, Cleveland, O., president; H. C. Ellerson, Cleveland, vice-president; H. W. Wolcott, Cleveland, general manager and secretary; Charles D. Evans, Leavenworth, treasurer.

General Manager Wolcott is a brother of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, and is himself an ex-member of the Ohio state senate.

## BEYOND THE TUGELA

Dispatch Says Warren Crossed the River.

### RUMOR OF LADYSMITH'S RELIEF

No Confirmation of These Reports, However—Dissatisfaction in England Wide and Intense.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A special dispatch from Cape Town dated Friday, January 12 (evening), announces that General Warren has crossed the Tugela river.

**Rumor of Ladysmith's Relief.**  
DURBAN, Friday, Jan. 12.—The entire absence of news from Cheveley or Frere camp continues, but there is a persistent rumor here that Ladysmith has been relieved.

**Great Battle Imminent.**  
BOER HEADQUARTERS AT COLENSO, Thursday, Jan. 11, via Pretoria, via Lourenco Marques, Friday, Jan. 12.—Everything points to a great battle within the next few days. Ladysmith for the last two nights has been firing rockets. The object is not known here.

### AS VIEWED IN LONDON.

**Complaints Over the Rigid Censorship of War News.**

LONDON, Jan. 15, 1900 A. M.—Lord Roberts' enigmatic announcement, "No change in the situation," does nothing to allay public anxiety or to explain the mystery surrounding General Buller's movements on the Tugela, and, although there is a disposition to regard the dispatch as disposing of Saturday's adverse rumors, the week has opened in a state of suspense almost equal to that of last week, because it is recognized that in General Buller's opinion, any attempt would seal the fate of Ladysmith.

Presumably "no change in the situation" refers to previous dispatches sent to the war department, which have not yet been revealed to the public. Except the announcement of the seizure of Poelietter's drift and of the advance of General Warren, there has been no news from the Tugela. A ray of hope is in the fact that the same silence prevails from the Boer side. Thus it may perhaps be fairly inferred that General Buller has not yet met a serious check.

If the announcement of General Warren's movement be correct, it is evident that General Buller's force is spread over a very wide front—perhaps 25 miles—and in the event of a sudden fall of the river, his operations might be full of danger. It is believed that General Buller has no good survey maps of the district. This will add to his difficulties.

General Warren's advance probably means an attempt to seize Hlangwane hill, the main post of the Boer forces on the Tugela. Upon the success or failure of these operations depends the whole future of the campaign. Until the result is known, Lord Roberts will be unable to decide how to dispose of the two divisions and the reinforcements now arriving.

The news from other points is of no great importance. Boer accounts tell of another sortie from Kimberley on January 9, in the direction of Mapfer's dam, with a brisk exchange of firing, but no result. A heavy detonation was heard on January 8, within Kimberley.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Moller River, dated January 10, gives a rumor that Kimberley is being bombarded. Bassard's Nek, mentioned in Lord Roberts' dispatch as the locality of the reconnaissance, is northwest of Colesburg.

Doubts are beginning to be raised as to whether it will be possible to get to within striking distance of Kimberley.

"There is no change in the situation here today."

The war office simultaneously issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, January 13, 2:30 P. M.:

"Methuen's cavalry reconnaissance returned on January 11. Went 23 miles into the Free State, County clear of enemy, except patrols.

"All well on December 28 at Mafeking."

**The War as Viewed in Germany.**

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—Today's news that a general strike is growing in Great Britain is received with incredulity. The Lokal Anzeiger says:

"It is impossible that the British government, in any event, could be influenced to such a movement. British prestige demands, since she has gone on the war-path, that she carry matters to a successful issue."

The Local Anzeiger contains an article by General Von Schmeling, criticising the war, saying that it is questionable whether Great Britain, even with Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener and 150,000 men, will win.

Reports are published today from Wilhelmsen that the first German ironclad squadron is completely ready to leave for action within 24 hours.



## Boers Near the Sea

Believed to Be Waiting for Secret Supplies.

### LOOTED STORES IN SWAZILAND

Natives Complete the Destruction Begun by the Transvaalers—Mines Were Also Robbed.

DURBAN, Natal, Jan. 10.—There is a Boer commando in the Zululand country, Zululand, within a day's march of the sea, with wagons. It is believed to be waiting for supplies and ammunition secretly landed near St. Lucia's bay.

The Boers have looted all the stores and mines in Swaziland territory, and the natives are completing the destruction.

### CROSSED FREE STATE BORDER.

Reports of Proceedings in the Modder River Country.

MODDER RIVER, Thursday, Jan. 11.—General Babington, with two regiments of Lancers, the Victorian mounted rifles and a battery of horse artillery, left here on the evening of January 7 (Sunday) and crossed the Free State border on Tuesday.

Simultaneously other movements were made. A column under Colonel Pilcher moved from Bela-Bela to the south of General Babington's route, while a party of the Garrison of Klipfontein and Honey Bush kloof, under Major Byrne, advanced towards Jacobsdal. General Babington penetrated 12 miles and his scouts 20. They saw no signs of armed Boers. The farmhouses were found empty, the occupants having had news of the advance and gone further into the interior. The British division of the Boer leaders, who during three farmhouses, the property of Lubbe, one of the Boer leaders. Yesterday they swept around southward, returning here today. Nothing was accomplished except a reconnaissance.

Colonel Pilcher came into touch with General Babington and then returned to Belmont.

Major Byrne reconnoitered the hills about four miles from Jacobsdal and saw 700 Boers.

### PROSECUTIONS FOR TREASON.

Dutch Colonals Taken in Arms Not Treated as War Prisoners.

CAPE TOWN, Wednesday, Jan. 10.—The proceedings for treason instituted against the Dutch officers who were taken in arms at Sunnyside are being pressed. Witnesses have been interrogated today. The preliminary examination before the magistrate will be held later. The trial will probably be conducted by the magistrate.

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### FAVORABLE TO REPUBLICANS.

Such View Expressed at Pretoria—Boer Lost at Ladysmith.

PRETORIA, Thursday, Jan. 11, via Lourenco Marques, President Kruger in the course of a stirring address just issued to the burghers, affirms that Providence is on their side, that their cause is just, and that they must succeed.

Reports from Coburg represent the position there as favorable to the republicans, but the British are concentrating for operations on a large scale. The official report of the Boer casualties in what is called the "Platt-Rand fight" on Saturday, January 6 (the attack upon Ladysmith), shows 26 killed and 77 wounded. These figures are described as "first return."

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**Governor McLaurin Ill.**

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 14.—Governor McLaurin, recently elected United States senator, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

**Commander of the Papal Guard.**

ROME, Jan. 14.—Prince Alberi, commander of the papal guard of nobles, died today.

**SAYS HOAR'S SPEECH DID IT**

Barrett Attributes Filipino Hostilities to It—Senator Ignores It.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—John Barrett, ex-minister for the first time publicly condemned Senator Hoar, last night, at Lake Forest university, as the man whose anti-expansion speech was cabled to Hong Kong and subsequently put in the hands of the Filippino soldiers, causing the "first return."

"Unrest recently Cubans had feared that the Americans were not going to fulfill the pledge of the joint resolution of the United States congress. President McKinley has set these fears at rest."

Senor Herrera said:

"We should look to the history of the United States, and then we would have no fear that the promise of independence would not be fulfilled."

Senor Elias said:

"The people of Santiago will not consent that this war will be fought in the revolution shall have any preference whatever at the coming elections. If such an attempt is made the Cubans ought to refuse to go to the polls. General Wood has promised us independence. We should not look with suspicion on his actions, but should trust him, in order, later on, to demand the fulfillment of the promises."

The Matanzas Centre Veterans have issued a circular advocating universal suffrage as being the only fair sequel of the revolution.

The work of disinterring the remains of Americans is in operation at Colon cemetery. The bodies of 70 have been disinterred.

**MOUNTED MEN FROM MANITOBA.**

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Associated Press learns that Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, accepted Saturday the offer of Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner in London, to provide, distinct from the Canadian contingents, a force of at least 400 mounted men from Manitoba, N. W. T. and British Columbia, and to arm, equip and commission them for service in the Philippines.

Lord Lansdowne accepted the offer, and the mounted men will be sent to the Philippines in time to meet the opening of the rebellion.

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