

TIGHT CENSORSHIP

England in the Dark as to Doings in Africa.

RUMORS TAKE THE PLACE OF NEWS

Latest Story About is that Buller Has Met With Another Serious Defeat.

LONDON, Jan. 14, 4 A. M.—The veil concealing the theater of war from the anxious eyes of Great Britain and the rest of the world is still unlifted. It is impossible to doubt that this absolute closing of all the channels of information is due to the censorship, the strictness of which has been redoubled since the landing of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener, concerning whom nothing has transpired since the announcement of their arrival at Cape Town, four days ago.

LONDON VOLUNTEERS STARTED.

Unprecedented Outburst of Enthusiasm as the Troops Left.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Through many stirring scenes have marked the departure of the troops for the front during recent months, today's outburst of patriotism on the occasion of the starting of the London volunteers was quite unprecedented. At about 10 o'clock the volunteers gathered in the history of the government that British volunteers have been permitted to serve side by side with the regulars in real warfare, and the people turned out to witness the departure of the volunteers.

THE ANTI-ROBERTITES.

Republicans and Honest Democrats of Kentucky Issue Statements.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 13.—The republican state committee, through its officers, and the organization formed by democratic and republican members of the legislature, have issued statements giving their views of the political situation in this state and calling upon their constituents for their support. The appeal issued by the republican committee is as follows:

WITH FRENCH'S COLUMN.

A Movement in the Vicinity of Coloburg.

RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 8.—A strong force of British troops advanced this morning under cover of a brisk artillery fire, and encamped at Stingsfontein on the Boers' eastern flank. The Boers' patrol retired, but subsequently a body of Boers attempted to seize the position, threatening communication between the British encampment and Rensburg. The New Zealanders, with a brilliant dash, frustrated the attempt. They traced and secured the position first and fired volleys at the enemy, who retired in the direction of Coloburg.

STORMING OF LADYSMITH.

Frederia Believes the Garrison Will Soon Surrender.

VIENNA, Jan. 13.—The Neue Freie Presse today published a dispatch from Frederia, saying that news has been received there from Pretoria to the effect that the Boers have stormed all the heights around Ladysmith and that capitulation of that place is hourly expected. It is possible that the news received in Vienna by way of Brussels from Pretoria may refer to the fighting of Saturday last.

German Cruiser at Delagoa Bay.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Jan. 13.—Receipts from internal revenue for the month of November last were \$4,457,265, an increase as compared with the corresponding month in the preceding year of \$2,922,559. The receipts for the five months ended November 30, 1899, show an increase of \$11,431,557, compared with the corresponding five months in the preceding year.

Milwaukee & St. Paul's Plans.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 13.—The Ottumwa Press says: "General Superintendent Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, who is to succeed General Manager Collins on February 1, is said to be engineering a scheme to secure control of the Pittsburgh & Gulf line, and then connect through to the Gulf. A survey has been completed between Davenport and Ottumwa, and an almost air line will be built between the two points. "The scheme of the Milwaukee to absorb

TALK WAS OFFENSIVE

Balfour's Statements Resented by Englishmen.

THE MINISTRY IS TOTTERING

Nothing Will Be Too Good for Kitchener If He Is Successful—Criticism of the War.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The frivolity displayed in his recent speeches by Mr. Balfour, the government leader in the house of commons, has landed what has been known as the strongest government of modern times in the doubt from which extrication is difficult, if not doubtful. His light-hearted remarks, which were pleasantly accepted by the nation when times were good and all was well, are offensive to a people mourning their sons and deeply angered by the unprecedented reverses. Mr. Balfour, if he had tried, could not have more successfully put his countrymen on edge and when Lord Salisbury speaks he will have much to lose for.

As if this was not enough, it is openly said that Lord Salisbury has gone mad, that all his life he has been afraid he might be called upon to lead his army, and his unceasing restlessness. Only this week a high cavalry officer returned from South Africa with complaints against Lord Methuen that the general during the campaign had been so far from advancing with his cavalry and that upon the colonel sending the general word that his horses and men were too exhausted to be physically capable of doing so, although Lord Salisbury would have said: "Well, you had better go to hell."

Wolsley's Resignation Expected.

How all this will end if the campaign drags on much longer without serious success is a question which one can only surmise. The resignation of Lord Wolsley would not surprise those who are cognizant of the inner working of the war office. A great victory would probably quiet the public mind, but the general's resignation in parliament arrived, but lacking that, there seems pending an upheaval which bodes ill for the government, the war office and some of the generals in the field, for these ranklings are current in the army. The war office is a sensation-loving class, but among the highest-born and most even-minded of Great Britain's best citizens.

Lack of Organization.

Mr. Balfour's statement that three army corps were placed in the field without a hitch has given the critics an excellent and not wasted opportunity of pointing out that, though enough individuals to make up three corps are on their way to South Africa, they have only the artillery, engineers, and medical services, and are without the necessary regulations, for one corps, while in cavalry they are almost equally deficient, proving the lack of organization so frequently laid to the charge of the war office. It is already planned that if Lord Roberts and Kitchener bring the campaign to a successful termination, the latter will be brought home to honor almost equal to those of the Duke of Wellington. He will be put into the war office, and will be given a free hand to brush away the cobwebs that clog the British army.

The Yeomanry's Equipment.

The imperial yeomanry, after the first flush of public applause, is being gauged gingerly. It is dawdling upon the minds of all that what Great Britain wants is crack shots and rough riders after the type of the American cavalryman, and frequent comments appear pointing out that the average yeoman, who is a farmer, does not come up to this standard, while the average lordling, who adds brilliancy to the force, is not generally much nearer the mark in this respect than his yeoman tenant; that both have far more to learn than the members of the volunteer force, and it is a fact that a large percentage of the enrolled imperial yeomen have never served even in the yeomanry. What is being forced upon the war office is that 100 colonial recruits to bushwhacking, couchpunching and scouting, are worth 1000 English clerks and farmers.

Boer Sympathizers in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 13.—The Y. M. C. A. auditorium was crowded this afternoon at the mass meeting to express sympathy for the cause of the Boers. Judge W. A. Tins presided. Judge Spurrier declared that Iowa ought to raise 500 men and \$100,000 as its contribution to the cause of Transvaal independence, and he was cheered to the echo. The speakers, all of them leading citizens, were received with the greatest enthusiasm.

DEATH IN A FLOOD

At Least Three Lives Lost at Kendrick, Idaho.

MUCH PROPERTY WASHED AWAY

Railroad Destroyed for Miles in Potlatch Valley—Thousands of Bushels of Wheat Gone.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 13.—Last evening at 5:30 the town of Kendrick, in the south part of Latah county, was almost flooded away by a deluge of water which rushed down the Big Lost river and submerged everything in its path. During the preceding 36 hours a chinook wind had melted the snow on the mountains and the waters filled the gulches and little streams leading to the river. Kendrick, located in a deep canyon on a narrow bank of the stream, and the homes of many of the citizens are along the banks of the river. The water came down without warning. In a few minutes after the first alarm the streets were thrown into a chaotic state, the houses were submerged, and houses were floating down the river. Thirty-five families were driven out of their homes, and they lost their furniture, bedding and other household effects. The loss of life cannot be ascertained.

FLOODS IN PUGET SOUND COUNTY

Northern Pacific Trains Sent East Over the O. R. & N.

TACOMA, Jan. 13.—Floods on the Northern Pacific have interrupted traffic for 24 hours, and it is not expected the tracks will be clear and the road opened before midnight tonight. The westbound overland has been at Hot Springs awaiting the efforts of a crew of men to clear away small slides and repair damage done by the swollen water. The tracks were washed away at Crocker and the water has been over the tracks at Hot Springs. The damage at Crocker here last night. Between Tacoma and Portland there has been but slight damage by floods, and, though railroad officials have been uneasy over the situation, the line has been kept open.

Another Story of the Freshet.

KENDRICK, Idaho, Jan. 13.—As a result of the sudden flood in the Potlatch river three lives are known to have been lost, fears are expressed for others, 29 houses here have been swept away, stores are flooded, railroad tracks and bridges have been swept away, and many people have fled to the adjacent hills. Street Commissioner Hamblin and family fled to escape from the flooded district in a buggy. The vehicle was overturned, and three children were drowned. Mr. Hamblin was brought to the bank after a daring rescue by John Long. Mrs. Hamblin was found this morning in the top of a dwelling, half dead from exposure and anguish. The flood carried away half the warehouse of the Kendrick Grain Company in which was stored 50,000 bushels of wheat. At midnight the flood began to recede slowly, but there is still three feet of water in the stores, and the telephone operator who is sending this message is standing waist-deep in cold water.

Great Damage to Railroad Property.

JULIAETTA, Idaho, Jan. 13.—Railroad men say that for miles along the Potlatch there is no vestige of track, ties or roadbed. Some believe the Northern Pacific will not be able to run trains over this branch before March. A man just arrived from Ferguson's construction camp on the Potlatch, six miles below here, says the flood carried away the tents, provisions and everything movable. All the men were found this morning in every bridge and every yard of track between Juliaetta and the Clearwater river has been washed out.

Williamette High at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 13.—The Williamette river at this point has been rising continuously for the past 36 hours, and is now at the 11-foot mark. A continuance of the rise may interrupt steamboat traffic, for some of the larger boats will be unable to pass under the steel bridge. Reports from Jefferson tonight state that the Santiam, which had been swollen by the heavy rains, was falling, but at Eugene the Williamette is still rising.

High Water at Junction City.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 13.—The past few days there has been a steady downpour of rain, which has caused the

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