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LADYSMITH HAS BEEN RELIEVED

And General Warren Killed in Action—So Says Report.

NO CONFIRMATION OF NEWS

General Lyttleton's Force Supported by Artillery Fire, Made a Demonstration in Direction of Brakfontein Kopje, the Boers Retreating.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—It was rumored on the stock exchange this morning that after eighteen hours of fighting, Ladysmith had been relieved and that Gen. Warren was killed. Nothing was obtainable, however, tending to verify the rumor and it had no appreciable effect on stock.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Natal, Thursday evening.—The Boer trenches have been persistently shelled by naval guns all day long. Small parties of Boers were seen at intervals, and a large force from the direction of Ladysmith was seen retreating to the northwestward of the British position. A balloon did good service in observing.

General Lyttleton's force made a demonstration in the direction of the Brakfontein kopjes, four miles north of the British position, under cover of heavy artillery fire, to which the Boers did not respond. On the left General Warren's troops are now in possession of two prominent kopjes behind Spinkop. There were some Boer scalping, but it was ineffective.

The Graafriet Boers evacuated Prieska Jan. 16, and returned northward across the river.

Will Move Quickly.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—2:22 p. m.—Messages from the front appear to confirm the general impression that events in Natal will now move quickly, though hardly as rapidly as tongues and pens of rumor-mongers. There is nothing up to the present to support the story that the relief of Ladysmith is an accomplished fact, but it is learned on excellent authority that the situation is now regarded by the war office with entire confidence, and that the beleaguered town is considered practically relieved, although there is no attempt to underrate the danger and difficulty of General Buller's task.

ONLY A FEW SPORADIC CASES

Total was but 49, of which 40 Proved Fatal—Much Interest Has Been Aroused by Publication of Secret Decree by Empress Dowager of China.

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 3, via San Francisco, Jan. 19.—The plague ceases to attract much attention, only a few sporadic cases showing themselves from time to time. The whole number of cases thus far throughout the empire has been only 49, of which 40 proved fatal. The chief injury sustained has been to the business interests of Kobe, which has suffered severely, and also by railway companies, passenger travel having been greatly deterred by stringent quarantine regulations.

A lively interest has been aroused by the publication of the secret decree of the empress dowager of China, in which she shows a becoming appreciation of the danger which threatens the empire from foreign aggression, and holds the provincial governors to strict responsibility for immediate defense of their respective provinces, should attack be made upon them.

"The various powers," she says, "are casting upon us looks of tiger-like voracity, hustling each other in their endeavors to be the first to seize upon our innermost territory. They think that China, having neither money nor troops, would never venture to go to war with them."

Speculation is, of course, rife as to what has happened to bring out this

decree, eminently suggestive as it is of this stiffening of China's backbone. Some attribute it to an understanding with Japan, it being reported anew that ex-Minister Yanko is to return there as Japanese adviser to the teung-li-yaman. Others see in it an assurance gathered from the relations with the United States government, which, it is thought were indications that the new power in the East has provided for the protection of its trade interests in China, by showing strong sympathy with the empire in its present evil plight.

Bryan Turned Down.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 18.—The Maryland house of delegates, which is overwhelmingly democratic, today refused to endorse William Jennings Bryan as the recognized leader of the democracy of the United States, and practically killed a resolution introduced by a free-silver advocate to invite Mr. Bryan to address the body.

Mr. Wills, of Talbot county, who introduced the resolution, asked that it be carried without reference, but the proposition was voted down, and the speaker referred it to the committee on federal relations.

Requests for Masses Liable to Legacy Tax.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 19.—According to a ruling received today from the treasury department and made by the commissioner of internal revenue, a bequest of money to a priest for the purpose of saying masses for the repose of the soul is liable to legacy tax. The case came before the commissioner from Illinois, where a bequest had been made for that purpose.

Freight Collided With a Passenger.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 18.—Five persons were injured, one probably fatally, this morning by a tail-end collision on the Great Northern near East Spokane. A freight train ran into the rear of the east-bound passenger train, the engine going about one-third of the way through the rear sleeper. The accident occurred about 9 o'clock, when passengers were at breakfast, hence the number of injured was smaller than it would otherwise have been.

Blew up the Safe.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Jan. 18.—The office of Tjossem & Son, millers, three miles from town, was burglarized last night. The safe was blown to atoms, evidently with nitro-glycerine, and all its contents taken. The burglars secured \$300 in cash and about the same amount in checks. In addition they took or destroyed all the papers in the safe, many of which were valuable. Pieces of the safe were picked up 40 feet away. A typewriter was wrecked, and office furniture badly damaged. The sheriff was notified by telephone and immediately set to work on the case.

All Must be Vaccinated.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 18.—The city council has ordered that every person in this city, over the age of six months, shall be vaccinated. Failure to comply with the order will subject the offender to punishment by a fine, at the discretion of the police judge. Health Officer Hayes and his assistants are directed strictly to carry out the order, which is prompted by the prevalence of the light form of smallpox in this city, from which no deaths have resulted in 60 cases.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, chest or lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Will Go to Court.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Roberts of Utah announces that he will fight his case in the courts if he is denied a seat as a member of the house. Roberts has been making his contention on the ground that the constitution prescribes certain qualifications for a member, but he ought to know that the same constitution allows the house to be the judge of its own members. No court will undertake to set aside a decision of the house on such a question, especially as it would have no power to enforce it.

The modern and most effective cure for constipation and all liver troubles—the famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

RAILWAY WAR IS ENDED

Northern Pacific to Have the Clearwater Country.

MOHLER TO LEAVE THE O. R. & N.

Northern Pacific to Have Trackage Down Columbia and the Union Pacific to Puget Sound.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 20.—A special from New York, says:

The dispute between the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. Co., over the right of the respective roads to extend their lines in the Clearwater territory in Idaho, has been settled, and the Northern Pacific is master of the situation. The O. R. & N. Co., has withdrawn its claims to the Clearwater country, which is left in undisputed possession of the Northern Pacific, and the next move will be the retirement of A. L. Mohler from the presidency of the O. R. & N. Co., and his transfer to the presidency of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf.

Formal announcement of the agreement between the two roads will be deferred until February 5, when the official time of the six months' truce between them will expire, but the papers in the matter are practically ready for signature, the fight is ended, and there will be no more trouble.

The termination of the Clearwater difficulty marks the end of one of the most bitter railroad wars ever waged in this country. Every phase of railroad politics, diplomacy and force was brought into play by the lines interested. The Union Pacific took up the question in dispute. In order to facilitate an amicable settlement the Northern Pacific offered the use of its Portland-Tacoma line to the Union Pacific in exchange for similar track privileges on the Columbia, and the Union Pacific was offered the alternative of accepting the proposition or having the Northern Pacific parallel the line of the O. R. & N. Co., from Lewiston to Portland. The Union Pacific has had the offer under consideration several months, and it has finally decided to accept it, and to refrain from extending the O. R. & N. lines in the Clearwater district.

STRUGGLE TO BE RESUMED

Unless Dutch Have Retreated—Warren's Force Pushing Its Way to the Besieged City.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The war office shortly after midnight posted the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's camp, January 20, evening: "General Clery, with a part of General Warren's force, has been in action from 6 a. m. till 7 p. m. today. By a judicious use of his artillery he has fought his way up, capturing ridge after ridge for about three miles.

"The troops are now bivouacking on the ground he has gained, but the main force is still in front of them.

"The casualties were not heavy. About 100 wounded had been brought in by 6:30 p. m. The number of killed has not yet been ascertained."

It is evident from General Buller's dispatch to the war office and the advice to the Associated Press from Spearman's camp that a big battle is now being fought. As far as can be gathered from these dispatches, the results remain undecided, and unless the Boers withdraw during the night, the engagement on which hangs the fate of Ladysmith, and which may prove the turning point of the whole war, will be resumed this morning.

Progress of the Battle.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 20, 11:15 a. m.—The firing of field guns was heard early this morning on the left. Evidently General Warren has commenced the bombardment of the Boer trenches on Tabannayama mountain. There was also brief musketry fire.

Among the prisoners captured Thursday was a grandson-in-law of President Kruger.

Evening—The Boer trenches were

shelled continually today. General Lyttleton's brigade advanced and occupied a kopje 2000 yards from the Boer position at Brakfontein. A company of rifles advanced with a balloon in action, and was received with a heavy fire from the Boers.

The artillery and musketry fire continues from General Warren's position. The enemy has not shifted its position at the time this dispatch is sent, and shells have set fire to the grass.

Lord Dundonald's force Thursday surprised 350 Boers. The British, who were posted on a kopje, allowed the Boers to advance leisurely before opening fire. The Boers did not reply, and a majority of them galloped off. It is reported that the remainder surrendered.

Christian Science Victim.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Jan. 18.—Mrs. P. E. Yates, of Tabor, Ia., against whom the grand jury has returned an indictment for manslaughter in connection with the death of her daughter, Ethel, in this city January 5th, was arrested at her home today and is now in jail here awaiting the perfecting of her bond in the sum of \$3000. The girl died of appendicitis after the physician attending her had been dismissed and she had been for several days under the care of a "divine healer."

American Soldier Attempted to Kill Otis.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—A special to the Record from Victoria, B. C., says: J. P. Molera, who arrived from Manila, tells of an attempt on the life of General Otis. In conversation in reference to the situation there, he said that General Otis once appeared on the firing line, when a shot from the rifle of one of the soldiers whizzed uncomfortably close to his head. As to who fired the shot no clue was discovered.

DEATH OF JOHN RUSKIN

Great Art Critic and Writer Passes Away.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin died this afternoon of influenza, aged eighty-one years.

He was born in London, February 8, 1819. His taste for art was early manifested, and after graduating at Oxford he studied under Harding and Fielding. From the study of painting he took up that of architecture. His first work, "Modern Painters," was written in 1843-60.

Harvey Got Bondsman.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 19.—Frank Harvey, who was held in the circuit court for assaulting Winnie Thorn, promptly secured bondsman, and resumed his former position as brakeman. On the witness stand, Miss Thorn identified Harvey personally and by the clothing he wore. Sentiment is strong against Harvey and Patterson. The former has a wife and two children at Junction City. Geo. Patterson, who was placed under \$2500 bonds, was unable to get sureties, and was committed to jail at Eugene. He waived examination.

Pullman Conductors' Wages Cut.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—In a circular which has been posted on the walls of the Pullman suboffice at the union depot, a reduction in the wages of sleeping-car conductors is announced. The amount of the cut is said to be in many cases as much as 20 per cent. Whether the reduction is to be made among all employees of the company or is to be enforced only on some lines is a question.

Suicide of a Prisoner.

SALEM, Jan. 20.—Joseph Willard, who was held at the county jail on a charge of murder, committed suicide at 10 o'clock this morning. Unfastening a sash cord of a closet window, he tied one end to a waste pipe, and, making a noose, he slipped it around his neck and leaped from a window sill. Ten minutes later his body was found dangling from the pipe.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my health and life. It cured me of lung trouble following grippe." Thousands owe their lives to the prompt action of this never failing remedy. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results.

Pendleton Won at Heppner.

HEPPNER, Or., Jan. 20.—A football game between Pendleton and Heppner was played here today. The score was 5 to 0 in favor of the Pendleton boys.

Use Clarke & Falk's quinine hair tonic to keep dandruff from the head.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

BOERS HELD THEIR OWN

Gen. Warren at an Early Hour Commenced a Flanking Movement.

SHRAPNEL POURED AMONG BOERS

Batteries of the British Worked Continuously—Boers Had Few Cannons and Devoted Their Attention to Musketry Firing—Captain Honley, of the Dublin Fusiliers, Fell Mortally Wounded.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 22, 9:30 a. m.—Early on Sunday morning General Warren commenced a flanking movement on the extreme left of the Boer position. The infantry advanced at 5 o'clock in the morning along the irregular sides of Tabannayama mountain, which ends at Spionkop. The artillery positions were behind and on the plain. The British carefully worked along the hills until within 1000 yards of a commanding kopje, on which the Boers were concentrated, concealed behind immense boulders strewn thickly over the hill.

The artillery opened the attack and the batteries worked continuously, pouring tons of shrapnel among the Boers, who devoted their attention to musketry firing on the British infantry. The Boers stuck to their rocky fastnesses with a tenacious tenacity and at the conclusion of the day the British had only advanced across a few ridges.

The Boers apparently have few guns, and they did little damage. Captain Honley, of the Dublin Fusiliers, fell mortally wounded while leading his men to seize a fresh point of vantage.

Result Not Known.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—2:30 p. m.—Nothing has been received thus far to-day to indicate that any conclusive result has been reached by the British forces in the region of the upper Tugela, and the lack of information regarding the number of men and the munitions the Boers have in reserve prevents accurate determination of the measure of real success attending the two days' hard fighting. All that can be said is that the British seem to be doggedly advancing in the face of equally stubborn resistance.

At the close of yesterday's fighting, the Republicans had merely evacuated their first line of defense to take up another semi-circular position a short distance in the rear, recalling the old burgher ruse by which the Boers had previously managed to entice the British into fatal traps.

Dispatches from elsewhere in South Africa this morning give trivial details of minor happenings, and do not illuminate the situation.

THE ALASKA COLLECTORSHIP

Still Held in Abeyance—Oregon Says She Should Have Been Consulted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The selection of a collector to succeed Ivey in the Alaska district is still held in abeyance, and it is understood awaits such representation as Senator McBride desires to make to the president. There is considerable feeling engendered over the matter in the Oregon delegation. McBride and the house members feel that they should have been consulted before any recommendation was made by Senator Simon. On the other hand, Simon says that notwithstanding this appointment has been given for many years to Oregon men, it was in no sense an Oregon appointment, and it was

promised to him a long time ago by the president, without any suggestion as to having the Oregon delegation agree upon it. That was when the charges were first made against Ivey. Afterwards, when Ivey came here and it became apparent that there should be a vacancy, the matter was again taken up between the president and Senator Simon, and, in accordance with the promise previously made, Senator Simon made the recommendation.

There is talk about how the members of the delegation have previously agreed upon appointments of Oregon men, but it is also recalled that Governor Lerd was appointed solely upon Simon's recommendation, none of the other members joining him.

Checks Without Funds.

ASHLAND, Jan. 21.—H. C. Collins, the dapper young bartender formerly employed in the Hotel Oregon, in this city, who is badly wanted for kiting checks and drawing drafts on imaginary deposits in the Bank of Ashland, which he found parties in Medford, Grant's Pass and Hornbrook, Cal., to readily cash, has again been heard from, at Marshfield, Coos county, where it is said he has been operating his game. On the 15th inst., he is said to have drawn a draft for \$50 on the Bank of Ashland in favor of John Curran, which was cashed by that gentleman and was on Saturday returned, protested, to him. Collins is said to be an old hand at this game, having done the same kind of work in Minnesota, where he went by the name of Coddler. It is supposed he has left Coos county for California.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption.

"What Hath God Wrought?"

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Annie Ellsworth Smith, widow of Roswell Smith, founder of the Century Company, died at her home here today, aged 73 years. It was Mrs. Smith who, in 1844, when she was a girl of seventeen, sent the famous first telegraphic message, "What hath God wrought?" from the United States supreme court room, Washington, to Baltimore. Her father, Henry L. Ellsworth, a son of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth, was the first commissioner of patents, and has been called "the father of the patent office." He had been a colleague of Professor S. F. B. Morse. Together they had endeavored to induce congress to pass a bill granting \$30,000 for the construction of a trial line between Washington and Baltimore. Morse had been seeking the help of congress since 1835, but it was not until the last five minutes of the session of 1844 that the bill was passed. It was Annie Ellsworth who carried the news of the passage of the bill to Professor Morse the next morning, and he assured her that she should send the first message.

Wall of Gold Ore.

BAKER CITY, Jan. 21.—What is in some respects the most phenomenal gold find in Eastern Oregon is reported by Cleaver Brothers, of Baker City. The discovery is 7½ miles south of Prairie City, in Grant county. The width of the ledge is 600 feet, and the walls are broken away for a distance of more than 3000 feet, leaving the ore exposed 150 to 200 feet in the air. It is said that nowhere in the world has such a body of ore been found, standing, as this does, where no tunneling is necessary. The value of the ore runs from \$3 to \$63 per ton in gold, and it is free milling. Thousands upon thousands of tons of ore, unnumbered by mountains of dirt and valueless rock, stand uncovered.

Your Face

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, Pimples and Skin Eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance you should try Acker's Blood Elixir. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparilla and so called purifiers fail; knowing this we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee, Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.