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BULLER HOPEFUL

Warren's Troops Occupy Spionkop After a Hard Fight.

GENERAL WOODGATE INJURED.

Hon. George C. Brownell for Congress in the First District—Other Candidates Mentioned.

LONDON, Jan. 24, 2:50 a. m.—Contrary to the announcement made shortly before midnight by the war office that nothing further would be issued before Wednesday forenoon, the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's camp, January 23, 6:50 p. m., has just been posted:

"Warren holds the position he gained two days ago. In front of him, at about 1400 yards, in the enemy's position, west of Spionkop. It is on higher ground than Warren's position, so it is impossible to see into it properly.

"It can be approached only over bare open slopes, and the ridges held by Warren are so steep that guns cannot be placed on them. But we are shelling the enemy's position with howitzers and field artillery, placed on lower ground behind infantry.

"The enemy is replying with Crenset and other artillery. In this duel, the advantage rests with us, as we appear to be reaching his trenches, and his artillery fire is not causing us much loss.

"An attempt will be made to seize Spionkop, the salient of which forms the enemy's position facing Trichard's and which divides it from the position facing Potgieter's drift. It has considerable command over all the enemy's entrenchments.

Preparing for a Night Attack, General Buller's great turning movement of which so much was expected, has come to a standstill. His carefully worded message to the war office telling this, after a silence of two days, reads like an apology and an explanation. General Warren holds the ridges, but the enemy's positions are higher. The British artillery is playing on the Boer positions and the Boers are replying. The British infantry is separated by only 1400 yards from the enemy, but an approach to the steep slopes, across the bare open, would expose the British to a fatal rifle fire.

General Buller's plans have reached their development. He declines to send his infantry across this zone against formidable positions by daylight, and disclosed his purpose to assault the Spionkop heights during the night. This appears to be the key to the Boer defenses. If he takes it and thus commands the adjacent country, an important and possibly decisive step will be accomplished.

It seems that General Buller's dispatch reach the war office rather early in the night and was the subject of a prolonged conference between Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Balfour and several staff officials. A determination appears to have been reached not to give out the message during the night, but towards two a. m., copies of the dispatch were made for distribution among the newspaper offices. These arrived too late for extended comment.

The Morning Post and the Standard touch lightly upon the unpleasant features of the dispatch, and take hope from the projected night attack, but, altogether considered, the dispatch looks like preparation for worse news.

Necessity of a Victory.

Parliament will meet in five days. The cabinet has been hoping for one rallying British success to cheer the country and to command generous support for fresh revenue measures. Among these will be probably an increase of the income tax to a shilling on the pound, but this would only provide the cost of five weeks' hostilities. The duties on tobacco, alcohol, tea and coffee are likely to be raised. The cabinet will meet at the end of the week and discuss the situation.

Political considerations, both foreign and domestic, press upon the military authorities the necessity of speedily accomplishing something. These authorities have been persuading General Buller to attempt his great operation with or without adequate preparation. This impression, whether true or not, is abroad.

Apparently, Lord Roberts has nothing whatever to do with General Buller's operation. General Buller and the war office communicate with each other direct. Buller's scheme was conceived before Lord Roberts arrived at Cape Town, and its execution was begun on the day he landed. The fact that the judgment of Lord Roberts has not been brought to bear upon the movement does not add to public confidence.

From Vienna comes the statement that the idea of the intervention of European powers is gaining adherents in influential quarters.

Special dispatches heliographed from Ladysmith Monday say that the investment has been relaxed and that the gar-

ison has ceased to speculate regarding the precise date of deliverance.

The position of the British forces outside of Natal is unchanged. The forward movement elsewhere appears to be waiting for reinforcements.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The war office has just issued the following dispatch, from Spearman's camp, dated January 25, 12:10 a. m.:

"General Warren's troops last night occupied Spionkop, surprising the small garrison, who fled.

"It has been held by us all day, though we were heavily attacked, especially by a very annoying shell fire.

"I fear our casualties are considerable, and I have to inform you, with regret, that General Woodgate was dangerously wounded.

"General Warren is of the opinion that he has rendered the enemy's position untenable. The men are splendid."

Interest in republican politics is chiefly centered in the spirited contest now under way for the congressional nomination in the first district. Eight prominent republicans are mentioned in connection with the nomination, and all are putting up a clean fight within party lines. Each has strong following. State Senator George C. Brownell has Clackamas county without doubt. He has canvassed the field thoroughly, and has his county so well in hand that the Tongue men have but faint hope of wresting it from him.

Claud Gatch will go into the convention with the solid backing of Marion county. Mr. Gatch is one of the most popular republicans in Oregon. He is an ex-mayor of Salem. In the sensational contest of 1895 he received complimentary votes for United States senator.

Linn county's candidate is ex-Circuit Judge H. H. Hewitt, of Albany. Judge Hewitt is one of the best-known jurists in the state. He was defeated for re-election in 1898 because the republicans of his district did not arrange the ballot in a way that would give him the full vote of his party. This was an accident, and one which the republicans of his district have since had reason to regret.

Benton county presents State Senator John D. Daly, of Corvallis. Few republicans are better known than Senator Daly. He was a staunch Dolph supporter in the legislature of 1895. He can safely count on the delegation from Lincoln county as well as that of Benton.

A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene, has strong following, and his friends are urging him to enter the lists as Lane county's candidate.

Robert G. Smith, of Grant's Pass, will be the candidate of Josephine county. Mr. Smith was a member of the legislature of 1895. He stood by Senator Dolph to the last. Speaking of Mr. Smith's chances, William Huntley Hampton, of Leland, who was the republican nominee for the legislature in Josephine county two years ago, said yesterday: "Mr. Smith will have the Josephine delegation behind him. He is an able, active man, and he would honor the first district if it should send him to congress."

Southern Oregon is pushing Hon. E. V. Carter, of Ashland, to the front for the nomination. Mr. Carter was speaker of the house at the special session in 1898, and at the regular session in 1899. His friends say that he can go into the convention with the support of the delegations from Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Coos and Curry counties. Mr. Carter was in town yesterday, and was seen at the Imperial hotel. Asked about the congressional nomination, he said it was an honor to which any republican might aspire. He said he knew that his friends were urging his name, and that he greatly appreciated their interest in his behalf.

"Southern Oregon wants Mr. Carter," said A. Y. Beach, one of the owners of the Lakeview Examiner. "We know him as a broad man. He would honor

the first district in congress, and we are determined to do everything possible to bring about his nomination. Southern Oregon has large interests that need attention, and we are entitled to representation in congress."

Representative Tongue realizes that he has a stiff fight on hand, and is working hard to hold his forces together. He is sure of Washington county, his home; but he knows that he will have to rustle to get votes in the other counties. Senator McBride's recommendation of Ira S. Smith, of Monmouth, is a move to keep Polk county in line for Mr. Tongue. Mr. Smith was a member of the legislature of 1895. Though he voted for Senator Dolph to the end, the Dolph managers regarded him as one who was ever ready to flop. He was not disconcerted when Senator Dolph went down to defeat. His recommendation for the Alaska collectorship comes, after five years, as a reward for the uncertain state of mind in which he kept himself for 40 days and nights at Salem in January and February 1895.

It is a battle royal, and the best man will win, and the others congratulate him and work for his election. Each of Mr. Tongue's opponents has his own county, but no one—not even Mr. Tongue—has the district. The opposition candidates know that the only way for one of their number to win is to break up Tongue's strength and get him out of the way. The plan was projected many times when Binger Hermann was in congress, but it did not succeed until Mr. Tongue won the prize at Albany in 1896. Mr. Tongue has the same kind of a fight on hand this year that Hermann had four years ago.

Within a few days Chairman George A. Steel will call a meeting of the republican state central committee for the purpose of naming the time and place of holding the state convention. There seems to be no doubt that the convention will be held in Portland, and that the date will be early in April. Chairman Steel said yesterday that the only business that will come before the committee will be in relation to the holding of the convention and the apportionment for representation.—Oregonian.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
Regular January Term of the County Board.
S. F. Marks, chairman; J. R. Morton, E. Scott, commissioners.

(Continued from last week)

In the matter of the report of viewers on the petition of William Barlow, et al, for a county road. In the matter of the report of E. B. Miller, Henry Brush and Mr. Kieve, appointed viewers at last term of board to view and locate a county road situated in Clackamas county, beginning at the Clackamas county line; thence in a northerly direction, following the old stage road to the corner of the property of John Fry, Mrs. W. W. Irwin, estate of Henry Will, deceased, and the S. P. Co. to intersection of Barlow and Canby road at Barlow; said proposed road to be 40 feet in width the entire length. Above proposed route will shorten distance between Barlow and the south line of Clackamas county; about two miles is all graded and ready to travel, where it follows the old stage road and can be opened the entire distance with very little or any expense, and will be a great benefit to the people of this section and the traveling public, in general. Said viewers filed their report showing that they had met on the day named in the notice served upon them, and were duly sworn by subscribing to a written oath of office administered by John W. Meldrum, deputy county surveyor, after which they proceeded to the designated place, and did view and cause said road to be surveyed by said deputy county surveyor, the above-described road. They also filed the field notes and plat of survey. Said viewers report favorably to the establishing of said road as viewed and surveyed for the reason that it is a good and practical route and of public utility.

In the matter of the relocation of part of the Canby and Carus road or Fanton (continued on page five.)

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