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THE KENTUCKY CONTEST. Twenty-two Witnesses Introduced by the Democrats. FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 17.—Twenty-two witnesses were examined by the gubernatorial contest board today.

Gear's Re-election. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 17.—Today at noon the Iowa legislature met in joint session and re-elected John H. Gear, of Burlington, to the United States senate.

OVER THE TUGELA

Buller Sends His Force Around the Boer Flank.

DUTCH WERE SURPRISED

He Crossed the River Fifteen Miles West of Colenso.

OPERATION WAS NOT OPPOSED

The Entire Command Is Now on the Way to Relieve Ladysmith—Making Good Progress.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's farm, dated January 17, 9:30 P. M.: "The force marched westward January 16. Lord Dundonald, by a dashing movement, occupied the hill above Potgieter's drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, taking the Boers perfectly by surprise.

STILL FIGHTING AT RENSBURG.

RENSBURG, Jan. 18.—The Boers opened an artillery duel this morning, using a captured British 15-pounder, which the British gunners ultimately silenced. The British kept up a searching fire all day long on the Boer kopjes, and also dragged another gun to the summit of Colekop.

BULLER'S FORCES CONCENTRATED.

LONDON, Jan. 18, A. M.—General Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgieter's drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, Wednesday, January 16. This intelligence is contained in an exclusive dispatch to the Times dated yesterday. He followed up the movement by shelling the Boer trenches. This news completely disposes of the statement that Sir Charles Warren's force went in the direction of Schenen, and it tends greatly to restore confidence in General Buller's tactics.

ANARCHY IN VENEZUELA.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—A dispatch from Caracas is published here saying that owing to their refusal to advance the government money, the directors of the banks of Caracas and Venezuela, including a Frenchman named Montauban and other foreign notabilities, have been arrested and thrown into a fortress.

Strike and Riot in Rio Janeiro.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 17.—Over 20,000 drivers of all kinds of vehicles went on a strike yesterday. A small faction of mechanics, headed by Guero Freato, a brother of Carlos Alfonso, and Malvino Reis, attempted to take advantage of the situation.

SAMAR AND LEYTE

Kobbe Sails With a Regiment to Occupy the Islands.

INSURGENTS ARE IN POSSESSION

Negros Rebel General's Proposition—Colonel Byrne Surprised a Filipino Camp.

MANILA, Jan. 17, 7:35 P. M.—Colonel Kobbe, with the Forty-eighth infantry, sailed aboard the transport Hancock today, with gunboats escorting. The objective of the force is probably the important islands of Samar and Leyte, which the insurgents have captured.

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