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Yarn Manufacturers Bankrupt. BOSTON, Feb. 7.—Henry A. Holcomb, a New Bedford yarn manufacturer, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States circuit court. The liabilities are placed at \$1,207,525, and there are no assets.

COLUMNS MOVING. Buller, Methuen and Gatacre Are Advancing.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN NATAL. After Two Days' Battling the British Were Checked. BOER POSITIONS WERE CAPTURED. Casualties Among the English Troops Were Comparatively Light—Roberts at the Front.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Wednesday, Feb. 7. 6 P. M.—General Buller commenced the advance for the relief of Ladysmith Monday. The naval guns opened at 7 in the morning, and a feint attack was made in front of our position.

After the capture of Krantzkopf the heavy Boer fire prevented a further advance Monday. The morning the Boers indulged in long-range shell fire, but in the afternoon they made a vigorous attempt to recapture the position.

The Advance Checked. LONDON, Feb. 8.—A special dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Wednesday, February 7, says: "Our further advance is at the moment prevented, as the Boers entrench us from their positions on Spionkop and Doornkloof. Our casualties, although estimated at 250, are trifling considering the great importance of the movement just concluded."

Boer Report of the Fighting. BOER HEAD LAAGER, Ladysmith, Feb. 6.—Since yesterday the British, with naval and other guns, have bombarded our positions on the north of Tugela, crossed the river at that point and Kolen drift with the object of storming our positions. At the former, General Durrheim beat them back and they recrossed in great confusion.

PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE. Prospects for the Relief of Ladysmith Are Brighter. LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Standard has the following from Spearman's Camp, dated February 7: "The force under General Buller is again advancing to the relief of Ladysmith, and after two days of severe fighting, it may fairly be said to have made a good first step on the road to the besieged town. The movement was begun at an early hour Monday morning by way of Potgieter's drift. The Eleventh brigade, forming a part of the Fifth division under General Buller, made a feint attack upon the kopjes on our front. The assault was delivered at the outset under cover of naval guns on Mount Alice, and subsequently under that of field batteries."

GENERAL MOVEMENT BEGUN. All the British Columns Putting Themselves in Motion. LONDON, Feb. 8, 4 A. M.—The British columns are being moved in the direction of the river in all parts of the South African field. A combined attack upon the Boers appears to be in progress.

General Buller's third attempt at relieving Ladysmith absorbs attention. Telegrams of from 100 to 200 words from the front have been passed by the censor, who has apparently related messages written Monday or Tuesday to Wednesday at 5 P. M. From these it is clear that General Buller's advance on Tuesday was a success. He had repulsed a Boer counter attack, and was holding the position against an enfilading fire from Spionkop and Doornkloof. His losses, mentioned by one correspondent, are 250. The only telegrams from Boer sources assert that one of General Buller's attempts to seize the ford failed, but that he has lodged forces on one kopje. Light on General Buller's operations ceases here, the war office not contributing any information.

Roberts and Kitchener at the Front. The work accomplished so far has been magnificently done. The shell and maxim fire poured in by the Boers has been extremely severe, but our losses are comparatively speaking small.

TAYLOR DELIBERATES. Has Not Yet Signed the Louisville Agreement.

CONSULTING WITH HIS ATTORNEY. Strong Pressure Being Brought to Bear on Him Not to Accept the Compromise. FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 7.—So far as a situation in the controversy over the Louisville agreement is concerned, there was practically no change today. Shortly after 8 o'clock tonight Mr. Wilson, in company with Judge Vest and General Lincoln, called on Governor Taylor, and immediately went into conference with him. The conference ended at midnight without any action being taken.

Another Conference May Be Necessary. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 7.—The existence of a hitch in the peace negotiations and speculation as to its probable duration occupied the minds of politicians in this city today. Another conference between the representatives of the two parties may be necessary before a final agreement is reached, was indicated by the summing up of the day's proceedings.

Republicans of this city are not agreed as to the wisdom of closing the negotiations on the basis of the agreement reached Tuesday night. Postmaster Baker and some other federal officers think the sacrifice should be made in the interest of peace, while the press and the anti-unionists of the city believe the fight should be kept up.

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TO BUILD SMELTER. Eastern Capitalists to Come to Portland.

Committee of Business Men Appointed to Perfect Organization of the Company. PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—The steamer Empress of China arrived today from Yokohama with details of the murder of Rev. S. M. Brooks in Shantung. An imperial decree, dated January 4, mildly condemns the outrage and criticizes the officials whose lack of administration made the crime believe the assassination would be acceptable to the authorities.

Mr. Bradford is anxious for the cooperation of the people of Portland. He thinks that if they take stock in the company they will have a personal interest in it, and will do everything possible to promote it. He thinks that Portland ought to take about \$20,000 of the stock. Hon. H. W. Corbett has already put his name down for \$500.

Mr. Bradford conferred with a number of representative business men of Portland at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. The meeting, which was held by call of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce, lasted from 11 o'clock until 12:30 P. M.

Mr. Bradford expressed himself as satisfied with Mr. Bradford's enterprise, and offered to take \$500 of the stock. It was decided to appoint a committee of three to prepare a plan of organization, and Chairman Hahn named N. E. Ayer, Charles E. Ladd and L. A. Lewis.

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