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THE BORNEO REBELLION. British Capture Two Ports, but Not the Rebel Leader. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9.—The steamer City of Dublin, from the Orient, has advised that the punitive expedition of the British North Borneo police, sent against Matasiah, has captured two forts. Many of Matasiah's men were killed. He himself has taken up a position in the bush with 100 men, armed with Sniders. The French steamer La Seyne has been wrecked in Rio strain. Her passengers and mail were saved by the steamer Wilhelm Dutch. Tugs have gone from Singapore to the scene of the wreck. Bryan's Lecture. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—W. J. Bryan tonight delivered his lecture on "Pending Problems" before the George Blaisdell post, G. A. R., at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. It was at this address that Mr. Bryan delivered at Carnegie Music hall in this city Thursday night last. The chief feature of it was his presentation of the silver question. The academy was crowded, and Mr. Bryan was liberally applauded throughout his address. Mr. Bryan, in addition to speaking on the silver question, denounced imperialism and the British in the war in South Africa. Refused the Boer Resolutions. SACRAMENTO, Feb. 9.—The assembly today refused to adopt resolutions extending sympathy to the Boers, and protesting against the ratification of the proposed treaty with Great Britain relative to the Nicaragua canal. Bogota Not Captured. COLON, Colombia, Feb. 9 (via Galveston).—The report circulated in the United States that Bogota, capital of Colombia, had fallen into the hands of the insurgents is without foundation.

BULLER FAILS AGAIN

His Army Forced Back Across the Tugela.

M'DONALD RETIRED TO THE MODDER

Both These Movements Are Surmised to Occupy the Boers While Roberts Begins Central Advance.

LONDON, Feb. 10, 4:20 A. M.—London accepts as true the Boer statements that General Buller has failed again. These statements were passed by the British censor at Aden, and are read in the light of Mr. Buller's announcement in the commons that General Buller is not pressing his advance. Winston Churchill writes that Buller's retreat was inevitable, and that it was necessary to support a further advance. His cablegram leaves General Buller Tuesday night sending a fresh brigade to relieve the tired holders of Vaalkrans.

The descriptive writers with General Buller were allowed a rather free hand again in explaining the ugly position which the British held and the natural obstacles which had to be overcome. So it is easy to infer that, with Boer rifles and artillery defending, these hills, ravines and jungles have not been over-run, and thus the public is prepared in advance for bad news.

Hellogram from Ladysmith, dated Monday, describe the effect General Buller's cannonade had on the worn garrison. Hope ran high that the long period of inactivity and tedium was drawing to a close. The crash of guns was almost continuous for 10 hours, and at times it seemed as if as many as 20 shells burst in a minute. The Boers, preparing always for the possibility of defeat, were driving their long and sending long wagon trains to the rear. The Boers, exploded suddenly and darkness and silence followed, broken only by grog cracking and the occasional blaze of star shells, surrounding the town with a circle of light to prevent the unobserved approach of a second series of British lines, laid for the Boers, exploded accidentally, shaking and alarming the city and camp.

General Macdonald's retirement puzzles the military commentators. The theory that finds acceptance is that it was ordered by Lord Roberts, and that both General Buller's and General Macdonald's operations were by the direction of the commander-in-chief. In order to occupy the Boers at widely separated points so they would be unable to transfer any portion of their forces to oppose the projected central advance.

Charles Williams, a military writer who is understood to be in confident relations with Lord Wolseley, says that beyond doubt the most authoritative opinion in London regards it as probable that an endeavor will be made to force the line of the Orange river before Wednesday night, possibly by Monday.

Henry W. Lucy says the health of Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, is such that he will probably be able to return to his friends here by the end of the month. Lord Salisbury's son, Lord Edward Cecil, is responsible for Mafeking being so well provisioned. At the outbreak of the war he learned the amount of army stores about to be sent to Mafeking, and on his own initiative pledged his private means and had the stores quadrupled. He is now in Mafeking, and is one of its boldest defenders.

A dispatch to the Times from Koodersberg, dated Thursday, February 8, says: "It is reported that Boer reinforcements are arriving from Magerfontein. Our position is easily held, but the entire force has been ordered to return to Modder River tomorrow."

The Times has the following from Kimberley, dated February 8: "The Boer big gun shelled us all day yesterday, but nobody was killed."

DECISION REACHED

Taylor May Sign the Peace Agreement Today.

WITH THE RIVAL LEGISLATURES

Republicans at London Issue Warrants for the Arrest of Absent Democratic Members.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 9.—Late tonight the situation is somewhat changed. Adjutant-General Collier was again called into Governor Taylor's office tonight, and in consultation with him until a late hour, but he will say nothing as to what transpired. From other and authoritative sources, however, it is learned that a definite peace agreement will probably receive the signature of Governor Taylor inside of 24 hours.

The morning train from Louisville came Attorney David W. Farleigh and Judge John W. Barr, both of whom were members of the Louisville conference on the republican side. Immediately upon arrival, Mr. Farleigh called upon Senator Blackburn, in the Capitol building, and after a few words with him, went in company with Judge Barr and General Dan Lindsay, to the office of Governor Taylor.

Later in the afternoon Sam J. Roberts, of Lexington, interval revenues collector for this district, called on Governor Taylor, and was closeted with him for some time. Shortly after 2 o'clock, General Lindsay, Judge Barr, Attorney Farleigh and T. Edson called on Governor Taylor, and at once went into a conference with Governor Taylor.

About 4:30 P. M., Governor Taylor and Secretary of State Powers came out to the governor's office. A long whispered conversation outside the door. Governor Taylor then re-entered the room and Mr. Powers left the building. "The governor will not sign the agreement," said Mr. Powers, as he walked out of the door.

But notwithstanding these declarations, the democratic leaders are stating with the assurance of the legislature at Frankfort, on the peace agreement, that the peace agreement will receive Mr. Taylor's signature. Two democratic members of the legislature put in an appearance this afternoon, the first to have been seen in Frankfort since the war was given, nearly a year ago. It was stated during the afternoon that a guard of soldiers had been sent to all of the trains to catch such members as might determine to come to town, but this was a rumor.

THE REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE. Warrants Issued For Absent Democratic Members. LONDON, Ky., Feb. 9.—The house convened at 1:15 P. M. today. Roll call showed that seven of the 38 members in town were absent. Miss Parker was elected enrolling clerk and the house went into executive session. It is understood warrants for the arrest of absent members of both houses to constitute a quorum will be issued.

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BURIAL OF LAWTON

The Gallant Soldier Laid at Rest With Fitting Honors.

A NATION'S TRIBUTE TO A HERO

The President, His Advisors and Many Officers of High Rank Attended the Funeral.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Major-General Henry W. Lawton was buried today in the national cemetery, at Arlington. It was a nation's tribute to a national hero, and the sorrow of a whole people was expressed when America added the chapter of cypress to the brow that so long had worn the laurel wreath.

The burial service beneath the leafless trees at Arlington was presided by services in the Church of the Covenant, on Connecticut avenue, at which every department of the army and navy within reach of Washington, Lawton's old comrades of the line and staff, the diplomatic corps in all its brilliancy of uniform and decoration, and as many citizens of all degrees were fortunate enough to find standing room within the walls, were present.

But the crowd within was insignificant compared with the thousands who braved the lowering winter day for a glimpse of the flag-draped caisson, with its military escort, as it passed through the streets. Hundreds more made the toilsome pilgrimage to the cemetery, and the vast crowds pronounced above the open grave, where president, cabinet and general commanding the army stood with bowed heads until the last volley had been fired and the burial service was over.

It was the homecoming of a hero. For several weeks, ever since the news from San Mateo had been flashed around the width of the world, the country had waited to pay its tribute to a national hero. Lawton, to the great bulk of Americans, had been the incarnation of the American soldier. He had made his mark in the civil war, from the Mississippi to the sea, and in the intervention, where peace it was he who had beaten, at its own game, Geronimo, the greatest master of desert craft and mountain fighting that the West and the world have seen, in the new problems of a tropical war, he proved the most daring and resourceful of all the generals in the field.

It was in tribute to these qualities that the Lawton fund had in a few weeks been swelled past all the expectations of its originators, for America knew that Lawton, being a soldier first and only, had left to those who loved him no heritage save his sword and a spotless name. For a day and night the body of the soldier lay in state in the Church of the Covenant. So it lay this morning, when the Boers were opened, troops from his old command, with sabers drawn, keeping vigil at the head and foot.

Beneath the soft lights of the altar rose a tropical jungle of palms, and higher than the flag-draped coffin rose banners of flowers, tributes from every quarter of the land. At his head hung in dim light the battle-flag from San Mateo, still on its bamboo staff, and supported by one of the men who was near him when he fell. From the ceiling hung the red-corded flag of the Eighth corps, under which he had won perpetual fame in two island wars. About, as the shrill pipes of the organ trembled with the organ's strains, stood grouped his superiors and his brother officers, with whom and for whom his life work had been done. Close to the coffin sat President McKinley, and on his right the secretary of state, with them were the secretary of war, the attorney-general, the secretary of the navy, the postmaster-general, the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of the interior and the secretary of agriculture. Close by were Mrs. Lawton, Little Manley and the others of the family, and to the left General Miles, General Merritt, General Brooke, General Shafter and other officers, all in uniform and all Lawton's comrades, who in one time or another had camped and fought with him. In the body of the church sat the members of the military, clerical, assistant secretaries and heads of bureaus, the military committees of the house and senate, diplomats, the Orientals in their flowing robes of various color, and the officers of the independent decorations, among them the Spanish minister. There were delegations from the Royal Legion, the G. A. R. and other patriotic societies.

Chaplain Pierce, of Lawton's old command, read the Presbyterian burial service, the epistle to the Corinthians, and a psalm of comfort seem freshly pruned for each occasion of bereavement. Then President Stryker, of Hamilton college, New York, rose to deliver the oration. He had been selected unofficially by the secretaries and war, who knew his fitness for the task. The choice was amply justified. Seldom has any ceremony called forth a tribute more scholarly and eloquent, more simple and direct, and more appropriate and fitting to the occasion.

A dozen troopers, as the doctor closed, lifted the flower-laden coffin and bore it to the door, where 300 soldiers in honor the soldier in his last march to his final resting place on the Virginia hillside, beyond the Potomac.

ESCAPE OF AGUINALDO

Rebel Leader May Be in Europe at This Time.

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