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## BRITISHAGAINDEFEATED

British Sortie Defeated and Troops forced to Retire.

Boers on both Flanks of Bullers advanced lines and his Troops Withdraw Across the River.

"A force of the enemy are on both of cellent practice.

HEAD LANGER, Ludysmith, Feb. 7 .-An armored train yesterday made a sor-2000 British troops on the right of the confirmation of the report. Boer Position. The Boers immediately

lasted until 8:30 o'cleck Tuesday even- are without them. ing. Particulars are lacking. Firing at Colenso and along the Upper Tugela has been proceeding since 5 o'clock this

Bosrs yesterday made a determined at- said that in addition to the 180,000 troops tempt to drive the British from a hill in South Africa, recently mentioned in commanding the drift. Mounting two his speech, the government had decided seven-pounders at the northern extremi- to send 17 more battations of militiz and ty, they shelled the position intermit- 3000 yeomanry, making a total for the tentiv the whole day. The Seatorth militia of over 20,000 and for the yea-Highisnders gained a position on the manry 8000. The total in South Africa, that the archivelage is now considered her children, Audrey and Raiston, came rocky snumit and kept up a sastained he added, would then be 154,000 effect- domestic territory. After the suppressions from Roseburg Sanday, and are rifle fire, but suffered somewhat from iyes, exclusive of sick and wounded. the Boers' shelling. A battery was sent and succeeded in silencing the Boer fire. Meanwhile two companies of the Argell Highlanders, advancing along the plain

General MacDonald now only required sufficient troops in order to complete. Boers were injured. Is surround the Boers. General Babingston was dispatched from Modder river witt a large force of cavalry and two morse batteries, but failed to reach here, able authority that Buller's dispatch, ansithough he started early enough in the nouncing Monday's and Tuesday's moveday to enable him to get here early this ments, was particularly hopeful. He deetill remain in the old position. Gener- so the news of another retirement is exal Methuen ordered a retirement to the ceedingly bitter to the British and, The British losses were 50.

8.-The British who were in possession although the long silence from the Upper of the kopje at Moles drift abandoned it Tugela had already aroused the appreafter a manhardment of Borr cannon hension that Builer might have found it cal climate, under severe strain. It is in vacated by merchant to E. Hasard, this morning, and retired across the Yu- impossible to go forward, in which case said that General Cis' wishes will be recorded by Merghant J. A. gela river to their former position. A he would have no option but to cross the spected as soon as made known official- Black, when work is completed. Mr. desultory cannonade is proceeding at the river. Tugels this morning, but otherwise everything is quiet.

LONDON, Feb. 0 .- 6:40 p. m.-Up to the present time, the war office has evi- Succumbed to Disease Contracted in dently heard nothing of Buller's retreat, as described in the dispatch from Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, February 8. When shown the Boer dispatch, the officials appeared utterly dumfounded. Gregory, a member of Company E, Sec-Apparently they had not the least sus. and Oregon volunteers, died at his fathcome to the operations.

\*Sondanese troots at Khartoum has as- ment, on the 9th of August last. sumed serious proportions and is caus-

Buller devoted Wednesday to bringing Spanish-American war veterans. more artillery and troops across the Tugels, nothing is known of his movements but that he badly needed reinforcements is evident from the telegram from Frere. It is still more patent that it is impossible for him to advance until the artillery has been enabled to take up forward pcsitions for the purpose of subduing the Boers gans on both flanks. On the tion depends the duration of Buller's from the station, when he wrenched the maintenance of defence. It is reasonforcements were in position yesterday that the important advance is now part that the important advance is now part that the important advance is now off a couple of weeks with his injury.— of Company C, Second Oregon voluntially advance is now off a couple of weeks with his injury.— of Company C, Second Oregon voluntially advance is now off a couple of weeks with his injury.— of Company C, Second Oregon voluntially and Master Guards, Joe Tidines. ment preliminary to the actual move- Tidings.

In the meanwhile, news is awaited OTIS with great eagerness, not unmixed with anxiety. Almost all critics point out that the mere pushing through to Ladytory on the way there, would only add danger to what already is a critical situ-

Another Frere camp dispatch says a GREAT ANXIETY FELT IN LONDON Boar prisoner asserts that the burghers expected Buller to cross at Skiot drift, ASKS A LEAVE OF and thousands of Boera were being posted at Doorn Klool to oppose such a passage, while on the captured Lill there Desires to Come Home and Recuperwere only a few hundred Johannesburg

This tends to increase the auxiety of those who believe that Buller has scarcely begun the serious part of his advance. London, Feb. 9 .- 2:35 p. m .- There is though encouragement in gleaned from still no news of Buller's doings today or the news that the heavy naval guns, yesterday. A dispatch dated Frere after repeated attempts, during which Camp, February 9, but probably written the mules rolled down the hill, have sucwith the advanced lines of Wednesday, ceeded in reaching the summi of and sent to Frere by runner says:

Swartzkop, whence they are doing ex-

our flanks, and continue to render our General MacDonald's retirement from position extremely difficult to main- Koodsdorp has created disappointment, but the operation was apparently only intended as a sortie.

The rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved is again current today, but the (ie from Cheveley to Colenso and landed war office authorities say they have no

It was said today that one of the first crossed over and made an attack with steps to increase the home army would rifles and as tillery, forcing the withdraw- be the raising of 37 new horse and field al of both the train and troops to Chev- batteries, with barracks on Salisbury Fighting on the Upper Tugela river numerous regiments which at present

### England's Great Force.

London, Feb. 9 .- Speaking in the house of commons, George Wyndham, Kondosses Delet, Feb. 8, The parliamentary secretary of the war office, the policy of the administration. Mem-

### Plumer Defeated.

followed, lasting the whole fighting, including an endeavor to take will be to all intents and purposes the much success the place by storm, the British were re- governor, although he will not have that pulsed. Their loss is unknown. No fitle.

## Buller's Third Defeat.

Loxgox, Feb. 9 .- It is stated on relievening. This morning the infantry scribed the position gained as effective, Modder river, which is now proceeding. though it comes from Boer sources, there

is little disposition to disregard it. The news spread rapidly and naturally Born Hean Langer, Ladyemith, Feb. dissappointment was visible on all sides, desire to obtain a leave of absence to Carpenters have been busy all the

## OREGON SOLDIER DEAD.

the Philippine Service.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 8.-John Milton London, Feb. 9,-A special dispatch fined to his home almost continuously of the deceased soldier's company took At a late hour the guests departed.

Deceased wos 35 years of age. He was born in Moniteau county, Missouri-The funeral will take place under the LONDON, Feb. 9.—Beyond the fact that anspices of General Wheaton post, of

## Accident to an S. P. Tramman

B. F. Dodge, a brakeman of Conductor breaking his digit. He came on to Ash-

## RETURN

smith, without securing a decisive vic- He Will Be Succeeded By General MacArthur

ate From Two Years Labors.

New York, Feb. 8 -A special to the Oakland last week. Herald from Washington says:

from duty as governor-general of the Philippines and commander of the de- Roseburg a few days the latter part of partment of the Pacific Immediately aft- last week. er the arrival of the new Philippine turn to the United States. This action M. E. church Sunday evening. will be in compliance with the wishes of

late in April or early in May, without land. Major-General MacArthur, who will be Saturday. subordinate to the new commission | Miss Lillie Levies came up from Elkment. Granting of such extensive main indefinitely authority to the new commission and its partment, marks important departures in calla, were passengers on Tucsday's exassignment to duty under the war de-

bers of the Scharman commission have

in their work by the necessity of subor- down from Comstock Saturday, and are dinating their action to the military, guests of relatives and friends in this The decision to place the Taft commis- city, returning home yesterday. sion of organized resistance on the part guests of relatives and friends in this of the natives, the archipelago will be di- city.

The affairs of each military departsioner, who will be, in everything but will make their future home. name, governor of the territory compaised in that district.

## A Leave of Absence.

Washington, Peb. 8.—Secretary Boot her little niece, Calicia Kenny. sonal letter from the officer, signifying a the Republican League meeting. for several months at least.

## Buried With Military Honors.

nome with them. Blew's crew, met with quite a serious se- the funeral partake of a military charace L. C., Diana Moore; L. C., Emma Kent cident, Tuesday morning, at Grants Pass. ter, the arrangements were placed in chaplain, Mary ilolyfield; M. at A. He was jumping on the platform of the charge of the Volunteer Association of Rosa Hancock; sorgeant, Dora McCalrear Pullman car, as the train pulled out Lane County. Company C, Third Regi- lister; sentinel, Lulu Hedden; picket, lrud where the fracture was set by Dr. J. lected from the volunteers, accompanied chaplain, Jas. Cowan; ment, all dressed in their khaki uniforms A. W. Hart. followed the hearse and the family, Quite's number of the members of the G. A. R. occupied a place in the procession and accompanied it to the cometery,

## Looking Glass.

Most of our farmers are busily engaged Miss Annie Bushnall of Ten Mile

visiting friends here this week. after business here not long sines.

Wm Johnson, one of Reston's energetic farmers, was here this week. Miss Laurel Inman of Flournoy Valley was visiting friends here fast week.

About thirty of our young people gave Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Buell a surprise party Saturday evening. They report having had a very pleasant time.

A Mr. Williams and family late trom the east have moved into our valley and occupy the house vacated by C. J. Denning. Mr. Williams seems quite taken with our country, but says he would prefer it not so much mixed with water as at present.

WATCHMAN.

## Drain Items.

(Watchman)

W. H. Gray, of Comstock, was in the sity Tuesday. Chas. Mulkey was in town from E-k. ion, Saturday.

Gus Ambrore of Yoncalls, was in the city yesterday. Uncle John Andrews, of Comstock,

was seen on our streets Monday. Miss Minnie Wilson, of Youcalla, is visiting in this city this week. Al Kent returned from Coos county

Friday where he has been buying up Mrs. Joe Lyons, accompanied by ber daughter, Dame, spent a few days in

Atts. A. M. Crawford, of Roseburg, Major-Gederal Otie will be detached made Drain a business visit Saturday. Mrs. Allie Young was a visitor in

Elder Ford preached a very interestcommission, and will be ordered to re-

Genneral Otis, who diss informed the Mrs. E. Rhodes, of Saginaw, came war department that he is in need of a down to this city yesterday to attend the installation of the Maccabees.

The president believes General Otis Miss Far Buchanan, who has been in can be relieved after the arrival of the attendance at the Normal the past wincommission at Manila, which will occur ter, left on Saturday's express for Port-

detriment to the interests of the govern- C. H. Jones, who has been a guest of ment. He will be succeeded by the his daughter, the Watchman editor, replain, and the addition of batteries to the senior officer of the islands, probably turned to his home in Cottage Grove,

> which will possess plenary powers and took Sunday evening's will be responsible to the war depart- local for Roseburg, where she will re-Mrs. H. D. Yett and children, ci You-

complained that they were handicapped

sion under the war department means. Mrs. J. T. Bridges, accompanied by

vided into four grand military depart- Miss Pearl Bort left on Monday PRETORIA, Feb. 5.-Co'onel Plumer's ments. Judge Taft, as chairman of the highe's overland for Exstern O'egon, in a westerly direction, found the Boers force, on February 2, attacked the Boer commission, will remain in Manila, the where she will teach a seven month's entrenched at a small drift. A sharp continue and, after heavy supreme Lend of the archipelago, and school. Her many triends wish her

John Haines and family came over from Elkton Thursday, and left on the overland Thursday night tor Eastern ment will be administered by a commis- Oregon, where, we understand, they

Miss Lalu McCallister went to Roscburg on yesterday's express, to remain a few weeks, a guest of her sister, Mrs. F. L. Kenny. She was accompanied by

stated today that the war department has Fred Mires has accepted a school at never considered the subject of relieving Fossil, Oregon, and left on Monday General Otis at Manila. The foundation night's overland for that place, stopping of the report to the contrary was a per- in Portland Tuesday, where he attended

come home and recuperate from the de- week remodelling and refitting the fixly, but that he will not etart homeward Black will conduct an up-to-date dry goods emporium and keep goods that will please the most fastidious people.

The Misses Hefty very delightfully entertained a number of their young friends The remains of Wistar Hawthorne a last Saturday evening. The occasion member of Company C. Second Oregon was in honor of Miss Bessie Johnson, of volunteers, arrived in Eugene Sunday on Lorane, who is visiting in this city. the morning overland and were met at Games of amusements were heartily in the depot by a large number of his com- dulged in greatly adding to the pleasure picion of the possibility of such an out- er's home in this city today of illness rades and friends. The casket was at of these present. At a seasonable hour pines April 3, 1830. He has been con- and a guard of honor from the members course, was the most pleasing feature.

\*irom Cairo eays: The mutiny of the since his return with the Oregon region charge of it until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The flag which Wistar hoisted on most social events of the season. A his home flagstaff before leaving for the joint installation was given by the Sir Philippines was draped over the casket. Knights and Lady Maccabees, of this A number of beautiful floral pieces were place, which was attended by a large brought in during the day and placed crowd of invited guests. After the inaround the casket, among them being a stallation some time was spent in partakwreath of artificial flowers which were ing of the refreshments, after which the placed on the casket during the funeral remaining part of the even ng w s spent services at Manila, and which had been in social converse. All expressed thempreserved by the volunteers and brought selves as having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season. The It being the wish of the family that | L. O. T. M. officers were as follows: P.

ment, O. N. G., acting as escort, led the Margaret Hedden. Sir Knights were as little finger on his right hand on the grip, procession, and were followed by a firing thodes; Lt. C., R. W. Hedden; R. K., squad of volunteers. The pallhearers re- Wm Sneed; F. K., R. F. Richards; S. Paason. The young man will de laid the hearse. A large number of members Wade; sargeant, R. H. Hedden; Masterteers, and other members of the regi- Brookbart; picket, Bud Cellers; sentinel.

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