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BRITISH AGAIN DEFEATED

British Sortie Defeated and Troops Forced to Retire.

GREAT ANXIETY FELT IN LONDON

Boers on both Flanks of Buller's advanced lines and his Troops Withdraw Across the River.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—3:35 p. m.—There is still no news of Buller's doings today or yesterday. A dispatch dated from Cape, February 9, but probably written with the advanced lines of Wednesday, and sent to Erere by runner says: "A force of the enemy are on both of our flanks, and continue to render our position extremely difficult to maintain."

HEAD LAAGER, Ladysmith, Feb. 7.—An armored train yesterday made a sortie from Cheley to Colenso and landed 2000 British troops on the right of the Boer position. The Boers immediately crossed over and made an attack with rifles and a battery, forcing the withdrawal of both the train and troops to Cheley.

Fighting on the Upper Tugela river lasted until 5:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. Particulars are lacking. Firing at Colenso and along the Upper Tugela has been proceeding since 5 o'clock this morning.

KOOBOOSBOS DRIFT, Feb. 8.—The Boers yesterday made a determined attempt to drive the British from a hill commanding the drift. Mounting two seven-pounders at the northern extremity, they shelled the position intermittently the whole day. The South African Highlanders gained a position on the rocky summit and kept up a sustained rifle fire, but suffered somewhat from the Boers' shelling. A battery was sent and succeeded in silencing the Boer fire. Meanwhile two companies of the Argyl Highlanders, advancing along the plain in a westerly direction, found the Boers entrenched at a small drift. A sharp engagement followed, lasting the whole day.

General Macdonald now only required sufficient troops in order to completely surround the Boers. General Buller was dispatched from Modder river with a large force of cavalry and two horse batteries, but failed to reach before, although he started early enough in the day to enable him to get there early this evening. This morning the infantry still remain in the old position. General Methuen ordered a retirement to the Modder river, which is now proceeding. The British losses were 50.

BOER HEAD LAAGER, Ladysmith, Feb. 8.—The British who were in possession of the kopje at Moles drift abandoned it after a bombardment of five cannon this morning, and retired across the Tugela river to their former position. A desultory campaign is proceeding at the Tugela this morning, but otherwise everything is quiet.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—6:40 p. m.—Up to the present time, the war office has evidently 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. Apparently they had not the least suspicion of the possibility of such an outcome to the operations.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A special dispatch from Cairo says: The mutiny of the "Soudanese" troops at Khartoum has assumed serious proportions and is causing great anxiety.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Beyond the fact that Buller devoted Wednesday to bringing more artillery and troops across the Tugela, nothing is known of his movements but that he badly needed reinforcements is evident from the telegram from Erere. It is still more patent that it is impossible for him to advance until the artillery has been enabled to take up forward positions for the purpose of silencing the Boer guns on both banks. On the length of time occupied on this operation depends the duration of Buller's maintenance of defense. It is reasonable to suppose that the guns and reinforcements were in position yesterday and that the important advance is now progressing or at least that the bombardment preliminary to the actual move-

OTIS WILL RETURN

He Will Be Succeeded by General MacArthur

ASKS A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Desires to Come Home and Recuperate from Two Years' Labors.

New York, Feb. 8.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Major-General Otis will be detached from duty as governor-general of the Philippines and commander of the department of the Pacific immediately after the arrival of the new Philippine commission, and will be ordered to return to the United States. This action will be in compliance with the wishes of General Otis, who has informed the war department that he is in need of a respite.

The president believes General Otis can be relieved after the arrival of the commission at Manila, which will occur late in April or early in May, without detriment to the interests of the government. He will be succeeded by the senior officer of the island, probably Major-General MacArthur, who will be subordinate to the new commission which will possess plenary powers and will be responsible to the war department. Granting of such extensive authority to the new commission and its assignment to duty under the war department, marks important departures in the policy of the administration. Members of the Schurman commission have complained that they were handicapped in their work by the necessity of subordinating their action to the military.

The decision to place the East commission under the war department means that the archipelago is now considered domestic territory. After the suppression of organized resistance on the part of the natives, the archipelago will be divided into four grand military departments. Judge Taft, as chairman of the commission, will remain in Manila, the senior lead of the archipelago, and will be to all intents and purposes the governor, although he will not have that title. The affairs of each military department will be administered by a commissioner, who will be, in everything but name, governor of the territory comprised in that district.

A Leave of Absence. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Secretary Root stated today that the war department has never considered the subject of relieving General Otis at Manila. The foundation of the report to the contrary was a personal letter from the officer, signifying a desire to obtain a leave of absence to come home and recuperate from the debilitating effects of two years in a tropical climate under severe strain. It is said that general Otis' wishes will be respected as soon as made known officially, but that he will not start homeward for several months at least.

Buried With Military Honors. The remains of Wistar Hawthorne, a member of Company C, Second Oregon volunteers, arrived in Eugene Sunday on the morning overland and were met at the depot by a large number of his comrades and friends. The casket was at once taken to the National Guard armory and a guard of honor from the members of the deceased soldier's company took charge of it until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The flag which Wistar hoisted on his home flagpole before leaving for the Philippines was draped over the casket. A number of beautiful floral pieces were brought in during the day and placed around the casket during the funeral services at Manila, and which had been prepared by the volunteers and brought home with them.

It being the wish of the family that the funeral partake of a military character, the arrangements were placed in charge of the Volunteer Association of Lane County. Company C, Third Regiment, O. N. G., acting as escort, led the procession, and were followed by a firing squad of volunteers. The pallbearers selected from the volunteers, accompanied the hearse. A large number of members of Company C, Second Oregon volunteers, all dressed in their khaki uniforms followed the hearse and the family. (Quite a number of the members of the G. A. R. occupied a place in the procession and accompanied it to the cemetery.

Accident to an S. P. Trainman. B. F. Dodge, a brakeman of Conductor Blew's crew, met with quite a serious accident, Tuesday morning, at Grants Pass. He was jumping on the platform of the rear Pullman car, as the train pulled out from the station, when he wrenched the little finger on his right hand on the grip, breaking his digit. He came on to Ashland where the fracture was set by Dr. J. S. Pason. The young man will be laid off a couple of weeks with his injury.—Tidings.

ASHLAND, O., Feb. 8.—John Milton Gregory, a member of Company B, Second Oregon volunteers, died at his father's home in this city today of illness contracted while on duty in the Philippines April 3, 1899. He has been confined to his home almost continuously since his return with the Oregon regiment, on the 9th of August last. Deceased was 35 years of age. He was born in Mountain county, Missouri. The funeral will take place under the auspices of General Wheaton post, of Spanish-American war veterans.

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