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THE BRITISH AGAIN FOILED

Another Fatal Frontal Attack Tried at Mafeking.

THEIR LOSS WAS HEAVY

Desperate Valor of Officers and Men in the Face of the Usually Accurate Boer Fire.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—4:45 a. m.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Mafeking, dated Dec. 28: "At dawn today Colonel Baden-Powell organized an unsuccessful attack upon a strong position of the enemy at Gametree, two miles from Mafeking, from which the Boers have been maintaining a desultory, but annoying shell and rifle fire for several weeks. The railway has recently been reconstructed between town and Gametree where the Boers had destroyed it. The final repairs being made in preparation for the sortie. "During the night an armored train with Maxim and Hotchkiss guns, under Captain Williams and his troops, took up positions for an attack from two sides. Captain Lord Charles Buntinck and a squadron were in readiness on the left, while the extreme left wing was occupied by artillery and a galloping Maxim of the Cape police. "Emplacements were thrown up during the night, the orders being to attack at dawn and the artillery fire to desist upon prolonged tooting from the armored train. At daybreak the guns opened fire and rapidly drew a reply from the enemy, our shells bursting within effective range. Captain Vernon gave the signal to cease firing and to advance, his squadron leading off. "As our men engaged the position with rifle fire, it was soon found that the strength of the fort was greater than we had supposed. The enemy concentrated such an exceedingly hot fire that the advance of Captain Vernon was almost impossible, but with remarkable modern and gallantry Captains Stanford and Vernon, Lieutenant Patton and Scout Cooke, who guided the squadrons, and a few men actually reached the sand bags of the fort within 300 yards of the area of the fort. "But nothing living could exist there, since the ground was swept by Mauser and Martini bullets. The men who charged through this zone of fire suffered terribly and in following their officers to capture the fort 25 men lost their lives. Captain Sanford was the first to fall and Captain Vernon, already twice wounded, and Lieutenant Patton were killed at the foot of the fort. These two officers, climbing the ditch which surrounded the fort, thrust their revolvers through the enemy's loopholes only to be shot themselves the next moment. "Gametree is surrounded with a scrub which contained many sharpshooters and their accuracy of fire still further confused the men who had followed Captain Vernon and who saw him and his brother officers killed. Being without commanders, they were driven off at one point but they endeavored to scale the fort at others. They found the position of the Boers however, almost impregnable. "When we retired under cover of the armored train so many men had been wounded that a suspension of hostilities occurred under the auspices of the red cross. The veil around the Boer position was at once dotted with the flags of mercy and it was seen that our wounded were scattered within but a short radius of the fort. We had almost completely surrounded it; and had it not been so extraordinarily well protected, we should have been in possession. "I went with an ambulance to Gametree. The fort itself is circular with wire interior and a narrow frontage between six and seven feet high pierced with triple tiers of loopholes and surrounded by a ditch."

ATTACK BY THE BOERS.

The Burgers Maintain Their Position at Colonsburg.

RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 4.—(Evening)—Colonsburg has not yet been occupied. The Boers unexpectedly attacked the British left at daybreak this morning, but were repulsed. They occupied the hills to the north of the town, but were eventually driven out of their position after an hour's shelling by our guns. They still hold, however, the hills immediately surrounding the town, preventing the British from advancing along the railway.

The British loss in today's engagements was light, while the Boers are reported to have lost 100, including 20 prisoners who were taken by mounted infantry about midday. Boer attackers numbered a thousand men. The Infantry dragoons cut their way through the Boers, who were forced to retreat by the heavy artillery and musketry fire.

SORTIE FROM MAFEKING

An Unsuccessful Effort to Storm the Boer Works.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Mafeking dispatch just received, but dated December 28, confirms reports of the British sortie from that place, which was first announced from Pretoria, December 20. The Mafeking dispatch says: "There was a sortie today with a view of capturing the Boer earthworks, but it was unsuccessful. The works were crowded with Boers awaiting assault, and a hail of bullets forced the British to retire, killing and wounding a number. The British storming party numbered 80 men, of which number 21 were killed and 33 wounded."

ZULUS RESTLESS.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Jan. 4.—The restlessness of the Zulus is increasing. Many of them are on the verge of starvation, and there have been several instances of the looting of stores. It is feared the magistrates will not be able to restrain the warriors much longer. It is asserted they are anxious to attack the Boers.

TOOK ANOTHER ISLAND.

Uncle Sam Acted on the Advice of His Jolo Sultan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The United States navy has taken possession of another island in the east. The news of the seizure was contained in the following dispatch: "Cavite, Jan. 5.—On December 21, Wentzbaugh, commanding the Albay (a little gunboat) hoisted the flag on Situta Island and Chief Date provided and raised the pole. The natives and North Borneo authorities are pleased. "Watson." The island lies at the southwestern angle of the boundary line of a quadrangle enclosing the Philippine group. It is probably outside of the line and lies very near the coast of Borneo, commanding the principal channel, but is not one of the islands of the Philippines. The Sultan of Jolo, whose group is close to his island, is believed to claim jurisdiction over it and it was probably at his instance that the naval officer commanding the gunboat moved.

NOT A MEDICAL SCIENCE.

Osteopathy May be Practiced Without a License in Washington.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 5.—In answer to a request from Dr. W. Grant Tucker, secretary of the state board of health, Assistant Attorney General Vance has handed down an opinion to the effect that any person can practice osteopathy in this state without holding a medical certificate, provided such practitioner does not affix M. D. to his name and does not prescribe drugs or medicines. Vance holds that osteopathy is nothing but a sort of massage treatment.

STOPPED BY POLICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The fight between Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia, and Al Nali of this city, was stopped by the police in the 15 round tonight. Referee declared it a draw.

THE PURPOSE IS INFLEXIBLE

British Determined to Break Up the Contraband Traffic.

STRICT ADMIRALTY ORDERS

The Seizure of Forbidden Cargoes Will Go On Regardless of Threatened Continental Complications.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—4:50 a. m.—No decisive action is reported from South Africa this morning, the military activity being confined to points of subsidiary importance. In the central theatre of operations, the British apparently have secured no substantial gains. The only dispatch of dramatic interest is the narrative of the useless gallantry at the sortie from Mafeking, where the stormers threw themselves hopelessly against the strongly defended Boer work. The question of contraband seizures takes almost a paramount place in the thoughts of the public, the vague possibility that they may be made a pretext for continental intervention disturbing official and private observers. The government's unyielding purpose to enforce strictly the rights of search has been set forth in the detailed instructions despatched by the admiralty to the British naval commanders in South Africa waters, giving them weighty warnings, without exception, to uphold the government measures for the suppression of the importation of contraband by way of Delagoa bay.

THE RED CROSS GUISE.

Boers Using Their Handy Instruments to Get Recruits at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Recruiting for the Boer Red-Cross service goes on daily in New York. Gustav Simon, who is directing the movement and whose headquarters are a cigar stand in a saloon at Mulberry and Houston streets, said that when he advertised for nurses a week ago to enter the Boer service he received about 500 applications in one day and that applications were coming in on an average of 50 a day. Altogether about a 1000 men and women, the majority of them men, he said, had gone from New York recently to South Africa. A number came from other states. Mr. Simon said that all who went were willing to go for Red Cross work and about 75 had paid their own expenses. They receive the special rate given to the Red Cross and would be able to reach Pretoria at an expense of \$100 apiece. It was stated by Mr. Simon that he now had about 900 applications in hand and that as soon as the references of an applicant had been investigated arrangements were made to raise the amount necessary to pay transportation expenses. Among the applicants, he said, were a number of specially trained nurses who were well recommended and about 500 men, recently selected, would go to South Africa in the next three weeks. Some of the money for transportation expenses, he explained, had been raised among wealthy men in New York, a number of whom were members of the South African-American Club, which has branches in South Africa and New York and which has contributed needed transportation money which could not be raised by subscription among New Yorkers. Mr. Simon added that as the number of applications now average 50 a day, he should not advertise again at present, but probably would in about three weeks. He remarked that he did not wish to violate the neutrality laws and he did not desire to say anything recruits joining the Boer military service, as he had nothing to do with that.

THE BANK CLEARINGS.

Boston Went Ahead of Chicago in the Last Year.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Bradstreet's review of the bank clearings for 1899 shows that the total of the United States was \$93,504,932,656, an increase of \$25,004,596,426 over the total of 1898. New York ranks first of the cities with a total for the year of \$40,761,791,900. Boston is second with \$7,058,285,271 and Chicago is third, with \$6,612,313,611. The clearings for '99 were more than double those of '94. Boston in 1899, moved ahead of Chicago.

THE GOBELITES CONTROL.

High-handed Proceedings in the Kentucky Legislature.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 5.—The house today adopted a resolution denouncing its false charges made by

GILMORE IS AGAIN FREE

Entire Success of the American Operations in North Luzon.

OUR PRISONERS RESCUED

Otis Reports That Seventeen Americans Were Released and All of Gilmore's Party Among Them.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—After a absence of several days General Otis is able to notify the war department of the complete success of military operations in Northwest Luzon, the main object of which was the rescue of the American prisoners whom the insurgents took with them in their flight. The department officials believe that 17 prisoners were rescued. Although General Otis does not specify Lieutenant Gilmore, U. S. N., by name, the wording of his message is taken to mean that that officer is among the list of rescued prisoners. General Otis' message is as follows: "Manila.—Colonels Hare and Howe have just arrived at Vigan, Northwest Luzon, with all the American prisoners. Their successful pursuit was a remarkable achievement. Schwan and Wheaton are now with separate columns in Cavite province. Affairs in Luzon, north of Manila, have greatly improved. OTIS." Besides Gilmore, the men captured were as follows: Samuel Jones Tilden Herbert, ordinary seaman, Baltimore; Arthur Wm. Drummond, machinist, Bothell, Canada; Thos. Gray, fireman, Buffalo; Sam'l Stone, seaman, Fall River, Mass. Of the Yorktown, John Dillon, landsman, Ireland; Chas Albert Morrissey, landsman, Columbus, Neb.; Osa B. McDonald, ordinary seaman, Carmel Valley, Cal.; Edward J. Nygard, gunner's mate, Warsaw, Russia.

THEIR SPHERE DEFINED.

Legislation and Judicial Officers Must Not Exercise Executive Functions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today took favorable action upon Senator Chandler's resolution prohibiting the appointment of senators or representatives and United States judges to perform executive functions. The resolution provides that none of these officials shall represent the president or an executive department in any diplomatic or consular capacity or act in any way as the representative of an executive officer.

THE FAILURES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Dun & Company's weekly review tomorrow will say. The failures in 1899 were 9,393 in number, with liabilities of \$123,152,679. The failures for the week has been 273 in the United States against 248 last year, and 19 in Canada against 24 last year.

HE GOT A VERDICT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Edward Wunch, Linotype machinist, formerly employed in the composing room of the Evening News, who brought suit several months ago against David Shankland, as president of the typographical union No. 9, of this city, to recover damages for an alleged conspiracy in forcing him out of his position because he refused to take out a card in the typographical union, got a verdict of \$650 in the supreme court today.

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HAASWELL AS WELL AS OTHER REPUBLICAN MEMBERS CHARGING CHIEF CLERK LEIGH WITH MANIPULATING BALLOTS IN DRAWING FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR.

Grider (democrat) voted with the republicans, saying he had entire confidence in the clerk, but was unwilling to vote to denounce as false a statement of any member except upon full investigation. The senate by vote of 22 to 15 took out of the hands of the republican lieutenant governor the appointment of the standing committee and adopted a list of committees prepared by the democratic steering committee. Three anti-Goebel democrats voted with the republicans.

GREASERS RUN AMUCK.

Party of Texans at a Hanging are Attacked by the Victims.

DENVER, Jan. 5.—A special to the News from El Paso, Texas, says: Geronimo Parra and Antonio Flores who were executed here today for murder made a desperate effort to kill some of the officers or spectators this afternoon when their cell door was unlocked. Both prisoners dashed out and subbed right and left among the crowd with dirks of coarse steel wire. A desperate struggle followed. The prisoners were finally overcome and taken to the gallows. Ranger Ed Bryant was wounded in the stomach by a dagger thrust.

ADVERSE TO QUAY.

Committee Will Report Against Seating the Appointed Senator.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today decided by a vote of 4 to 3 to make an adverse report upon the resolution to seat Senator Quay. Members of the committee voting for the resolutions were Senators Chandler, Hoar, and McComas, and those opposing, Senators Burrows, Caffery, Pettus and Harris. Senators Turley and Pritchard were paired, the latter for and the former against the resolution.

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED.

Great Western Line Mail Liner Gota Down off Guernsey Coast.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The great Western Line mail steamer Ibez struck on the black rock of St. Sampsons, off the island of Guernsey, at 6 o'clock this morning and sank. The crash awoke the passengers, numbering 32, who, rushing on deck, found the vessel slowly sinking. The boats were launched within 10 minutes after the steamer struck. All the passengers were saved, but one sailor was drowned.