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HISTORY PAUSES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Future Movements Now Rest On Lord Roberts's Command.

WHICH WAY WILL HE GO?

Will Ladysmith Be Given Up and the Free States Invaded? Now the Rub of Public Comment.

LONDON, Jan. 29, 4:30 p. m.—History pauses for a time in South Africa. It is one of those unsatisfactory pauses that are nearly as trying to British nerves as the sequence of reverses and apparently it will terminate only when Roberts gives the word for a forward movement into the Free State, which, according to the most cheerful view, he will be unable to do for a fortnight.

Whether he will permit General Buller to make another attempt to relieve Ladysmith is quite outside the knowledge even of those closely connected with the war office. With the troops due to arrive next month he may think himself strong enough to try two large operations. Combining forces under Generals Methuen, French and Gatacre, and adding to them the arriving troops, Lord Roberts would have 70,000 men for the invasion of the Free State, with 40,000 to 50,000 guarding communications and 40,000 trying to rescue Ladysmith.

The public burns with impatience that something should be done, but there is nothing to do but wait on preparations. Oceans of ink are poured out in advice. Orators are at work in the provinces telling the people that England has set her teeth in grim determination to see it through.

The government's declaration in parliament, the counter declarations of those outside the government, and the consequent discussion in the press and on the platform will immediately enthral the public interest. The thing on which everybody seems agreed is that more men must go.

Twenty thousand, two hundred and twenty-two men and 135 guns are at sea. Eleven thousand infantry and 9,000 cavalry, including 5,000 yeomen, are practically ready to embark. Therefore, the government, without doing more can place at the disposal of Lord Roberts 40,000 additional men and 135 guns.

The further purposes of the war office officials are supposed to embrace somewhere in the neighborhood of 50,000 men. As the indication is that candidates will be rather scarce, the war office will issue orders for those reserves who were found unfit at the previous mobilization examinations to report for further examination. Applicants for cavalry service are still freely offering as yeomen. General Buller's operations have cost 912 men so far officially reported within the last ten days.

Applying to the 206 Spionkop casualties reported today the rule of proportion, the losses of the officers indicated in the 500 casualties are yet to come. The total casualties of the war compiled from the official reports, are 9,323, nearly a division. Of these 2,486 are killed, 4,811 wounded and the rest are prisoners.

The aggregate British home troops in South Africa number 116,000, the Natalian 7,168 and the Cape Colonial 21,000.

ROBERTS' ADVICE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A special cablegram from London to the Evening World says: "It is learned from a reliable source that Lord Roberts has advised the abandonment of Ladysmith. At the war office, the dispatch adds, no confirmation could be obtained of the advice said to have been given by Lord Roberts."

A RUMOR DENIED.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The war office denies the report that Ladysmith had surrendered, and announces that a very heavy list of casualties will be issued tonight.

THE SPIONKOP CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Following is the casualty list of the British officers at Spionkop: Killed—Staff Captain M. H. Virtue, Captain M. Stewart, Lieutenant E. R. Mallock and E. Fraser, Second Lancashire; Captain C. Murrell, Lieutenant W. Lawley and A. H. Wilson, Second Middlesex; Major A. K.

THE SITUATION BRAVELY FACED

No Attempt to Minimize Most Dismal Failure of the War.

GRATEFUL IT'S NO WORSE

Every Effort Will Be Made to Gather Up the Forces for Another Blow—Buller Criticized.

LONDON, Jan. 29, 2:30 p. m.—The usual ally attempts to minimize the seriousness of the situation in South Africa are entirely lacking this afternoon, and it is frankly acknowledged that the most serious effort of the present war has most dimly failed. There is no sign or wish of the leaders of public opinion to disguise the ugly facts, but, on the contrary, there is every disposition to face the full difficulty and discover the best way out of it. In short, the policy voiced everywhere is the gathering up of forces for more effective blows.

All hopes of the speedy relief of Ladysmith have been abandoned, and the consensus of expert opinion urges the immediate shifting of the theater of war from the rocky kopjes of Natal to the open veldt of the Free State. One thing is certain, another long pause is inevitable, unless the Boers assume the offensive, because in the event of General Buller further attempting to reach Ladysmith the planning of a new move will necessarily occupy time.

The afternoon newspapers are drawing attention to the closeness of the parallel between the federal attacks on General Lee at Fredericksburg and the occurrence on the Tugela. Curiously enough, there is visible, especially in military circles, an undercurrent of relief at the news that the British are safely south of the Tugela, for the reports of Saturday had conjured up visions of an immense catastrophe.

BULLER SEVERELY CRITICISED.

Compulsory Measures May Be Resorted to to Bring Out More Troops.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon returns to scathing criticism of the language of General Buller's reports. It says: "General Buller's reflection on the terror he put into the foe reminds us of things we have heard about—Chinese mandarins." The afternoon papers are discussing whence are to come troops for the projected campaign. It is becoming generally recognized that some form of compulsory service is more imminent than previously thought of. The St. James Gazette, however, suggests that the pouring of more and more troops into South Africa savors of the Spanish action in Cuba, adding that the solution of making better use of the thousands already there has never suggested itself.

ALL HOPE IS GONE.

London Military Critics Think No Further Effort Can Be Made for Ladysmith.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—There is comment in London on the discrepancy between the Boer account of the recapture of Spionkop and that sent by General Buller.

The latter says not a word about the Boers scaling the hill and attacking the British trenches and capturing 150 men who had hoisted the white flag as at Majuba hill. Instead he spoke of the maintenance of "the best traditions of the British army." There is not much doubt that the Boer account is correct. It is by no means boastful. It is believed that the war office has further dispatches which it is withholding. For days nothing has been heard from Lord Dundonald and his mounted brigade, and it is rumored that he has been cut off on the Upper Tugela.

The London military critics have given up hope of saving Ladysmith, which is undoubtedly short of food and ammunition. The garrison went on short rations December 2. The Morning Leader says: "Will Ladysmith fall in consequence of Buller's retirement or in consequence of another night attack by the victorious Boers?" "The city has already held out its full time, its last communication across the Tugela otherwise than by electric or sun flashing was on November 2 last. It was then believed to have enough provisions and ammunition for three months. The three months are up next Friday." "There has been no chance during months to throw into the city a pound of food or a pound of cordite."

OF the newspaper correspondents who voluntarily remained in Ladysmith, G. W. Stevens, of the London

GOVERNOR GAGE GIVES A SHOW

Astonishes the Extra Legislature By Reading His Own Message.

THE RECALCITRANTS SCORED

Next Attempt to Elect United States Senator Fixed for Today Week.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 29.—The senate and assembly of California today perfected its organization to meet in extraordinary session. Much difference of opinion prevailed among the members as to the necessity of reorganizing.

The republican majority of the senate caucused on the subject and it was decided that it was necessary to reorganize. This was done by the reelection of the officers and many attaches of the regular session. The assembly proceeded immediately to business without re-organization.

It was decided, however, that the vote for United States senator shall not be taken until the second Tuesday after the reorganization, a week from tomorrow.

The governor read his message to the joint assembly, a very unusual proceeding. The message contained some 1,000 words. Those who were responsible for the failure to elect a United States senator at the regular session were severely denounced and the republican papers which, according to the governor, were in a measure responsible for it, were severely condemned. The whole proceeding was of so unusual nature that it created interest bordering on the sensational.

ROBERTS' MILEAGE CLAIM.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The house committee on mileage today discussed the claim of Brigham H. Roberts for mileage, which amounts to about \$1,000. A majority of the committee are of the opinion that he is not entitled to the money.

PRICE OF SOCKEYES FIXED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 29.—The recently organized cannery combine has arranged that during the season of 1900 the price paid in British Columbia waters for sockeye salmon shall be twenty cents.

LARGE NEW YORK FIRE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The seven-story building in Cherry street, occupied by Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Company as a chair factory, was destroyed by fire today. The loss on the building and contents is estimated at \$500,000.

M'PARTLAND KNOCKED OUT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—McPartland was knocked out in the first round by Matty Matthews at the Hercules Athletic Club, Brooklyn, tonight.

EDWARD FAILING DEAD.

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—Edward Failing, the well-known hardware merchant, died tonight.

DAILY MAIL, MITCHELL, OF THE LONDON STANDARD, AND STABB, OF THE TIMES, OF INDIA, DIED OF FEVER IN ONE WEEK. FERRARD, OF THE TRANSVAAL LEADER, WAS KILLED IN THE WAGON HILL FIGHT.

The London Daily Mail says: "The richest and what was hitherto considered the most powerful nation in the world stands today in the humiliating position of seeing its armies beaten back with heavy losses at the hands of two small states."

"Our ambassadors abroad suffer ignominy, knowing that Dr. Leyds has, during the past week, been received at semi-official entertainments, not only in Paris, but in Berlin."

"One would have thought Dr. Leyds' reception by foreign governments was already sufficiently suggestive. One would have thought the time had come when some attempt should be made to mobilize the fleet and the remaining land forces in order that the world may know that while bearing our sufferings calmly we have no intention of subsiding into a second or third rate power by allowing foreign intervention of any kind."

The Post says: "Parliament will have to do something more than give expression to public opinion. The time will come when the nation must not merely arouse itself to fresh exertions, but must open its eyes to the facts and take into account the actual state of the world."

The war cannot be conducted with reference to the state of public opinion in Great Britain, for the state of armies engaged and the temper of other powers that are looking on are not less important elements in the problem."

As it required a month for Buller to recover from his earlier defeat at Colenso, it is not thought he can pull his disheartened army together now in time to do anything for Ladysmith. London waits anxiously for the Boers to move. They seem to be fighting on a very definite plan, and it is thought they may attack Buller or assault Ladysmith.

PENSION MEASURE KILLED.

Worn Out Weather Bureau Men Must Shift for Themselves—Sulzer Again Breaks Out.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The bill for the re-organization and improvement of the weather bureau, which includes a provision for pensioning the disabled and aged employes of the service, received a black eye in the house today.

The bill was bitterly fought by the opponents of the civil pension rolls on account of the life tenure provisions it contained and it was sidetracked on a test vote of 57 to 53.

Although the speaker ruled that it remained unfinished business when the house was again in committee of the whole, the opponents of the measure believe the action of today kills it.

A lively scrimmage occurred over the Sulzer resolution to investigate Secretary Gage, which the committee on rules recommended should be sent to the ways and means committee as that committee has the response of the secretary in its possession.

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