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BULLER HAS AGAIN FAILED

Vaalkrantz Impracticable for the
Guns to Support the Advance.

LADYSMITH'S HOPES DASHED

Another Endeavor May Be Made from
a Different Direction Before the
Middle of Next Week.

LONDON, Feb. 10, 4:20 a. m.—London accepts as true the Boer statement that General Buller has failed again. These statements were passed by the British censor at Aden and are read in the light of Buller's announcement in the press that the Vaalkrantz was impracticable for the guns which were needed to support a further advance. His cablegram leaves Gen. Buller on Tuesday night sending a fresh brigade to relieve the tired holders of the Vaalkrantz.

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 the Boer riflemen and artillery defending them, these hills ravines and jungles have not been overcome and thus the public is prepared in advance for bad news.

Heliographs from Ladysmith, dated Monday, describe the effect of General Buller's cannonade on the worn garrison. Hope ran high that the long period of inactivity and tedium was drawing to a close. The crash of the guns was almost continuous for ten hours, and at times it seemed as if as many as twenty shells burst in a minute. The Boers, preparing always for the possibility of defeat, were driving herds and sending long wagon trains toward the Drakensburg passes.

A series of British mines, 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 director 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, the military writer, who is understood to be in confident relations with Lord Wolseley, says that beyond a 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.

BULLER STILL HALTING.

He Has Not Attempted Any Advance From the Position He Occupies.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Mr. Balfour, the government leader, replying to a question in the house of commons this evening as to whether any information had been received from the scene of war, said:

"Our information points to the fact that General Buller is not pressing the advance from the position he has occupied. We do not consider it right to press him for details of the operations which are in progress, nor if he gives such information, do we deem it proper to make this public until such operations are completed.

"The government has no information as to whether General MacDonald had retired."

TOTAL BRITISH FORCES.

One Hundred and Ninety-four Thousand and Effective Men Now in Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Speaking in the house of commons George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the war office, said that in addition to the 150,000

troops now in South Africa recently mentioned in his speech the government had decided to send seventeen more battalions of militia and 3,000 yeomanry, making a total for the militia of over 20,000 men and for the yeomanry 5,000.

The total in South Africa, he added, would then be 394,000 effective, exclusive of sick and wounded.

SMALL MEN ELIGIBLE.

English War Office Reduces the Standard of Height to Five Feet.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The first lord of admiralty, George J. Goschen, is preparing estimates for a large increase of the navy. It is thought possible that parliament will be asked for £20,000,000 for new ships. The war office has reduced the minimum standard of height again, this time to five feet three inches for infantry and five feet two for artillery.

THE DEWEY DINNER.

He Was Presented With a Handsome Gold Medal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Admiral and Mrs. Dewey were the guests of honor at a dinner given at the Union League club in Brooklyn last night. Admiral Dewey was seated at the right and Mrs. Dewey at the left of the president. At the conclusion of the dinner, letters of regret were read from President McKinley, Rear-Admiral Philip, Assistant Secretary Allen, and Governor Roosevelt.

The health of Mr. McKinley was drunk in silence, also that of the admiral and Mrs. Dewey, after which three cheers and a tiger were given for each.

President William E. Pulsifer, in a speech which recited the battle and victory of Manila bay, sounded the praises of Admiral Dewey and presented to him a handsome gold medal. In response to President Pulsifer's address Admiral Dewey said:

"For this beautiful gift I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I wish to say that all that my friend, Lieutenant Fies wished for men on a former occasion has been fulfilled. I have the wealth of the world." (pointing to Mrs. Dewey.)

At the close of these ceremonies, the admiral and Mrs. Dewey were presented to the diners, individually, and they descended to the lower floor, where a general reception was held by the club members and their friends, for which 200 invitations had been issued.

ABANDONS MONROE DOCTRINE.

Chairman Hepburn Has Objections to the Treaty With Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Representative Hepburn, chairman of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee, which has charge of the Nicaragua canal appropriation, opposes the canal treaty with Great Britain, now pending in the senate. "I think," he said, "that the negotiations of this treaty is very unfortunate and that it ought not to be ratified by the senate. I don't know that the pendency of the treaty will interfere with the action by congress on the Nicaragua canal bill, but the ratification of the treaty would certainly impair the value of the canal when constructed.

"This treaty reaffirms the principles of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, conceding all the claims and contentions of Great Britain, though Great Britain has, by her own action, given us the right at any time to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. It surrenders everything to Great Britain, abandoning our contention of years that we might abrogate the treaty at will.

"Moreover, it recognizes the right of any foreign power to interfere and dictate with reference to our negotiations with the independent governments of this continent. It abandons the Monroe doctrine."

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9.—Miss Emily Howard Crease, sister of Sir Henry Crease of Penteleu, was killed at Lytton last night. Miss Crease was a passenger on the east bound express and had stepped off the train for a moment when the west bound train came along, passing over her.

BRITISH HOLD THEIR GROUND

Boer Attempt to Recover the
Positions Taken Repulsed.

RETREAT FROM MODDER

General MacDonald Fails to Receive
Needed Reinforcements to Sur-
round the Enemy.

KOOBOESBERG DRIFT, Feb. 9.—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 Seaforth Highlanders gained a position on the rocky summit and kept up a well 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 Argyll Highlanders advanced along the plain in westerly direction found the Boers entrenched at a small drift. A sharp engagement followed, lasting the whole day.

General MacDonald now only requires sufficient troops in order to completely surround the Boers. General Babineton was dispatched from Modder river with a large force of cavalry and two horse batteries but failed to reach here, although he started early enough in the day to enable him to get here 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 fifty.

CRAZY MAN IN THE HOUSE.

Talbot of South Carolina Runs Amuck on Pension Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The threat of Talbot (dem.), of South Carolina, to block all pension legislation on Friday night unless a quorum was present, had the effect of bringing out a large attendance in the house tonight. Talbot created a sensation by rushing down the aisle, demanding recognition from the speaker. A dozen democrats were on their feet denouncing the speaker for his arbitrary rulings.

After a scene of great excitement, the speaker recognized Talbot, who stated he simply desired to state that the presence of a quorum had vindicated his position.

OTIS' CASUALTY LIST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The following list of casualties has been received at the war department today from General Otis:

Killed: Luzon, Twenty-fifth Infantry, January 3, at Iba, Sherman Shepard; Third Cavalry, January 14, at Bimmauya, George Mitchell; Thirty-sixth Infantry, January 22, at Dasol, Zambales, George C. Knapp; Thirty-fourth Infantry, January 14, at Carriflan Nueva Ecija, Thomas Griffin; Forty-first Infantry, February 2, at Malabacat, August Costa; Thirty-second Infantry, February 6, near Dinalupjan Eataan, Lee S. Murphy, corporal; Leonard T. Brand, Bert R. Lane, Oliver H. Martin, Algeron S. Presley, George Welsh; Eighteenth Infantry, Panay, January 11, at Panitan, John H. Denny; Forty-third Infantry, Samar, January 28, at Catalabagan, Edward Logan. Wounded: Patrick Duffy, corporal, leg, severe.

DUN'S WEEKLY REPORT.

Continued Activity in All Lines of Industry; Particularly Woolen Manufactures.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow:

The industries are still surpassing in actual output of work any previous year. Their new business is not correspondingly large, nor could such ord-

ers be accepted by most industries if offered, but enough are coming to prevent the stoppage of works or much decline in prices.

In woolen goods new business of remarkable volume sustains the marked advance in prices and in other lines of importance, as in machinery, the orders indicate surprising foreign demand. Meanwhile, though encouraged by the abundance and ease of money, speculation does not in any direction as yet go without check far enough to do mischief.

The failures of the week were 245 in the United States, against 217 last year, and 33 in Canada, against 25 last year.

NEW BRITISH CRUISER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—A telegram received from the south says the British cruiser Arethusa, 4,300 tons, is due at San Diego harbor on her way to Esquimaux, where she is scheduled to arrive February 16. The cruiser is direct from Plymouth, England, and has never touched at a United States port. She will take the place of the Amphitrite which recently sailed for the south. The British gunboat Pleasant is also on her way north.

DON'T WANT IMMIGRANTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Acting Immigration Commissioner Schell at this port has forwarded to National Immigration Commissioner Powderly at Washington a protest against the intended colonization of a large tract of land in California with 1,500 Russian emigrants now in the Northwest territory.

SUICIDE OR ACCIDENT?

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The body of Burton M. Hardiman, cousin of Mrs. J. K. Miller, of Oakland, better known in the literary world as Florence Hardiman Miller, has been washed ashore on Angel island in the bay of San Francisco. Whether death was caused by suicide or by accident is unknown. Hardiman's home was in Oswego, Kan., where his mother and one sister reside.

ROSSLAND MINES SHUT DOWN.

The Enforcement of Eight-Hour Law Will Suspend All Work.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Feb. 9.—The mining community is in a condition of genuine consternation owing to the discharge today of 100 men by the Le Roi Mining Company, and the announcement from Nelson that the Hall mines and smelter had also shut down today, on account of the enforcement of the eight-hour law for underground mining.

Other mines are expected to close down before the middle of the present month.

ATLANTIC STEAMER WRECKED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Ocean Steamship Company's steamer Gate City from Savannah for Boston, went ashore last night near Moriches, Long Island, during a heavy fog. The steamer carried a crew of 40 persons and several passengers, including three women. Her cargo is 3,000 bales of cotton. The passengers were taken ashore by the Moriches life saving crew. The steamer is hard and fast in the sand and as the sea is steadily rising she is in danger of destruction.

CAPE NOME MINES SOLD.

TACOMA, Feb. 9.—A quarter interest in a group of twenty-four claims on Nome and Snake rivers, tributaries in the Cape Nome district, have been sold here to Philadelphia capitalists for \$80,000.

STOLEN MONEY FOUND.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The sum of £20,000, the balance of £20,000 stolen from Parr's bank a year ago has been mysteriously returned. The notes were found this morning enclosed in a steamer pass book.

MOLINEUX CASE ENDED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Assistant District Attorney Osborne tonight completed the argument in the trial of Roland B. Molineux and the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

TAYLOR WILL NOT SURRENDER

Attempt Will Be Made to Force
the London Legislature.

DEMOCRATS TO BE ARRESTED

But They Will Hold Their Meeting
at Louisville and Defy the Offi-
cers to Come After Them.

LONDON, Ky., Feb. 10.—Sergeant at Arms Cecil, of the house, and Sergeant at Arms Howard, of the senate, left after 1 o'clock this (Saturday) morning on the north-bound train armed with warrants for the arrest of absent democratic members of both houses.

Late last evening it was finally decided by the senate officers to make out warrants for the arrest of democratic senators without waiting for the arrival of Lieutenant Governor Marshall, and send Howard with Cecil, who had already been given the warrants from the house.

Where the two were going could not be ascertained here as no tickets were purchased and they refused to tell. The significant remark was dropped that something would be heard tomorrow.

DEMOCRATS AT LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 9.—The democratic legislature met here today, having a quorum present in each house. Governor Beckham made the announcement this afternoon that he is prepared to protect the legislature from arrest and that he will do so.

These developments of today mark the first steps toward carrying out the plans announced Sunday last by the democrats to set up the state government here. The legislative sessions today were held in the court house.

The events of the past ten days have served to solidify the democratic forces in the legislature and to strengthen the party's position there.

Among the members who answered to their names today were a number who have been classed as anti-Goebel men and who, on several political issues, have voted with the republicans.

A DAY OF CONFERENCES.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 9.—This has been a day of conferences in Frankfort. They were in full swing from 10:30 in the morning until late tonight, and outwardly nothing tangible resulted from them.

WONDERFUL GOLD STRIKE.

Quartz Mine Discovered That Runs \$100,000 to the Ton.

LEWISTON, Ida., Feb. 9.—Ira Lamoreaux, a miner, has arrived at Grangeville, Idaho county, and reports a fabulous strike on his quartz claim, located one and one-half miles from the Elk City mining camp.

He sunk six feet when he struck a 12-inch vein of quartz that is literally ribbed with gold. In a few minutes he mortared out \$150 and then continued extracting ore. He now has one ton of ore on the dump that is estimated to be worth \$100,000.

Mining men who have been to the strike corroborate Lamoreaux's statement. Great excitement now prevails in mining circles throughout Idaho county as a result of the strike.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Timber Syndicate on Puget Sound Preparing for Business.

TACOMA, Feb. 9.—The Weyerhaeuser syndicate which has purchased 900,000 acres from the Northern Pacific three months ago, met here yesterday and elected the following officers: Frederick Weyerhaeuser, of St. Paul, president and treasurer; Wm. H. Laird, of Wisconsin, vice-president; Robert L. McCormack, of Hayward, secretary; Fred S. Lee, of Winona, assistant secretary. All the stockholders were here in person.

This was made the headquarters of the company which is to be known as the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company.