

SIEGE WILL BE RAISED

Boers Have Been Moving Guns to Concentrate Elsewhere.

BULLER'S ADVANCE HAS BEGUN

Report That Warren Has Crossed the Tugela Not Confirmed—Rumor of British Reverse.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the Argus, dated January 12, says:

"The authorities have received news that General Warren has crossed the Tugela and occupied a strong position north of the river."

This report has been current here since yesterday, but it is discredited in official circles.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Up to the present, the reported crossing of the Tugela river by General Warren's division remains but a rumor. Nevertheless, the whole tenor of such news has dribbled in from South Africa during the last forty-eight hours, indicates that a combined forward movement of a comprehensive character is proceeding. It is not necessary to believe the unconfirmed stories of the Boers being in full retreat from Colenso because it has been learned that a column is proceeding via Weenen to Helpmacker to cut off their retreat, but at the same time, credible information from many sources indisputably point to momentous changes in the disposition of the Republican forces.

Advices from Pietermaritzburg dated January 13 say that their defeat on January 6 the Boers have been removing their guns from positions south of Ladysmith. The same dispatch confirms the report that the Thirteenth hussars reached Groblerskloof without meeting the Boers. As the trenches at Groblerskloof were perhaps the strongest position held by the burghers, their vacation has considerably astonished the British. Merchants at Pietermaritzburg have received messages from Ladysmith saying: "Bring up jam, etc.," indicating that the Ladysmith agents anticipated the immediate opening of communications, while Ladysmith also heliographed the belief prevalent there on January 13, that the Boers were moving and concentrating their forces elsewhere.

As a corroborative of British activity in the direction of the relief of Ladysmith, a dispatch has been received in London from Buller to the effect that he expected all dispositions for a synchronous movement of the various columns against the besieged garrison would be completed this morning. Under these circumstances it is considered quite probable the advance on the beleaguered town has commenced, and that fighting is progressing. Optimists go so far as to say it is expected Ladysmith will be relieved tonight, if all goes well.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Military men are divided in opinion as to whether Buller is at Springfield or personally directing the flank movement from Weenen. Officials are now inclined to credit the report that the British have crossed the Tugela river in that direction, although there is no confirmation of the report, and altogether there is a more hopeful feeling in official circles. There is little news of importance from elsewhere.

French's forces have succeeded in dragging a 15-pounder to the summit of steep, rocky Coleskop, a thousand feet above the surrounding plain, and they successfully routed a Boer camp three miles away from Stormstrom.

An interesting item of news is that 300 Boers, escorting a party of reapers, have successfully gathered all the crops within two miles of the colonial camp at Bird river, the British force being too weak to interfere.

A dispatch from Pretoria says the federal forces recommenced the bombard-

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ment of Mafeking during the morning of January 12.

Rumor of British Reverse.
LONDON, Jan. 15.—A telegram from Newport, Wales, says: Rutherford Harris, formerly resident director in South Africa of the British South African Company, has received a cablegram to the effect that Buller has suffered another reverse.

Woman Died on Train.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 14.—Mrs. C. M. Foote, of Los Angeles, Cal., aged 73 years, died suddenly on the north-bound Oregon express between Gazelle and Montague, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. She was seized with a hemorrhage while eating her meal in the dining car and was assisted to her berth in the Pullman sleeper, where she died in a few minutes. The deceased woman was taking the remains of her late husband, who died a few days ago in Los Angeles, to Seattle for burial, and was accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kilbourn, with whom she expected to make her home in Seattle. Her body was put in a casket here, transferred to the baggage car and placed alongside that of her late husband and continued on with the regular north-bound train.

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Nature's Power.
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No Funds to Pay Check.

WASCO, Or., Jan. 14.—A laborer, giving his name as Wilson, passed a check for \$10 on Moore Bros.' bank, of Moro, on the proprietor of the Western hotel of this city, and on presenting it was found he never had any funds in said bank. He has not been apprehended.

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THE REBELS GET NO REST

Wheaton's and Schwan's Troops Keep Them on the Move.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The war department today received the following report from General Otis:

"Manila—Bolomen and armed insurgents from the Zambales mountains attacked two companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry, O'Neill commanding, at Iba, January 6. The rebels were driven and pursued with loss to them of fifty men, no casualties among Americans. Schwan's troops were east and south of Santo Tomas, Batanzas, yesterday. Cheatham's battalion of the Thirty-seventh infantry, struck the enemy east of Santo Tomas, on San Pablo road; the enemy left five dead on the field. Cavalry pursued the force eastward, but there is no report of the result. Cheatham's casualties, one wounded.

"Anderson, of the Thirty-eighth, en route to Lipaya, struck the insurgents a few miles south of Santo Tomas, and drove them through Lipa to Rosario. The enemy's loss was twenty dead and wounded, sixty Spanish prisoners and \$20,000. Schwan has liberated about 200 Spanish prisoners, and they are now en route to Manila. Anderson's casualties yesterday, one man, killed, two wounded.

"Wheaton's force is actively operating in Western Cavite and Batanga provinces. All the important towns are held, and constantly patrolled. A great many Filipinos returning to their homes are believed to be insurgent deserters."

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Unknown Man Killed by Train.

PENDLETON, Jan. 14.—An unknown man was struck by the west-bound freight train at 4:30 o'clock this morning, at Meacham, in the Blue Mountains. The body was crushed beneath the engine and car wheels and was dragged quite a distance. He was a stranger there, no one being able to identify him. The coroner is now there endeavoring to ascertain who he was.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Lower Temperature Checked Flood.

PENDLETON, Jan. 14.—Lower temperature in the Blue mountains checked the freshet during yesterday. Every bridge along the Umatilla river, from its mouth to its source, was regarded as in danger, and some were damaged. All damaged bents have been replaced so trains are now running on time.

J. I. Esvry, Loganton, Pa., writes, "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure (after doctors failed). It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it.

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All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$2.25, will be 1.67
All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$2.50, will be 1.88

All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$3.25, will be \$2.31
All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$3.50, will be 2.62
All Ladies' Flannel Waists worth \$3.75, will be 2.82
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