

APPEAL BY ROBERTS

He Calls for Five Thousand More Volunteers.

AUTHORITIES INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS

British Offensive Operations Have Ceased for the Present—Martial Law Proclaimed Throughout Cape Colony.

London, Jan. 19.—Lord Roberts, who was entertained privately at a dinner last evening by United Service Club, the guests including the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke of Cambridge and some 300 officers, has issued from the war office a stirring appeal to the country for 5,000 yeomanry, whose past services in South Africa he highly commends to the gratitude of the nation.

The authorities continue to hold a hopeful view regarding the South African situation, but they seem to recognize that vigorous measures are necessary. The proclamation of martial law throughout the whole of Cape Colony, Lord Kitchener's strong measures against the population of the republics, the placing on reduced rations of the wives of men in the field, and similar measures, go to show that there is heavy work.

British offensive operations have ceased for the present. It is supposed Lord Kitchener is collecting his strength for a final effort to crush or to capture the commandos by a repetition of the tactics which caused the surrender of General Cronje and General Prinz Loo. It is alleged that the Boers who are concentrating at Carolina and Ermole are preparing to descend into Natal.

The casualty list issued yesterday shows that the Boers have released 297 British who were captured at Helvetia and Belfast. The facts regarding the capture at Belfast have not been allowed to transpire.

It is asserted that more heavy naval guns will be landed at the Cape. In formation as to the doing of the invaders is hard to obtain, but it is clear that they are getting very little help from the Dutch. Twice they attempted to capture Barkley East, but both times they were repulsed. For three days they occupied Sutherland, but they cleared out on the approach of the British. Some scattered parties are reported operating in different parts. Apparently the invaders abandoned the idea of attacking Clan William on finding the town well defended. A commando of 1,000 has been active in the Richmond district, but there the Boers have secured only 100 Dutch recruits.

Boers Attacked Colville.

Standerton, Jan. 19.—Colville's mobile column, marching from New Denmark to Vladlaagte, was attacked by 1,000 Boers, divided into two forces. One force made a determined attempt on the baggage and the other on the cavalry constituting the rear guard. The cavalry was compelled to retire until protected by four companies of rifles, hidden by a ridge, who were waiting with bayonets. The Boers made a speedy retreat, leaving several dead and wounded from the heavy British fire. Eventually both attacks were repulsed, the Boers losing heavily. The British were not able to pursue the Boers, owing to the necessity of protecting their baggage. The casualties were one killed and 15 wounded.

TO PROTECT WALRUS.

The Indians' Food Supply Endangered by Wanton Destruction.

Port Townsend, Jan. 19.—Reports of the wanton destruction of walrus have reached the treasury department at Washington. Walrus come from the Arctic on the ice flow during the early portion of the open season to points between St. Michael and Cape Nome, and thousands of passengers on early steamers plying between those places shoot into bands, killing and wounding many. Captains of whalers have reported that thousands of carcasses are seen floating in Behring sea and the Arctic ocean. Walrus flesh is the main subsistence of Alaska coastwise Indians, and their wanton destruction threatens starvation to them. The law relating to fur-bearing animals does not not apply to walrus, but Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Spaulding has issued instructions to Collector of Customs Heustia, at this port, to urge masters of vessels visiting Alaska waters to prevent the killing of walrus by persons on board of their vessels. These instructions are issued with a view of protecting the food supply of the Indians, many of whom are said to be almost in a starving condition.

Admiral Casey's Plans.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—Immediately upon being relieved of the command of Lague Island navy yard, Admiral Casey, with his wife and family, will proceed to San Diego, Cal., where he will meet Admiral Kautz, and assume command of the Pacific station, with the battleship Iowa as flagship.

THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS.

Ministers at Peking Will Clear the Way of Minor Matters.

Washington, Jan. 19.—So far as our state department can influence the negotiations now about to begin at Peking it will seek to clear the way of all minor matters and of points upon which there is no disagreement whatever among the allies, before undertaking the solution of the more difficult problems involved in the settlement of the questions of indemnities, guarantees and commercial treaties. It is fully expected that the Chinese representatives will offer opposition to almost every point, in order to secure more favorable terms, such as an undertaking to dismantle, instead of destroy, the Chinese forts between Taku and Peking; some abatement of the restrictions upon the importation of arms, and a considerable limitation upon the size of the legation guards to be maintained in Peking.

It is said at the state department that Mr. Rockhill has signed an intention to return to the United States in a short time. He has not retired, but returns voluntarily.

China Wants Easier Terms.

London, Jan. 19.—"Although the United States government and the American papers accuse Mr. Conger of severity toward the Chinese," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, "the Americans had regarded him as inclined to leniency."

"The Chinese commissioners handed to the foreign envoys with the signed protocols a dispatch from Emperor Kwang Hsu, asking a foreign occupation instead of destruction of the Taku forts. The emperor's dispatch asked also of the fixing of a definite period for the prohibition of the importation of arms, and requested that the punitive expeditions be stopped, asked for particulars as to the amount of land to be retained for the legations, the number of legation guards, the probable cost of the military operations and the date when the foreigners propose to restore the public offices and records in Peking to the Chinese. The emperor does not mention the demand of the powers for the punishment of the principal offenders."

First Sitting of Peace Conference.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—An official of the German foreign office informed a correspondent of the press today that the first sitting of the peace conference in Peking would be appointed immediately after the different foreign envoys had convinced themselves that their copies of the joint note had been properly signed and sealed by the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

A DESPERADO CAUGHT.

Officers Located Marvin Kuhns, the Indiana Outlaw

Logansport, Ind., Jan. 19.—Marvin Kuhns, the desperado who has terrorized Northern Indiana for weeks and defied the officers of two states, was captured last night at Greenhill and is now in Logansport jail. Kuhns and his brother, who was released from the Columbus prison shortly after Marvin escaped, were taken after a desperate fight. Before the outlaw was overpowered he shot two men and was himself shot in the head, but not seriously.

Kuhns and his brother and a confederate stole a team at Plymouth Sunday night and started south. Ex-Sheriff Marshall and Marshal Cheney traced them to La Fayette last evening and by telephoning neighboring towns located them at Greenhill, near Otterbein. At Otterbein the posse surrounded the house and rushed in at midnight. Marvin was awake and seized a revolver at his bedside. Before he could fire, Elmer Switzer shot him in the face and the posse closed in. One man jumped from the second-story window and escaped, but the brothers were overpowered after a struggle, in which a number of shots were exchanged. Wounded as he was, Marvin partially shook off the attacking party and shot 1. V. Volt in the back and Lewis Jawkins in the arm. Neither was fatally injured.

Fire at Phoenix.

Phoenix, B. C., Jan. 19.—Fire tonight caused a loss of \$30,000. It started in McBean & Co.'s dry goods store, spread to the Imperial hotel and thence to the buildings of the Phoenix News Company. Giant powder was used to blow up buildings in the path of the flames. McBean & Co. lost on their stock \$12,000. The loss on the building was \$2,000; Imperial hotel loss, \$10,000; Phoenix News Company, \$2,000; T. A. Hicks, dry goods store, \$1,800. There was partial insurance on some of the buildings and stock.

Would Develop Danish Islands.

Copenhagen, Jan. 19.—The leaders of the syndicate of merchants who are petitioning the government to make the investment of Danish capital profitable in the Danish West Indies, declare they have no intention of agitating against the sale of the islands to the United States. Their idea is to develop the islands in the event of their not being sold.

NEWS OF THIS AND NEIGHBORING STATES

Interesting Events and Gossip of the Past Week Reported From

Cities and Towns in Washington, Oregon

and Idaho.

OREGON.

The Dalles has levied a 6-mill tax. Burns has received a chemical fire engine.

The Southern Pacific is storing ice at Ashland.

The Dalles will purchase 500 feet of fire hose.

The Oregon legislature deficit foots up \$50,000.

Machinery for the new laundry at Eugene has arrived.

The Grant county tax levy has been fixed at 25 1/4 mills.

Coyotes are numerous in Coles valley, Douglas county.

The Douglas county tax levy has been fixed at 20 mills.

The Pendleton school district has levied a special tax of 8 mills.

Several herds near Montgomery have been visited by coyotes of late.

It is reported the Dallas organ factory may be moved to Albany.

The approach to the Upper Calapooia bridge was carried away by the flood.

Baker City has recinded street lighting contract, and is in darkness.

The walls of the first story of Malheur county's new court house are finished.

Collision of a train and handcar near Woodburn, Or., was narrowly averted.

Famous Uncle Ben group of mines in Idaho has been sold to a New York syndicate.

The coal shaft being sunk by W. A. Maxwell of Coos City, is now down about 300 feet.

Plans for the new creamery at Summerville are taking shape. It will cost about \$4,000.

Athena has invested \$1,500 in school warrants. The city, besides, has a balance on hand of \$1,100.

Lincoln county has awarded the contract for building the depot bridge to George McConlou for \$335.

The old Coos Bay road is said to be in better condition than for several years at this time of the year.

Henry Zutz, Jr., a 17-year-old boy, of Vale, Or., accidentally killed himself while examining a revolver.

I. J. Straw, of Klamath county, rode off a bridge into a snow bank last week, and had to dig his horse out.

Contract for building the Wheeler county court house has been let to A. F. Peterson, of Corvallis, for \$9,025.

Sixty-five thoroughbred sheep belonging to O. F. Knox were drowned near Cottage Grove by the recent freshet.

Howard & Stearns are feeding 500 cattle on Crooked river and about 600 head at Silver Lake, in Lake county.

A petition is in circulation asking that the public road from Cottage Grove to Lorane be widened to 60 feet.

J. W. Walters & Son, proprietors of the Elmira mills, have floated their logs into the Long Tom from the Noti river.

Several car loads of Weston bricks have been shipped to Mission station. They will be used for government buildings.

An acetylene gas plant belonging to J. P. Williams, of Long Creek, exploded last week, and slightly injured Mr. Williams.

A petition is being circulated asking an appropriation of \$1,000 to repair and improve the state buildings and property at Sodaville.

A herd of 110 sheep was shipped from Huntington to Salt Lake City by the Baldwin Sheep & Land Company, of Crook county.

It is reported that Ed Lambson, of Willamina, has leased a large tract of land on Salmon river, which he intends to stock with cattle.

The sale of land belonging to the Leonard Lang estate in Pine valley, which escheated to the state of Oregon recently, has been confirmed by Judge Eakin, of the circuit court.

A meeting was held at McMinnville in the interest of the woodcutters of the county. Every precinct was well represented. They advanced the price of cutting oak wood from 75 cents to 90 cents a cord, and fir from 70 to 90 cents.

The farmers and stockmen of Malheur county feel confident that the coming season will be a prosperous one for them. While the winter thus far has been an open one compared with those generally experienced here, the indications are that there will be plenty of water for irrigation during the coming summer, and that the feed on the range will be good.

WASHINGTON.

Tacoma butchers have formed an association.

A petition is being circulated to have the postoffice name of Guy changed to Albion.

The Simpson Lumber Company, of South Bend, has accepted plans for a pony band saw mill.

Fire partially destroyed the ship chandlery store of J. C. Todd & Co., on the water front, Tacoma. Loss \$4,000, fully covered by insurance.

Mr. H. P. Harrington, a prominent citizen of Rosalia, died of pneumonia. His remains were taken to the home of his parents in Monroe, Mich., for interment.

During the recent snow 30 tons of ore was hauled from the Cedar Canyon district to Davenport for shipment. Had the sleighing continued good, still more would have been brought out.

Larkins' hotel at Garfield, leased by J. W. Keown, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with most of the contents. Loss on the building, \$1,500; insurance, \$650; loss on contents, \$1,000, with \$650 insurance.

While fording Toppenish creek, near North Yakima, Will Carrat was nearly drowned. He was on horseback and the swift current of the stream carried horse and rider several yards, when they lodged in some willows, from which, with difficulty both succeeded in landing safely on shore.

Owing to technical error in writing the boundaries of a small strip of land, amounting to nearly three sections, lying on the east side of North Bay, between Mason and Pierce counties, is left out of the jurisdiction of both counties. An attempt will be made to have the neutral strip incorporated with Pierce.

Oscar Bates, ex-sheriff of Stevens county, received fatal injuries at the Drummer's mine, near Curlew. He had set three shots in the 125-foot level, and started to climb the ladder, but missed his footing on the second landing and fell back 20 feet. The shots exploded before he could regain the ladder.

Hopkins D. Jones, until recently a hotel porter at Wilbur, Wash., who was arrested at Spokane on a charge of horse stealing, has been released. Word came from Wilbur that the man Chance, whose horse and saddle Jones had appropriated, would not prosecute Jones. The Wilbur man said he owed Jones money, and that he would be satisfied to have him keep the horse and saddle to settle the bill.

IDAHO.

A free ferry at Weiser is proposed.

Caldwell merchants have made an early closing agreement.

John Hunt was arrested at Orofino, on a charge of cattle stealing.

A public meeting was held at Lewiston to protest against division of Nez Perces county.

The postoffice of Ledue, Blaine county, has been moved two miles southeast, without change of postmaster.

At Weiser's regular city election in April, the citizens will vote whether or not they want the city bonded for \$60,000.

It is announced that shipments of crude ore and concentrates from the Coeur d'Alene last year aggregated 175,000 tons.

There were several snow slides in Bear gulch last week, but no damage is reported except that the Orofino blacksmith shop was swept away.

Several carloads of steel rails have been unloaded in the Weiser yards. They are to be used in extending the Pacific & Idaho Northern next summer.

Meetings have been held and resolutions adopted by several G. A. R. post protesting against the proposed plan of moving the soldiers' home from Bois to Fort Sherman.

H. M. Merrin, of Spokane, has taken a bond on the Father lode and two claims adjoining in the Coeur d'Alene district. It is understood that work will commence immediately.

Low Granger, who is charged with stealing eight head of cattle out of a pasture near Moscow, has been arrested. Granger has a number of aliases, but it is said his true name is L. E. Granger.

SPECULATION HAS LAGGED.

Week of Ebbing Strength in Cereal Markets—Bradstreet's Weekly Trade Review.

Bradstreet's says: Speculation has lagged, but trade on spring account has on the whole improved this week. Southern and Southwestern trade is opening up satisfactorily, and there are better reports received even from the Northwest as to the outlook, for spring business. As to retail distribution, conditions are hardly so favorable.

Lumber appears to have been active at the West, and wholesalers have done more at the East, but the export trade lags in this line, as in others.

It has been a week of ebbing strength in the cereals. Argentina reports display an India rubber consistency, and this week has been devoted to stretching estimates of the export surplus from that country. Northwest wheat receipts have also been heavy, and the so-called Wall street interest has been reported to have been liquidating. Flour is dull, but the decline of 10 to 20 cents per barrel has tended to help export business.

The textile situation is not altogether clear. Cotton has weakened on increased stocks at the South.

War, or rather rumors of war, have been the chief subject of discussion in the iron and steel trade this week, and to some extent have exerted a depressing effect on sentiment. New demand at this time, however, is never very large, and conditions as a whole are healthy and even promising. The labor outlook in iron does not promise as well.

Wheat, intending flour, shipments for the week were 3,336,054 bushels against 3,061,095 bushels last week.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending number 290, against 322 last week.

Canadian failures for the week number 50, as against 36 last week.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Market.

Onions, new yellow, 2c.
Lettuce, hot house, \$1.60 per case.
Potatoes, new, \$18.
Beets, per sack, 85c@\$.1.
Turnips, per sack, \$1.00.
Squash—2c.
Carrots, per sack, 75c.
Parsnips, per sack, \$1.00@1.25.
Celery—50c doz.
Cabbage, native and California, 2c per pounds.
Butter—Creamery, 30c; dairy, 16@18c; ranch, 16c@18c pound.
Cheese—14c.
Eggs—Ranch, 28c; Eastern 23c.
Poultry—14c; dressed, native chickens, 15c; turkey, 16c.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$15.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$19.00.
Corn—Whole, \$24.00; cracked, \$25; feed meal, \$24.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$20.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.40; blended straight, \$3.25; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; graham, per barrel, \$3.25; whole wheat flour, \$3.25; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00.
Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$15.00; shorts, per ton, \$16.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$23; oil cake meal, per ton, \$29.00.
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, price 7 1/2c; cows, 7c; mutton 7 1/2c; pork, 7 1/2c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 11@12c.
Hams—Large, 11 1/2c; small, 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2c; dry salt sides, 8 1/2c.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 54@56c; Valley, nominal; Bluestem, 57 1/2c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.40; graham, \$2.60.
Oats—Choice white, 42c; choice gray, 41c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$15.50 brewing, \$16.50 per ton.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$15.50 ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; store, 32 1/2c.
Eggs—25c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 18c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00 per dozen; hens, \$4.00; springs, \$2.00@3.50; geese, \$6.00@8.00 doz; ducks, \$5.00@6.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11c per pound.
Potatoes—50@60c per sack; sweets, 1 1/2c per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 75c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound; parsnips, 85c; onions, \$1.50@2; carrots, 75c.
Hops—New crop, 12@14c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 13@14c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; mohair, 25 per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3 1/2c; dressed mutton, 6 1/2@7c per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.75; light and feeders, \$5.00; dressed, \$5.50@6.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows, \$3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 6@7c per pound.
Veal—Large, 7@7 1/2c; small, 8 1/2@9c per pound.