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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items Fron the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

A majority of the senators is against

the seating of Quay. Another revolutionary plot in Venez-

uela has been nipped in the bud. Millions in war munitions were imported through Delagoa bay by the

A Boer patrol, mistaking signals, was badly cut up by a hot fire from a British kopje. The headquarters of Generals White

and Hunter was smashed by a shot from a "Long Tom." Despite reports to the contrary, Web-

ster Davis is to be retained as assistant secretary of the interior. The steamer Townsend, plying between Seattle and Alaskan points, is a

total loss near Haine's Mission. Montagu White will be received as the consular and diplomatic represent-ative of the South African republic.

Secretary Root has issued an order appointing a complete new board of ordnance, with the exception of Gen-

Governor Gage will call an extra session of the California legislature. A United States senator will probably be elected.

Captain I. Friedman, who died in San Francisco recently, left three-quarters of his fortune, amounting to \$750,-000, to charity.

The new ships now being built for the Oceanic Steamship Company will Puerto Rico, as fixed by a recent execube without peers in the Pacific, and tive order.

will greatly improve the service. Matt Hilstrom, who killed Luke Mooers, the Clatsop county logger, was adjudged insane. The evidence showed the insanity to be hereditary. The overdue City of Seattle, has been

reported from Juneau, where she was towed by the Cottage City. The Seattle's delay was caused by the breaking of her propeller. The transport Pennsylvania, which sails from San Francisco, will carry

funds for paying off the United States troops now in the Philippines. About \$1,250,000 will be taken. The captain and crew of 24 of the British steamer Sutton, which went ashore on Fenwick shoals, in Delaware

bay, have arrived in Philadephia. It is believed the Sutton will prove a In the senate Pettigrew offered resolution calling on the president to send the senate the report of General

Bates relating to the treaty with the sultan of Sulu. Among other things the resolution asks whether the sultan and his officials are under the civil ser-

The coursing of rabbits was stopped in Chicago by humane officers.

Mines at Johannesburg have made impregnable that city from an attack-

Methodist missionaries will begin active work in the Philippines to convert the Tagals.

Count Boni de Castellane savs he is going to use his cane on the editor of

the Paris Figaro. The pope warmly praises the work of an endowment for a Catholic univer

sity at Washington. The Duke of Teck is dead at London He died from pneumonia after an illness of several days.

The sugar war is to be continued on the same lines as heretofore, and no settlement is in sight.

At Butte, Mont., Dominick Massa, painter, mounted a ladder to paint a building. He grabbed a live wire and

Colonel George M. Randall and Colonel James Bell, have been named by the president for promotion to the rank of brigadier-general.

Half a million dollars is the estimated cost of repairing the Olympia according to the report of the naval construction board. The work will be done at the Boston navy-yard, and will

occupy about a year. According to the New York Herald's Washington correspondent there is an excellent prospect that the Nicaragua canal bill will go through this session without waiting for the report of the

Walker commission. Mrs. Annie Ellsworth Smith is dead at New York. She sent the first telegraphic message, "What hath God wrought?" from the United States supreme court room, Washington, to Bal- Columbia theater, Washington.

Two negroes were shot to death and two white men desperately wounded as the result of an attempt to arrest a negro murderer at Macon, Ga. J. H. Butler, colored, is the man who did will also be opened to unrestricted most of the shooting, and who was traffic by the end of the week. himself shot to death.

Berlin, Germany, is to construct an underground railway costing \$25,000,-

Twenty-three years ago Senator Teller entered the senate. Only three senators who saw him sworn in are Cockrell of Missouri, and Jones of Nevada. In the intervening 23 years over a hundred senators have died. But Mr. Teller, although nearly three score and ten, is still strong and vig- duplicate wigs.

LATER NEWS.

The plight of Kimberley is urgent. The kaiser's birthday was celebrated n the usual way throughout Germany. Buller's army has retreated to the south of the Tugela, with heavy losses. Revolution in Venezuela, under the leadership of Hernandez, is spreading.

Fire in Minneapolis destroyed a fourstory brick building, causing a loss of

It was reported on good Transvaal authority that Mafeking was relieved on January 23.

Edgar Oswalt, a 6-year-old boy of Astoria, was run over by a street car and fatally injured.

The Bank of Deerfield, Deerfield, Wis., was robbed of about \$17,000. The vault was blown open by dynamite. Fire destroyed the works of the Elec-

ric Improvement Company at San Jose, Cal., entailing a loss of \$100,000. Samuel Gompers, in a conference with President McKinley, advocated an eight-hour law for all government

It is said that Lord Roberts favored leaving Ladysmith to its fate and marching on Bloemfontein, capital of Orange Free State.

The surgeon-general of the marine hospital service has shipped to Honolulu 1,900 doses of halffkine prophylactic, a plague serum.

Phil Armour Jr., son of the Chicago millionaire, died suddenly near Santa Barbara, Cal. Death was due to congestion of the lungs.

Dr. Leyds, diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, says the Boers do not need to apply for mediation, as everything was going splendidly.

Three masked men entered the factory of Dr. Peter Fahrney & Son, at Chicago, blew open the safe and escaped with \$1,700 in currency.

The senate committee on Puerto Rico, has decided that the island shall be known as Porto Rico, and not

The weather in the vicinity of Melbourne, Australia, has broken all records for heat recently. On New Year's day five deaths occurred from prostration. The thermometer stood at

114 in the shade, and 156 in the sun. Cowboys and miners in Southern Arizona and New Mexico, have organized and are preparing to invade the state of Sonora, Mexico, to avenge the murder of the six American pros-pectors by Mexican soldiers under General Torres. They will fight against the Mexican troops for the independence of Sonora and the Yaqui nation.

Recent Dawson fire destroyed property worth \$400,000.

Bubonic plague has broken out at Rosario, South America.

Ala. One negro was killed. In a long article in a Paris paper Emile Zola defends his father's honor.

The Alaska mail service will be ex-The National prohibition convention

has been called to meet at Chicago, June 27. The census of Puerto Rico just completed shows a total of 957,000 innhab

tants on the island. Nelson and Rossland have estab ished smallpox quarantine against

Northern Washington and Idaho. It is said the pro-Boer meeting at Washington was conducted almost whoily by anti-expansion and anti-ad-

ministration men. Nearly all the business buildings and many frame dwellings at the mining towns of Ward and Lafayette, Colorado, were destroyed by fire.

William Kirk, first mate of the American ship Clarence S. Bement, was murderously assaulted in his cabin while his vessel was at anchor in Port-

land, Or., harbor. Chairman Lacey, of the house com mittee on public lands, said that it will be impossible to pass general land laws for Alaska at this session, owing to opposition in the senate.

The North China Daily News pub lishes an edict, signed by Emperor Kwang Su, appointing as emperor in his place Put Sing, the nine-year-old son of Prince Tuano. The new emperor

will ascend the throne January 31. The senate committee will report favorably on Senator Foster's Alaska lighthouse bill, making an appropriation of \$300,000, to include a lighthouse at Unamak pass. Foster agreeing to a reduction in the appropriation from \$500,000.

Commander Richard Wainwright, who was in command of the Glouceste at the battle of Santiago, was presented a sword of honor and a silver service by a committee representing the citizens of the District of Columbia in the

General Otis reports to the war de partment that the Western coast of the island of Panay is now open for trade, and that the coast of Laguna de Bay and neighboring sections of the country

Brigadier-General Greely, chief of the signal corps, is steadily recovering from the injuries inflicted on him by a

drunken expressman. The resemblance between Roberts. the polygamist, and Senator Pritchard still his colleagues-Allison of Iowa, of North Carolina, is remarkable. They might be twin brothers. Both are of the same build, have the same cast of features, wear mustaches trimmed alike, and their curly hair might be

ROBERTS SENT

House Voted Not to Admit the Utah Polygamist.

MAJORITY RESOLUTION CARRIED

Closing Day of the Debate-Votes on the Two Propositions-Result Received With Cheers.

Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative-elect from Utah, which has occupied so much of the attention of the house since the assembling of adoption of a resolution to exclude him by a vote of 268 to 50. The exact language of the resolution was as follows:

'That under the facts and circumstances of the case, Brigham H. Roberts, representative elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have or hold a seat in the house of representa tives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant."

The amendment to expel Roberts without seating him, offered by Lacey, was ruled out on a point of order, and the house only voted on the resolutions of the majority and minority of the committee. The latter-to seat and then expel Roberts-was defeated, 81 to 244. An analysis of this vote shows that 170 Republicans, 72 Democrats and two Populists voted against it, and 72 Democrats, six Republicans, two Populists and two Silver-Republicans

The affirmative vote on the majority resolution-to exclude Roberts and declare the seat vacant-was divided ar follows: Republicans, 168; Democrats, 96; Populists, 4. The negative vote: Democrats, 47; Silver-Republi-cans, 2 Populists, 1.

There were over a score of speakert today, and the closing speeches on each side were particularly able. Lanham, of Texas, closed for the majority, and DeArmond, of Missouri, for the minor-

The announcement of the result of the final vote was received with cheers. Roberts was present throughout the day, and left the hall after the result of the last vote had been announced. As he did so, he gave out a statement justifying his retention of his plural obligation was more binding upon his conscience than technical obedience to statutory laws, and saying that there was little excuse for the extraordinary efforts too crush a system already abandoned and practically dead. He said dice." He would not, he said, attempt

Washington, Jan. 27 .- Just at the close of today's session of the senate speech delivered by Money, of Mississippi, on the race question in the South precipitated a heated colloquy between him and Chandler, of New Hampshire, in which the latter alleged that the Southern senators, by intem perate statements, were reopening the whole Southern question in the senate, after it was supposed to be dead. The noticed was made by Morgan, of Alapama, who is absent at present, but as it had been reiterated substantially, in Chandler's opinion, by other senators e declared he did not purpose to permit it to go unrefuted. The charge he North for the purpose of putting the slaves on a political and equality with the Southern whites Chandler's refutation of the statement was made with characteristic vehe nence and aggressiveness, but as no

The urgent deficiency bill, carrying bout \$9,000,000, passed without dirision, and practically without debate.

Runaway Freight. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 27 .reight train on the Central railroad of New Jersey, coming down the Wilkesbarre mountain, this afternoon, ran away. At the foot of the mountain near the Ashley siding, the cars left the track and were piled high in a big wreck. There was dynamite in one of the cars and it exploded with great force. The shock was felt for a distance of 20 miles. The windows in nearly every house in the town of Ashley were broken. Three men, all of them brakemen, were killed, two unknown men were fatally injured and several others were badly hurt. The dead are: Frank McLaughlin, of Mauch Chunk, aged 27; Michael Bird, of Ashley, aged 22, and William Buckley, of this city, aged 28.

Dynamite Outrage at Denver. Leadville, Colo., Jan. 27.-Another dynamite outrage—the fourth since Sunday-was committed at 4 o'clock this morning, when an explosion in the rear of the Western opera house caused slight damage. When the police ar-

city is greatly excited and a force of night watchmen will be employed. Petition For Mediation. Brussels, Jan. 27.-Nearly 100,000 ignatures have been appended to the ddress promoted by M. Le Juene and ther members of the Universal Peace ociety, asking President McKinley to nediate, which will be forwarded to

powder that failed to explode. The

night destroyed one block, principally small buildings. The loss will not exceed \$5,000.

Washington in the course of a fort-

COMMISSION MAY GOVERN.

President Now Has a New Plan for the Philippines. New York, Jan. 27 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: The proposition made by the Filipino leader.

Senor Mabini, for a civil commission to treat with the Filipinos will not be considered by the administration until Aguinaldo surrenders, and in official circles the general disposition is to re-gard Mabini's request as another play

It is the purpose of President McKinley to inaugurate a civil government to supersede military rule in the Philip pines at the earliest possible moment Washington, Jan. 27 .- The case of and he is favorably inclined toward a commission in lieu of a governor-general, and is discussing the question of 7 and 8 will probably be the most imavailable men for such a commission. If his present plans are carried out the congress, was decided today by the Filipinos will have all of the commissions they want to confer with, for in state importance, for the agricultural addition to a commission for the gov-interests of California, Washington

lation. Senator Hoar, leader of the anti-administration forces in this fight, was deep-

ly interested in the proposition.
"That sounds fair and just," said ne, "and I do not see how such a proposition can well be declined. As I understand, all the Filipinos ask is that congress listen to them before deciding their fate."

Senator Lodge, who represents the administration's views of the Philippine question, said: "It will be time enough to talk of commissions when these people lay ingly.
down their arms and stop fighting our Secr

soldiers." Senator Beveridge, a most nounced annexationist, regards Mabini as the equal, as a conservative statesman, of any man in public life in America. Of his proposition, how-

ever, the senator said: "I would have to study it more closely before giving an opinion that would be of value, but if I were to answer off hand, I would say that it seems to me his suggestion has been anticipated by the appointment of the civil commission which visited the islands and which did everything poswives, on the ground that his moral sible to bring about an understanding with the natives."

John Barrett, former minister to

Siam, said: "Whatever comes from Mabini is certainly worth considering. I am inclined, however, to think it is too he was a martyr to a "spasm of preju- late for anything to be done on the line

PLAGUE SCARE IN HAWAII. Hilo in Open Rebellion Against the

Honolulu, Jan. 19, via Victoria, C., Jan. 27 .- Up to and including January 15, there were 34 cases of bubonic plague reported, 17 of which proved Since that date five cases have been discovered. The most important and alarming was that of a white woman, the wife of George Borman, an old resident. This case was reported the 6th. The woman lingered for two days and then succumbed. This case created great alarm among the white people here, and a citizens' meeting was called and active steps were taken was made that the civil war had been to district the city, and now a houseprecipitated by deigning politicians of to-house inspection is made twice a day and each occupant must be ac counted for. It is believed that this plan will do more to stamp out the trouble than any steps yet taken. board of health still continues to all infected buildings. About one-half reply was offered, the incident ended of Chinatown has been destroyed by fire. Before the month is out it is expected that this plague spot will be en-

tirely reduced to ashes. The town of Hilo has come out in pen rebellion against the government, and threatens to resist by force any attempt to carry out the rules made the authorities here. Reports from the Hawaiian town indicate a condition bordering on panic among the people who seem ready to offer mob violence to representatives of the government.

TO SEE JUSTICE DONE.

A Body of Armed and Determined Men Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 27.-A special train bearing more than 1,000 men, carrying Winchester rifles, arrived in from the counties of Bell, Allen, Knox, Harlan, Whitley, Metcalf and Edmon-

today carry arms. Governor Taylor stated to the press representative that the men were not soldiers. The men marched to the statehouse stacked their guns and took up positions in groups about the buildi Adjutant-General Collier states he had no knowledge that the men were com-

ing. Many of the visitors are members rived, they found two sticks of giant of the state guard. Ex-Secretary of State Finley dressed the visitors from the step of the state house. He said the object of the gathering was to see justice done. committee was appointed to draft reso lutions. Stephen Sharp, of Lexington

was chosen chairman. London, Jan. 27 .- According to special dispatch from Shanghai, it reported that Emperor Kwang Su has mitted spicide.

London, Jan. 27 .- The war office nounces that General Warren has abandored Spionkop.

Important Gathering to Be Held at Salem.

REPRESENTING FOUR STATES

and Horticulturists Will Be Present at Meeting. Salem, Or., Jan. 29.-The farmers'

Fruitgrowers, Stockmen, Hopgrower

congress to be held in Salem February portant meeting of the kind ever held in this state. The gathering will be of more than

ernment of the islands, it is not un- and Idaho will also be represented. It likely that congress will appoint a will be more than a meeting of farmers, joint commission to investigate the is-lands next summer and report to the next session as a guide for future legis-ers, horticulturists, in fact, men of all occupations related to agriculture will A great deal of interest was mani- be present. The congress is intended ested in congressional circles in the to comprehend all the departments of communication from Senor Mabini, the diversified agricultural industries There is some diversity of opinion over of the coast, and it is expected that s the proposition and its feasibility. permanent organization will be effected.

This movement was started by the Salem chamber of commerce, working in unison with the state board of agriculture, and one of the chief objects to be attained is the arrangement of dates of the state fairs of Oregon, California, Washington and Idaho so that there will be no conflict. By such an arrangement horsemen and exhibitors will be enabled to make the circuit of the coast states each season, and the various fairs will be improved accord-

Secretary of State Dupper has offered the use of either of the legislative chambers for the congress, and it is expected that the meetings will be held in one of these spacious halls. The date has been arranged so as to be convenient for those who may come from various parts of the state to attend the meeting of the League of Republican clubs, to be held in Portland February 6. Secretary H. B. Thielsen, of the Salem chamber of commerce, has prepared a programme for the congress and all who attend the sessions will be assured a rare treat.

MERCHANTS ARE PLEASED.

Change Satisfactory-They See Benefit Coming to Business Interests. Chicago, Jan. 29.-George H. Medhurst, a prominent merchant of Hong Kong, while in Chicago today, on his

way to London, said: "The commercial interests of Hang he suggests. The only thing to do is Kong look with favor on the American which have obtained there have tended to check progress on the part of the people and the development of the undoubtedly great natural resources of those islands. Under the rule of this country, all those conditions will be changed, the resources of the islands will be developed, business will expand greatly and the policy of this

country will make them inviting fields for commercial venture and enterprise. 'The business interests of Hon Kong will unquestionably be benefite by these changed conditions and in other ways we hail the advent of the

United States into the Orient." San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Father Jose

Algue, director of the Manila observatory, the largest of the kind in the Orient, and his assistant, Father Jose Clos, have arrived here, en route to Washington, with many folios of valuable scientific data, which they hope to have published by the government They have come to America upon the urgent invitation of President Schur man, of Cornell university, who was president of the Philippine commission, and also by the request of Governor-General Otis, of the Philippines Both of them are Spaniards Jesuit priests. Father Algue is a ty phoon expert, and his companion is an authority on earthquakes. They bring with them besides 12 manuscript vol-

able maps of the Philippine islands. Six Americans Shot. El Paso, Jan. 29.-The mail tonight from Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, bringe the news that a report is current there that six Americans, David Cusick, Joh Eldredge, George Lunt, Charles Burns, Lon Webster and Henry Williams Frankfort this morning. The men hail were shot last week near the foot of the Bacatete mountains, east of Guaymas by order of General Torres, who is in son. Frankfort is overflowing with command of the Mexican troops now visitors, but none except those arriving operating against the Yaqui Indians in

> It is further reported that the matte was brought to the attention of the American consul at Guaymas, but the latter declined to act. It is said the Mexican troops found the Americane in friendly intercourse with Yaquis, whom the troops have Americans are known here, and are prospectors. Americans at Guaymas warn all Americaas to keep away from Yaqui country.

Dynamite Exploded in a Train Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 29.-Five jured as a result of a runaway train and the explosion of dynamite that fol-Jersey, at Ashley last night. The complete list of the dead is:

Frank McLaughlin, brake Michael Bird, brakeman; Peter Frey, engine wiper; Charles Haney; one un known tramp. Hanley went to the engine house to idle time away instead of going to night school.

GLOOM IN ENGLAND. Fears That The War Office Is With-holding Bad News.

London, Jan. 29.—Seven days of fighting have left the main Boer position intact, and General Buller 706 Buller's Forces Have Reweaker, according to the official casualty lists, which seemingly do not inculde the Spionkop losses, as those last forwarded do not mention General BOERS DID NOT PRESS THEM

Woodgate's wounding.

England is possessed by a sense of failure, though not a word in criticism of her generals and soldiers is uttered. Not much effort is made to place a happy construction upon General Buller's 18 words, telling of the retirement from Spionkop, and there is an uneasy impression abroad that worse news is yet to come. At one of the military clubs tonight, the statement passed from one person to another that the Wednesday. It is believed here this war office had received an unpleasant includes the wounded. The Boers also supplementary dispatch from General claim that 150 of the English troops Buller, which was being held up for surrendered at Spionkop.

12 hours. Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, writes as follows of the Spionkop

"This is a serious matter, and an atmize it, for no greater wrong can be done to our people at home than to mis-lead them about the significance of the Office—The Fighting. events of the war. The right way is

the west coast, is now interrupted. another route. 'More troops!'' is the only suggestion here as to the way to break the Boer resistance. Mr. Wilkinson regrets resistance. Mr. Wilkinson regrets that General Buller has not 20,000

The Spectator, dealing with the ne cessity of large additional military prefront of us."

The transport Assaye arrived at Cape Town last Friday, with 2,127 officers and men. The first portion of the Seventh division is affoat. Hence, with the 10,000 men of this division, and about 9,000 now at sea, it lies in the power of Lord Roberts to reinforce General Buller heavily. This course is advised by several military writers.

Although England's nerves are severely tried, her nerve is absolutely unshaken, and probably nothing that can happen in South Africa will change in the slightest degree her intentions She will continue to receive bad news, if it comes, with dignity, and will maintain her determination to win at

dice." He would not, he said, attempt to run for congress again, although he would go back home with a light heart confident of the future.

Kong look with favor on the American victory and then get to work and help the Filipinos develop the largest amount of confident of the future.

Kong look with favor on the American victory rule of the Philippines. In the past it has been the misfortune of those is lands to have been most wretchedly government to be known as the departing of commerce, with a cabinet office. cer at its head, has been discussed at onsiderable length by the senate committee on commerce. The discussion was based upon a very complete report gallantry. on the subject prepared by Senator Nel-

It is proposed to include in the new department a bureau of manufactures, and to transfer from the treasury de partment the life-saving, lighthouse marine hospital and steamboat inspec tion service, the bureaus of navigation immigration, statistics and coast and geodetic surveys; to transfer from the interior department the commission of railway, the census office and the geodetic survey, and from the state depart ment the bureau of foreign comm The department of labor and the fish At 8 A. M. we commenced withdrawcommission are also placed under this supervision.

Robert's Salary Washington, Jan. 29 .- The question of salary and mileage allowed for Mr. Roberts is to be considered ouse committee on account. amount for salary, conditionally due Mr. Roberts, but there is some doubt as to whether those sums should be al lowed. The attorney-general, on appli cation, has refused to pass on the sub ject, as it is not in his jurisdiction, an the controller of the treasury has als referred the matter back to the commit tee on accounts. The latter body wil now seek to get at the law in the cas umes on scientific subjects, many valuand reach a decision.

Investigation of Wardner Troubles Washington, Jan. 29.—The house committee on military affairs today agreed to proceed with the investigaary 14, and it was arranged that the governor and auditotr of the state and Major-General Merriam should be asked to appear at that time. Sulzer, of New York, and Lentz, of Ohio, who esses to be examined.

valued at \$6,000 were stolen from the combination is evidenced by the fact that there was not a mark on the safe. Samuel W. Nealy, while temporarily

insane, hanged himself at The Dalles. He was 78 years old. Separationists in West Australia

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 29 .- Wes

on the part of the residents of the gold lowed, on the Central railroad of New fields, who are virtually unanimous ir their desire for severance from the rest of the colony. In spite of the efforts of the West Australian government te throttle the movement, a petition signed by 35,000 adults has been dispatched to London, asking for separation of the gold fields, with a view to

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crossed the Tugela.

Buller Thinks Transvasiers Have Been Taught to Respect Fighting Qualities of His Troops.

London, Jan. 30 .- General Buller says General Warren's troops have retreated south of the Tugela river. The Boers say the British lost 1,500 killed

British Left 1500 Dead. Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 30 .- The British dead left on the battlefield yesterday numbered 1,500.

tempt will not here be made to mini- ACCOUNT OF THE MOVEMENT.

London, Jan. 30.—General Buller's to tell the truth, as far as we know it."

dispatch to the war office states that

But the facts from the neighborhood
of the Tugela are scantier than ever. lack of water, inability to bring artil-The censorship now is simply prohibi- lery there and the heavy Boer fire. tive, and something is wrong with the General Buller gives no list of causalcables. The break on the east coast ties. His whole force withdrew south ines has been repaired, but the cable of the Tugela river, with the evident between San Thome and Lcanda, on intention of reaching Ladysmith by

Following is the text of General Buller's dispatch, dated Spearman's Camp, Saturday Jan. 27:

"On January 20 Warren drove back more men, declaring that if they would not make victory certain, his enterprise without them is helpless.

On January 20 Warren drove back the enemy and obtained possession of the southern crests of the high table-land extending from the line of Acton Homes and Hongerspoort to the west-ern Ladysmith hills. From then to parations, says: "It may be that we January 25 he remained in close con-have yet another cycle of disasters in tact with the enemy. tact with the enemy.

Boers Held Strong Position. "The enemy held a strong position on a range of small kopjes stretching from northwest to southeast across the plateau from Acton Homes, through Spionkop, to the left bank of the Tugela. The actual position held was perfectly tenable, but did not lend itself to an advance, as the southern slopes were so steep that Warren could not get an effective artillery position, and water

supplies were a difficulty. "On January 23 I assented to his attacking Spionkop, a large hill, indeed, a mountain which was evidently the key to the position, but was far more accessible from the north than from the south. On the night of January 23 he attacked Spionkop, but found it very

"The crest was held all that day against severe attacks, and a heavy shell fire. Our men fought with great

"General Woodgate, who was in command of the summit, having been him decided on the night of January 24 to abandon the position, and did so

before dawn January 25.

"I reached Warren's camp at 5 A. M. on January 25, and decided that a second attack upon Spionkop was usetoo strong to allow me to force it. Decided to Withdraw. "Accordingly, I decided to withdraw

the force to the south of the Tugela.

ing the men, and by 8 A. M., January

27, Warren's force was concentrated

south of the Tugela without the loss of a man or a pound of stores.
"The fact that the force should withdraw from actual touch-in some cases the lines were less than 1,000 yards apart—with the enemy in the manner it did, is, I think, sufficient evidence of the morale of the troops, and that we were permitted to withdraw our cumbrous ox and mule transports across the river, 85 yards broad, with 20-foot banks and a very swift current, unmolested, is, I think, proof that the enemy has been taught to respect our soldiers fighting powers."

Plague in New Caledonia. Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 29.—From coumea, New Caledonia, the steamship Miowera brings alarming reports of the ravages of the plague, which has been prevalent there since early in De-cember. There were 16 deaths during the first 10 days following the outbreak. The plague is attributed to the filthy quarters of the Japanese, Tonkinese and Kanakas. All the Kanakas have been isolated on an island adjahave been urging the inquiry, are to have been isolated on an island adja-furnish the names of additional wit cent to the town. Up to December 23 there had been no deaths among the whites, eight of whom had been infected, but nine Kanakas, two Japanese ease. Much alarm is felt by the resisafe in the office of Joseph K. Daviddents and business is at a standstill. Son & Son, manufacturing jewelers. The natives believe the plague is a visitation of providence, and that it is wrong to take means to check it.

duly inspected, and purchased by the government. About as many were re-

Vienna, Jan. 30 .- A serious view is taken in diplomatic circles here of the situation in China. The Nene Frei Presse thinks that other powers will follow the example of France and send

warships to protect their subjects.

The Austro-Hungarian cruiser Sonta will arrive at Hong Kong in a few days, and will be at the disposal of the Austro-Hungarian minister at Peking.

Governor Leary, of Guam, re the condition in that island as h