

IS IN MOTION

Buller Has Started to Relieve the Ladysmith Garrison.

HIS THIRD ADVANCE IS STEADY

Boers Fall to Dislodge British Troops from Captured Positions—Lord Roberts Marches on Bloemfontein.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(Thursday, 4 a. m.)—The British columns are putting themselves in motion in all parts of the South African war fields. The combined attack upon the Boers appears to be in progress. General Buller has gained a footing in the plateau north of the Tugela, after two days' hard fighting. On the far western border Lord Methuen has begun turning the movement against the Boer right, while General MacDonalld threatens the Boer flank, thus relieving the pressure on Lord Methuen's front. Lord Roberts is said to be in the middle of the theatre of war, and has begun to march on Bloemfontein. The Boers have taken the initiative against General Gatacre, attacking two of his positions at Sterkstroom.

It really looks as though the general forward movement, so long talked of, were in progress. General Buller's third attempt at relieving Ladysmith absorbs attention. Telegrams of from 100 to 200 words, from a dozen correspondents, have been passed by the censor. From these it is clear that General Buller, up to Tuesday evening, had taken one hill, had repulsed a Boer counter attack, and was holding the position against enfilading from Spionkop and Doorn Kloof. His losses as mentioned by one of the correspondents are 250.

Only telegrams from Boer sources assert that one of General Buller's attempts to seize the ford failed, but they admit that he has lodged forces on one kopje. The light on General Buller's operations ceases here, the war office not contributing any information. Three thousand militia have been ordered to prepare for embarkation. Obsolete guns at the various coast defenses are being replaced with modern naval guns. The government is preparing a plan, to be submitted to parliament, for the conversion of the Yeomanry volunteers and militia into a well organized and properly equipped army for home defense.

BULLER'S ADVANCE.

Spearman's Camp, Feb. 7.—(Wednesday, 6 p. m.)—General Buller commenced the advance for the relief of Ladysmith on Monday. The naval guns opened at 7 in the morning, and a feint attack was made in front of our position. Three battalions advanced toward Brakfontein with six batteries. At 11 o'clock the Boers opened with artillery fire, and sent several shells among the British infantry who retired one hour later.

Meanwhile a vigorous attack was made on the extreme right where the engineers expeditiously constructed a position. Several pieces of cannon, hidden among the trees on Zwartkop, bombarded heavily. The British infantry charged, and the Boers were entirely surprised. At 4 o'clock the high hill, a continuation of Brakfontein, had been taken. The operations were excellently planned. The name of the hill taken is Krantz Kloof. The bombardment of the Boer position was resumed this (yesterday) morning. The Boers worked a disappearing cannon from the high Doorn Kloof range on the right of the hill captured; but the British shells exploded its magazine, and the gun was put out of action until late in the day. The musketry fire was intermittent

until the afternoon, when the Boers made a determined effort to retake the hill. Reinforcements rushed up cheering, the Boers were repulsed, and the British advanced along ridge.

CONFIRMED BY BOERS.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11 a. m.—Further reports of yesterday's fighting, at the upper Tugela river, show that the British lost heavily at Pont Drift, but took an important position on a small kopje on the Moten Drift side. Four Boers were killed. The British loss is unknown. The Boers are still in possession of the kopje, and the big guns have ceased firing.

FIGHT IN DETAIL.

London, Feb. 8.—The Standard has the following from Spearman's Camp, dated February 7th:

The force under General Buller is again advancing to the relief of Ladysmith, and after two days' severe fighting it may fairly be said to have made a good first step on the road to the besieged town. The movement was begun early on Monday morning, by way of Potgieter's Drift. The Eleventh brigade, forming part of fifth division under General Warren, made a feint attack upon the kopjes on our front. The assault was delivered at the outset under cover of the naval guns on Mount Alice, and subsequently under the field batteries.

The infantry advanced steadily toward the Boers' entrenched position at Brakfontein, and kept the enemy busily employed. A pontoon bridge was thrown across the Tugela, by the engineers, under the fire of the enemy. The first battalion to move across in the forenoon was the Durham light infantry of General Lytton's infantry. They advanced against Vaal Krantz, which lies on the most direct road to Ladysmith, and after two hours' splendid work they got within charging distance of the Boers. The first of the kopjes was carried by them at the point of the bayonet by the utmost gallantry. Almost simultaneously a battalion of the rifle brigade cleared the second kopje, and after moving across the long ridge they bivouacked on the spot. The feint attack at Potgieter's Drift having served its purpose in preventing the concentration of the enemy at the crucial point, the Eleventh brigade fell back to the river.

Yesterday (Tuesday), at 4 in the afternoon, the enemy, encouraged doubtless by their success at Spionkop, endeavored to recapture the position taken by us at Vaal Krantz. They were beaten back, however, with loss. The shell and maxim fire poured in by the Boers has been extremely severe, but our losses are comparatively speaking, small. The Durham light infantry took few prisoners in the course of their charge. The enemy, as usual fought with the utmost stubbornness.

There is not the slightest likelihood that the Boers will succeed in dislodging us from the positions we have gained, and the prospects of the relief of Ladysmith are decidedly hopeful.

ADVANCE STOPPED.

London, Feb. 8.—A special dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Wednesday, February 7th, says:

Our further advance is at the moment prevented, as the Boers enfilade us from their positions on Spionkop and Doorn Kloof. Our casualties, although estimated at 250, are trifling, considering the great importance of the movement just concluded.

ANOTHER BATTLE.

Cape Town, Feb. 7.—Fighting began this morning at Sterkstroom, and is now in progress. No details have been received.

A TELEPHONE MORTGAGE.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 7.—The Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company has mortgaged to the Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, its entire possessions in California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, as security for the payment of gold interest-bearing bonds to the amount of \$2,250,000.

FIND A HITCH

Republicans of Kentucky Object to Peace Agreement.

IT MAY NOT BE PERFECTED

Another Conference Will Be Held before Definite Action Is Taken—The Funeral of Goebel.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 7.—The existence of a hitch in the peace negotiations, and the speculation as to its probable duration, occupied the minds of the politicians to the exclusion of everything else today. That another conference between representatives of the two parties may be necessary before a final agreement is reached, was indicated by the summoning to Frankfort, this afternoon, of the republican attorneys who have all along advised the leaders of that party, and some of whom were present at Tuesday night's conference. These included ex-Governor Bradley, A. E. Wilson and David W. Farleigh. The republicans of this city are not agreed as to the wisdom of closing negotiations on the basis of the agreement reached Tuesday night. John Marshall, the republican lieutenant-governor, said this afternoon that so many protests were being made by the republicans against the terms of the peace agreement, that he was doubtful if it would be signed.

THE GOEBEL FUNERAL.

Frankfort, Feb. 7.—In anticipation of the arrival from Covington, of the body of Governor Goebel, Adjutant-General Collier this morning issued orders, withdrawing all troops from the city, and bringing them, with the main body, to the capitol grounds. These orders will remain in effect until after Governor Goebel's remains have been placed in the vault tomorrow.

NOT SIGNED.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 7.—Governor Taylor announces this morning that he has not signed the Louisville agreement and that no action would be taken until later. He would not say anything to indicate that it was certain he would decide upon anything even then.

"I am to consult with some gentlemen today," he said, "and nothing will be decided until after I see them."

The gentlemen alluded to are ex-Governor Bradley and Colonel Breckenridge, both of whom are Taylor's attorneys.

THE GOEBEL FUNERAL.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 7.—The train bearing the remains of Senator Goebel arrived from Covington at noon. A great throng of citizens and people from the surrounding country were waiting at the depot. Members of the city council formed a guard of honor and marched before the hearse to the capitol hotel. The day was exceedingly disagreeable, but thousands of people surrounded the hotel when the casket was carried into the large reception-room, where the remains lie in state until tomorrow noon.

A BIG STRIKE.

Many Thousands of Builders Have Gone Out in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—One thousand men have joined striking workmen here since yesterday. It is estimated that 30,000 members of the building trades council, in protest against the new rules of the building contractors' council, are now out, and the labor leaders declare that by Monday the membership of the building trades council numbering 45,000 will be out and the building operations in Chicago controlled by the contractors will be tied up. The contractors declare they will employ non-union labor.

LOUISIANA POLITICS.

New Orleans, Feb. 7.—The "Lily-White" republican convention at Alexandria nominated the following ticket: Governor, C. A. Ade; lieutenant-governor, Judge Wiley; secretary of state, General W. J. Rehan; auditor, A. J. Weeks. Fusion with the populists was not effected, but a conference committee was appointed to negotiate with all elements opposed to democracy. Two republican and a populist ticket in the field practically assures democratic success.

A THROUGH TRAIN.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 7.—The officials of the Union Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, met here today and decided to place in service a second through train between Portland and Chicago, the train to leave Portland in the morning.

TRANSPORTS RETURN.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—The transports Pathan and Sherman arrived today from the Philippines. The Pathan occupied thirty-one days on the voyage and the Sherman twenty-five days. Both vessels touched at Nagasaki. On board the Sherman are seventy-five invalided soldiers.

AWFUL CRIME

A Farmer Near Walla Walla Killed by His Grandson.

A DRUNKEN FIEND'S BLOODY DEED

Murderer Attempted the Lives of Several Others Before Escaping—Will Be Lynched.

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 8.—B. F. Royce, a well known farmer, was shot and killed this evening, at his home twelve miles from here, by his grandson, Frank Royce. Frank Royce left the city this afternoon in a drunken condition. When he reached Dixie he became involved in a fight with Rufus Woods, biting the nose of the latter nearly off. Royce proceeded to the home of his grandfather, B. F. Royce, with whom he has been living, about two miles above Dixie. Woods followed in pursuit of Royce, and the two repeated their struggles in the presence of the older Royce. Frank Royce pulled a gun, shot at Woods, but missed him and killed his grandfather. Young Royce then fired several more shots at Woods, but without effect.

After Royce saw what he had done, he set fire to the house, which burned to the ground and the old gentleman's body was consumed. During the trouble Mrs. B. F. Royce fled to the barn and found safety by hiding.

Frank Royce shot four times at F. M. Skinner, a railroad employe, who was at work a short distance from the scene. Fortunately Skinner was unharmed. Royce then proceeded down the road with a Winchester in his hand and coming to the place of Ben Pilcher, fired three shots through the house and then fled.

The sheriff and a posse are in pursuit of Royce. Young Royce had been farming his grandfather's place. It is said that he had a difficulty over several matters. Royce is about 30 years old and has a wife and several children.

B. F. Royce was a wealthy pioneer of this county. He was bunched out of \$5000 last spring by "Crooked Money" Green.

The community is aroused and Royce will probably be lynched if caught.

Later—It is believed tonight that Frank Royce, after setting fire to the house and firing several shots, threw himself into the flames and was cremated with his grandfather.

HURRICANE IN ILLINOIS

COLLINSVILLE BADLY WRECKED BY HEAVY WINDS.

Many Houses Destroyed and Several Persons Seriously Injured—Nothing but Wreckage Left.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 8.—The town of Collinsville, Ill., twelve miles from St. Louis, on the Vandalia railroad, narrowly escaped destruction by a tornado today. Nine persons were injured in the immediate vicinity of the village, some of them fatally, and there was much damage to property. Miners who live in the outskirts of town lost most by the wind. A group of three residences standing on a hill were reduced to splinters.

About 2:30 a. m. the storm was first

HARD WORK

Buller Encounters Great Difficulties in His Advance.

HE IS HOLDING VAAL KRANTZ.

British Hopes Are Centered on Lord Roberts, Who Will Advance on Orange Free State.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(Friday, 4 a. m.)—All messages from the observers with General Buller throw in a phrase or two about "the strength of the Boer positions," and "the difficulties of General Buller's work," but they do not carry events beyond Tuesday evening. Their last slender narratives leave the British advance on Vaal Krantz, in the center of the semi-circle, where the troops are exposed to the Boer artillery on both sides and in the center.

Fighting continued until 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, and almost without a doubt continued Wednesday, as the Boers would not leave this wedge into their lines unmolested. It is also inferred that General Buller must either continue his advance or retire. The heaviest fighting appears to have been on Tuesday. General Buller's 233 casualties are mentioned as having occurred before noon Tuesday. Large lists are consequently expected for the rest of the day. The casualties already reported brings the total of the British losses during the war to 10,241 killed, wounded and captured.

The disposition here is rather to minimize the importance of the fighting in Natal, and to suggest that this is only an incident, anyway, placing hope upon the expected decisive engagements in Northern Cape Colony, and upon the invasion of the Free State by Lord Roberts. At all events, this is the official view. The public does not like these new waits, and there is a sharp anxiety for further news in Cape Colony. General MacDonalld has had a skirmish with 1000 Boers at Koooodoborg. This was on Monday. The Boers have been taking the offensive against General French near Renburg, as well as against General Gatacre in the Stormberg hills.

Since the war has strained the resources of the military system, England has been troubled with a possibility that her sea fighting will now show naval defects which would weaken the first line of the defense, in which the country has placed such complete trust. Public men have been painfully surprised to learn that sixteen battleships and eight armored cruisers depend upon muzzle-loaders. This means that a smaller but faster ship with modern guns, would be able to stay 1000 or 2000 yards out of range, and disable about one-third of the vessels which appear in the naval list as "first-class." The admiralty is understood to be preparing to remedy this defect.

The supplementary army bill, estimated to March 31st, was laid before the house of commons yesterday. It is reported that the bill is for £20,000,000, which would make the cost of the war up to that date £30,000,000. The maintenance of 200,000 men at the front, it is estimated, costs between £8,000,000 and £10,000,000 per month.

Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.—Publius Syrus.

NINE PERSONS KILLED

PASSENGER TRAIN TELESOPED BY A FAST FREIGHT.

A Blinding Snow Storm Prevented the Engineer from Seeing the Passenger Train Until Too Late.

ESCANABA, Mich., Feb. 8.—The Chicago & Northwestern passenger train known as the "Felix Mountain Accommodation," which runs between this city and Metropolitan, was wrecked in a rear-end collision at the Ford river switch, at 6:30 tonight. Nine persons were killed; three are reported missing; five are seriously, and four slightly injured. The dead are: W. R. Hill, of Escanaba, baggage man of the accommodation train; Wm. Dillon, of Escanaba, brakeman on the accommodation train; Miss Seymour, of Delta county, Michigan; Charles Martin, of Escanaba, civil engineer; George R. Black, of Escanaba, civil engineer; Sam Green, of Negaunee, agent Upper Peninsula Brewing Co.; two unknown men; an unknown woman, body charred beyond recognition.

The injured include: B. W. Brown, cedar merchant, believed to be fatal; Mrs. Seymour, burned, internally injured; Theo. Deford, Harwood, Mich., fatally injured; Richard Roberts, Escanaba, conductor of the accommodation, leg mashed. Three passengers are reported to be missing and their bodies are supposed to be under the burning wreckage, but their names could not be ascertained.

The fast freight train was making about fifty miles an hour, forging ahead through a blinding snow storm, which made it impossible to see the signal lights ahead. When within 100 yards of the switch at Ford river, Engineer Green saw the rear lights of the train directly ahead, and, with a warning cry to his fireman, jumped. The next instant the freight struck the passenger train and telescoped three coaches.

A SWINDLER CAUGHT.

New York, Feb. 8.—William F. Miller, absconding head of the Franklin syndicate of Brooklyn, the concern which promised to pay investors to percent a week, was brought to police headquarters in this city today. He was arrested in Canada.

KILLED HERSELF.

Spokane, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Scott Bennett, of Post Falls, Idaho, wife of a member of the town council, committed suicide this morning. She took carbolic acid during a fit of temporary insanity. Deceased was a prominent worker in the church and lodges.

DIED THIS MORNING.

Indianapolis, Feb. 9.—Special from Terre Haute says, Colonel Richard Thompson, ex-secretary of the navy died at 1 o'clock this morning.

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