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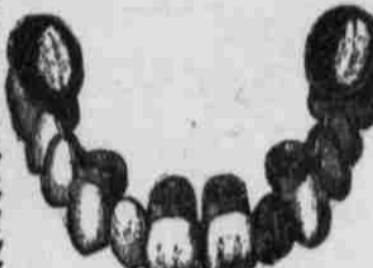
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GENERAL BULLER DEFEATED

Prophecy of a German Newspaper Is Completely Fulfilled

The Greatest British Fighting General Meets With a Terrible Repulse -- Loses All His Artillery at the Battle of Tugela River -- Compelled to Withdraw. His Plan of Three Divisions With Liddite Shell Batteries in the Center a Failure -- England Brought to Her Senses -- A House of Lord's Government Not What it is Cracked Up to Be -- South African War May Produce a British Revolution

By Associated Press to the Journal.

The London war office at 12.47 a. m. Dec. 15 received a dispatch from General Buller announcing a serious repulse by the Boers in his attempt Dec. 15, to cross the Tugela river near Colenso. He undertook to force a passage at two fordable places with two brigades, supported by a third central brigade with heavy 75-caliber artillery. General Buller on the left was forced to withdraw early in the day. Bullard occupied the right at Colenso bridge, and Littleton the center. The whole artillery of eleven pieces was captured on the river bank by the Boers just as it got into position. They killed all the horses and wounded some of the gunners. Unsupported by artillery, Buller had to withdraw his troops to Chieveley. Losses in General Buller's brigade, the 14th and 69th field batteries, Col. Crooke seriously wounded. The news of General Buller's reverse was received so late in London that the comment of many newspapers is confined to perfunctory expressions of regret and disappointment and of the necessity of calmness and redoubled efforts to relieve the position. The latest check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history since the Indian mutiny. Immediately on receiving the news, the British war office decided to mobilize still another division and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible. Fifteen transports are due to arrive at Cape Town between December 17 and January 8 with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless General Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for another fortnight or more to remain on the defensive. The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater as, during the last 48 hours, there had been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday the war office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. The reaction is all the more pronounced on this account.

London, Dec. 16.—As might have been expected, the desperate state of British arms in South Africa as revealed by the defeat of Buller at Tugela river, which at one stroke he lost treble the number of guns Wellington left in the hands of Napoleon during six years of fighting in the peninsula, while adding to the determination of the authorities to send every available man to the front, has caused something in the nature of a momentary panic among the public. It is long since the tone of newspapers and comment in the clubs and other resorts has been so chastened and pessimistic. Some comments say the crisis is so far-reaching that Great Britain stands "where she stood over a century back, when the American colonists, men of British or Dutch blood were in arms." The Evening Standard declares the situation calls for the equanimity, determination and perseverance of the empire and demands the immediate calling out of all volunteers. "The guilt of the government is superseded by the danger of the Empire. We are thinking of hostile Europe, we are thinking of India. We implore the government not to move another man from Calcutta or Bombay. We remember the mutiny."

The St. James Gazette is also apprehensive of foreign complications and thinks France is preparing for some venture which will be in the nature of a defiance of Great Britain. As the day proceeded the attack of nervousness disappeared and only the permanent effect of the serious news was to cause a slight clenching of fists and

more set determination to achieve the task the country has undertaken. The departing troops were more vehemently cheered than usual, and the troops themselves displayed a greater desire to reach the front. Queen Victoria is greatly concerned at the latest reverses. Sydney, Dec. 16.—The imperial authorities have telegraphed the governor of New South Wales accepting the offer of a further Australian contingent for South Africa. Moolder River, Friday.—During a demonstration in force this morning, the British guns shelled the Boers for a couple of hours. The Boers are further entrenching and strengthening their old defenses with the evident intention of fiercely disputing the control of the railroads.

Proterea, Friday.—An official dispatch from Moolder river says: "Great numbers of British have retired in the direction of Belmont. The wounded are being attended to temporarily at Bissels' farm. The Boers suffered heavy losses in horses. I cannot otherwise describe the battlefield than as a sad and terrible slaughter. Monday was for us a brilliant victory. It has infused new spirit in our men."

London, Dec. 16.—A revised list of British casualties at the battle of Magersfontein shows a total 963, of which seventy were officers.

London, Dec. 16.—The news of the defeat of General Buller caused a momentary panic on the stock exchange today. There was intense excitement in all the departments. The market views of the situation are most serious, both politically and monetarily.

Pretoria, Wednesday.—Advises from Blacking say the attack on the small British fort has been made with good results. The fort was demolished. Heavy cannon firing is proceeding. Col. Baden-Powell sent the Boers notice advising them to lay down their arms, promising them protection as soon as Great Britain has taken over the Transvaal.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Bulser has introduced a joint resolution in the house declaring that a state of war exists in South Africa and according to belligerent rights to the Transvaal government.

HOP GROWERS WILL RALLY

A Big Industrial Convention to Be Held in Salem on Tuesday

How Bankers Are Assisting -- Ex-Senator Corbett's Efforts in Behalf of the Oregon Hopgrowers

By Associated Press to the Journal.

A mass meeting of the hopgrowers of the state will be held in the opera house Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of formulating plans whereby they may be relieved from the grasp of the speculators and enabled to dispose advantageously of their crop. Prominent citizens engaged in all lines of business are expected to be present, and ex-United States Senator Corbett, of Portland, has been invited to be present and preside. It is not known yet whether he will come. Concluded on Second Page.

The company was incorporated in 1898 and has a paid up capital of \$3,000,000 stock, being largely held in the Squire family. In an interview, Mr. Chapman said: "The assignment was the direct result of the tightness in the money market."

ter. Memorandum and calendar paid on which the blank space exceeds the printing, printed matter on other material than paper, and playing cards, are all included. The rate is 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof.

On first class matter the prepayment of one full rate, 2 cents, will carry it to its destination, where the postage due will be collected. On the other classes the postage must be fully prepaid or it don't go. This should be remembered.

Anything that is liable to injure the mails is unavailable and there are penalties attached to placing it in the mails. The limit of weight of single packages is 4 pounds except in the case of a single book, or of first-class matter fully prepaid, though this does not apply to matter of the second class.

In the case of matter mailed to foreign countries there are various rules and regulations differing from those which regulate our domestic mails, and the safest way is to apply to the local post master for information covering the special case.

Domestic mail matter is divided into four classes: "First, written and sealed matter; Second, periodical publications; Third, Miscellaneous printed matter on paper; Fourth, all matter not included in previous classes." First class matter is "Written matter, namely, letters, postal cards and all matter wholly or partly in writing, whether sealed or unsealed." Another definition is "any matter in the nature of a personal communication." "All matter sealed or otherwise closed against inspection is also of the first class."

This last should be particularly borne in mind, as sealing or pasting paper around a package so that its contents can not be inspected makes it first-class matter, no matter what it is in. The postage on this class is 2 cents per ounce or fraction thereof. Second class includes newspapers and periodicals mailed by publisher or news agent. When mailed by others the rate on this class is 1 cent for 4 ounces or fractional part thereof. The third class includes "books, cir-

WASHINGTON NEWS

The Gold Standard Currency Bill Receiving Its Last Touches

Administration Will Pursue a Humane Policy Toward Distinguished Filipino Prisoners

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Abandoning Aguinaldo. CATCHING ON. For the First Time in History the Supreme Court Saving Money. The supreme court is not using all the money appropriated by the last legislature for additional clerk hire. At the present rate the court will have spent at the end of the year only \$250,71 for that purpose. The appropriation was \$700,000 for two years, or \$350,000 per year. Less than two-thirds of this year's money will be expended. Short Telegrams. Gold, engaged for export to Europe today is \$2,300,000. General Leonard Wood accompanied by his wife, leaves for Cuba today. Cuba will be well governed.

BANK CLOSED ITS DOORS.

Inability to Collect is Given as the Cause of Suspension. Waco, Or., Dec. 16.—The Sherman county bank voluntarily closed its doors Friday. Inability to collect is given as the cause.

MORMON CONFERENCE.

Will be Held at the Opera House Tomorrow, the First in Salem.

The church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will hold a conference in Reed's Opera house tomorrow. There will be two sessions, at 2 and 7 p. m. Among those present will be F. S. Bramwell, of Parker, Idaho, president of the Northwestern state mission which embraces Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and part of Canada. Another prominent visitor will be W. P. Mowman, of Franklin, Idaho, former president of the Portland conference. Also Arthur Jenkins, secretary of the mission. There will be twenty Elders of the church in attendance.

The object of the conference is to assign the elders to their several fields of labor; also to show the true side of the question. There will be addresses both afternoon and evening by Pres. F. S. Bramwell, W. P. Mowman and others upon the doctrines of the church. One of the leading features of the meetings will be good music, including a male quartette. A cordial invitation is extended to all seats free, and no collection.

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