

IS INVASION FEARED?

British Cabinet Secretly Discusses Naval Plans.

TEN THOUSAND MEN DETAINED.

General Buller Claims to Have Found the Key to Ladysmith-A Plan to Invade Orange Free State is Indicated.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—It is now known that the cabinet devoted much of its discussions on Saturday to the mobilization of the fleet. Nothing was settled except that until further security to the home coasts has been obtained by naval preparations the Eighth division shall not be sent to South Africa.

This decision to delay the Eighth division at a time when re-enforcements are so urgently required may only mean that transports are not yet available and that the division will embark when the shipping is ready.

The mobilization of reserve warships, it is said, is of the utmost importance. One thing is certain. Ten thousand men are ready to go to South Africa, are detained for reasons of which the public has no knowledge.

The Cape Town correspondent of "The Daily Mail," telegraphing yesterday, says: "General Buller on Monday read the following message from the queen to Sir Charles Warren's force: 'I must express my admiration of the troops during the past trying week, especially of those regiments you specify, and of the accomplishment of your arduous march.'

"General Buller told the men that they ought not to think because they had retired from their position that all their work was of no avail. On the contrary, in his opinion, they had gained the key of the road to Ladysmith, in which he hoped to be within a week."

"General Buller then called for cheers for the queen, which were heard for miles around."

A dispatch from Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, says: "General Kelly-Kenny's column has occupied Thebus Station, between Steynsburg and Rosmead."

The railway line on which Steynsburg and Rosmead are situated runs on the westward of Steynsburg to Stormberg Junction, near which General Gatacre is operating. To the northward of Rosmead junction, on another line of railway, is Colesberg, where General French now is. The place occupied by General Kelly-Kenny is, roughly, a hundred miles from General Gatacre's base of operations at Sterkstroom.

General Buller's operations have cost 312 men so far officially reported within ten days.

The latest reports from the fighting around about Spion kop show that 2,000 men were killed in the assault on the hill by the British and its recapture by the Boers. The Boers report that 1,500 British dead were left on the field after Spion kop was abandoned. Whole regiments were annihilated.

The losses at Spion kop make the total British killed, wounded and missing thus far in the war number 10,288. Of this heavy total 6,838 were lost in the campaign at Ladysmith.

A special dispatch from Frere camp, dated Friday, Jan. 28, 9:10 p. m., says: "I have just ridden in here, having left General Buller's forces in the new positions south of the Tugela to which they retired in consequence of the reverse at Spion kop."

"The fighting, both before and after the occupation of the mountain, was of a desperate character. Spion kop is a precipitous mountain overtopping the whole line of kopjes along the upper Tugela. On the eastern side the mountain faces Mount Alice and Potgieter's drift, standing at right angles to the Boer center position and Lytleton's advanced position. The southern point descends in abrupt steps to the lower line of kopjes. On the western side, opposite the right outposts of Warren's force, it is inaccessibly steep until the point where the nek joins the kop to the main range. Then there is a gentle slope which allows easy access to the summit."

"The nek was strongly held by the Boers, who also occupied a heavy spur parallel with the kop, where the enemy was concealed in no fewer than 35 rifle pits and was thus enabled to bring to bear upon our men a devastating cross fire the only possible point for a British attack being the southern side, with virtually sheer precipices on the left and right."

"The ridge held by our men was faced by a number of strong little kopjes at all angles, whence the Boers sent a concentrated fire from their rifles, supported by Maxim-Nordenfeldt and a big long range gun. What with the rifles, the machine guns and the big gun, the summit was converted into a perfect hell. The shells exploded continually in our ranks, and the rifle fire from an absolute unseen enemy was perfectly appalling. 'Mortal men could not permanently hold such a position. Our gallant fellows held it tenaciously for 24 hours and then, taking advantage of the dark night, abandoned it to the enemy.'"

Carload of Stamped Envelopes. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The post-office department is preparing to make the largest single shipment of stamped envelopes in the history of the department. They will be consigned to the New York postoffice and will require an entire freight car to transport them. The number to be shipped is 2,910,000, and their value is \$50,057.

To Fix the Price of Milk. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Milk producers in this vicinity attended a meeting called in this city by the International Farmers' union and fixed the average wholesale price of milk on the Binghamton market at 2 1/2 cents a quart. This is the first time that the new farmers' unions has fixed the price of any commodity.

Plague Stricken Town Isolated. BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 27.—Official notification has been received of the appearance of the bubonic plague at Rosario on the west bank of the Parana about 230 miles by water northwest of Buenos Ayres. The government has issued a decree of absolute isolation.

Senator Gear Better. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senator John H. Gear of Iowa, who has been ill is much improved, and his physicians say he will be able to leave his residence in a few days.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely Told.

A slight earthquake shock was felt in Missouri. The circulating libraries of Scranton, Pa., have been closed by the board of health. By the overturning of a lamp by a dog two hotels at North Beach, N. Y., were destroyed.

The German steamer Remus was wrecked on the coast of Denmark, and 14 lives were lost. The condition of Mrs. Platt, wife of Senator T. C. Platt, who is ill in Washington, is considerably improved.

The French cabinet decided on the naval bills, and they were introduced in the chamber of deputies by the premier. Tuesday, Jan. 30. An epidemic of mumps was reported at Inwood, N. Y.

The barge Brooklyn was sunk off Lambert's point by the Old Dominion liner Princess Anne. The molasses trial was adjourned until Thursday because Juror Brown was not able to attend.

Judge Kohlsaat of the federal court at Chicago declared unconstitutional the Illinois antitrust law. The expected hold up of the Missouri Pacific train leaving Kansas City for St. Louis did not materialize.

The Depew Opera House at Peekskill, owned by United States Senator Depew, was destroyed by fire; loss, \$75,000. A big steamship was refitted ashore at New Inlet, N. C. The life savers went to her assistance, but the crew refused to leave.

A fight between train robbers and Union Pacific detectives was reported in the Hole in the Wall, Wyoming, Saturday, in which two bandits were killed. Monday, Jan. 29. Fire in Hoboken, N. J., did damage to the amount of \$40,000.

Dr. Parkhurst favored the legal opening of New York saloons on Sunday. John B. McDonald has not yet qualified as the builder of the rapid transit road in New York city.

Dr. Lyman Abbott declared before the Lowell institute that the Book of Genesis is largely based on myths and legends. Mrs. Mary Gray Mexia will present documents to prove her claim to the millions left by General Mexia, a Mexican statesman.

The mayor of Troy, N. Y., issued a proclamation calling on a street car company hampered by a strike either to run its cars or forfeit its franchise. William F. Rittenberg, a Michigan lumberman, robbed of \$800 by the green goods game, searched New York city in vain for those who victimized him.

Saturday, Jan. 27. Plague appeared at Noumea, New Caledonia islands. General Reyes was sworn in as Mexican minister of war.

The collier Miami sank off Vancouver island with a cargo. Loss, \$200,000. Carpenters at Paris fair struck for better wages, causing great commotion. The town of Hilo, Hawaii, terrified by plague, rebelled, and troops may be sent there.

Jones Wolf, last of the full blooded chiefs of the Chickasaws, died at Tishomingo. A New York syndicate was said to be buying two miles of deep water front at Vancouver, B. C.

Professor E. J. Phelps of Yale, formerly minister to England, was reported dying of pneumonia. It was reported that the Admiralty island natives killed and ate the crew of the trading schooner Nipamara.

Friday, Jan. 26. Germany adopted the naval bill. John Ruskin was buried at Coniston. General Wheeler and daughter sailed for home.

The president nominated ten second lieutenants for the marine corps. The transport Grant, with the Forty-eighth regiment, reached Manila. The Canadian National bank closed, pending examination as to solvency.

The creditors of the Earl of Yarmouth decided to place his estate in bankruptcy. Ervin Hopkins, Jr., of Chicago was stung to death by a serpent in a Colombian jungle.

Osman Digna, chief general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, was brought to Suez, a British prisoner. One thousand mountaineers, armed with Winchester, arrived at Frankfort, Ky. Governor Taylor says he is ignorant of their intentions.

Emperor Kwangsu of China issued a decree announcing his abdication in favor of Prince Put Sing, aged 9. The coronation will be on Jan. 31. A wharf laborer at Sydney was stricken with the bubonic plague, and the attending doctors were of the opinion that he was inoculated with the disease through the bite of a flea.

Thursday, Jan. 25. The loss in the fire at Dawson City is placed at \$400,000. Former Minister Phelps was reported ill with pneumonia at New Haven. A writ of habeas corpus was refused former Captain Oberlin M. Carter. Fifteen thousand persons are said to be afflicted with influenza in Rennes, France.

New Jersey Legislature. TRENTON, Jan. 30.—The two houses of the legislature had a short session last night and transacted very little business of importance. In the house Charles H. Folwell was elected supervisor of bills and Jesse R. Salmon was elected to the same position in the senate. Mr. Folwell's nomination in the house was seconded by the Democratic side, Mr. Benjamin, the Democratic leader, speaking highly of the efficiency shown by Folwell last winter as engraving clerk of the house. A resolution introduced in the house by Mr. Abbott favoring the election of United States senators by the people was referred by the speaker to the judiciary committee.

Steel Company's Big Dividend. CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—The directors of the American Steel and Wire company have declared a dividend of 7 per cent on the common stock, payable in four quarterly payments, April 2, July 2, Oct. 2, 1900, and Jan. 2, 1901. The statement issued showed that the company had made a net profit of \$12,102,539 in 1899.

WITH WOOD IN CUBA

Governor Continues His Tour of Inspection.

JUANTANAMO'S WATER PRAISED.

A Large Sugar Plantation Visited. Owner Needs More Help-Troops, Jails and Public Buildings Carefully Examined.

GUANTANAMO, Cuba, Jan. 31.—Governor General Wood, on board the Inalls, left Santiago with his party shortly after midnight and arrived at dawn yesterday off Caimanera. A special train brought the party to Juantanamo. Accompanied by General Chaffee and Colonel Black the governor general visited the new waterworks about six miles out among the hills. He expressed himself as much pleased with arrangements that had been made for the water supply. Formerly water was sold in the streets from house to house.

Colonel Burton, inspector general of the division of Cuba, inspected the troops and barracks. Meanwhile the ladies of the party made a tour of the principal sights and points of interest. At noon a special train took the governor general and most of his companions to Soledad, one of the largest sugar plantations in Cuba, where the plant cost more than \$1,000,000 and some 700 men are employed. Mr. Ernest Brooks, the proprietor, says the output this year is more than double that of last year and is indeed almost normal. He has no difficulty in finding work for all who wish it and is actually in need of more help than he can get. Fully 5 per cent of those now working on the plantation were there before the war.

The jail, hospital and public buildings were then visited, after which there was an inspection of troops and police. Boston Greeted Bryan. BOSTON, Jan. 31.—For the second time during his career the gifted Nebraska Colonel William J. Bryan, who for nearly four years has been the recognized leader of the national democracy, was the central figure of an unusual demonstration in this city. After participating in several evenings of lesser importance during the day Mr. Bryan addressed an immense mass meeting in Mechanics' hall, a building containing a seating capacity greater than any in Boston. It is estimated that there were 10,000 persons in the vast assemblage, hundreds of whom remained standing throughout the evening. The speakers included Colonel Bryan, Hon. John P. Altgeld, former governor of Illinois; Hon. John J. Lentz, congressman from Ohio, and Hon. George Fred Williams of Dedham.

Rush to Cape Nome. TACOMA, Jan. 30.—It is estimated that 15,000 men and women are preparing to go to Cape Nome on the first steamers sailing from the Pacific coast ports and Dawson. From 10,000 to 12,000 are already booked or have applied for passage on steamers sailing from Tacoma, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. It is not certain that the 30 steamers now chartered can carry all who wish to join in the first rush. It is too late, however, to secure any more steamers from the Atlantic coast.

Skirmish Near Subig. MANILA, Jan. 31.—A scouting party of the Twenty-fifth infantry, while operating near Subig, was ambushed by the insurgents, and a lieutenant and three privates were killed and two or three privates wounded. A company some distance in the rear on hearing the firing hurried to the scene and recovered the bodies of the fallen papers, although the statement is not confirmed, that the insurgents lost 40 in killed and wounded.

A Steel Mill Wrecked. PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—The steel department of Phillips, Nimick & Co.'s rolling mill on West Carson street was completely wrecked and a dozen men were injured by the explosion of a battery of four large boilers. The shock of the bursting boilers was heard throughout the lower end of the city, and several thousand people were attracted to the scene of the accident. The loss to the plant will be enormous.

General Davis Reaches Porto Rico. SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 31.—Governor General George W. Davis has arrived here. He was welcomed by a crowd of 2,000 persons, who thronged the wharfs. The people, through press circulars, announce that they owe General Davis a debt of gratitude for his honestly expressed opinions during his visit to Washington.

Why It's Turned Down. Mabel—Why is the lamp superfluous in love-making? Alice—I suppose it's because love is blind.—Judge.

Topheavy Outlines. "Is my new hat all right?" "Yes, dear; you look like a laundress carrying home her day's work on her head."—Chicago Record.

IF YOU HAVE PAIN IN YOUR BACK, Let us give you a piece of advice: Pain in the back is an almost infallible sign of Kidney disease; a surer sign is the condition of your urine, if you have a pain in the back then look to the condition of your urine. It is easily done. Take a glass tumbler and fill it with urine, after it has stood 24 hours; if it has a sediment, if it is milky or cloudy, if it is pale or discolored, stringy orropy, your Kidneys and Bladder are in a dangerous condition and need immediate attention, or the consequences may prove fatal.

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There was sparkle in her eyes, a soft clear natural color in her cheeks; she had a firm and rounded form, and that steady easy poise of the whole body which betokens strong limbs and healthy nerves. It was the Reporter's business to be curious; moreover, she was a woman; and she never have another, but I have learned better and I am stronger now than I ever was in my life."

"Women break down because they go without the little extra help they need to tide them over hard places. When a woman expects to become a mother she ought to be at her very best. But that is exactly the time when most women feel weak and sick and miserable. They grow melancholy and anxious as the time approaches and at times they have no strength or stamina of body or mind to go through the ordeal."

"No wonder they suffer and nearly die sometimes, and are all broken down for months or years. If they would take the right kind of themselves and strengthen themselves in a natural way, they would never suffer as they do; and instead of dreading to have children they would welcome them as a real blessing."

It is simply a case of a stitch in time saves nine rather than a hundred. A little natural reinforcement at the time when baby is expected will save months, perhaps years of suffering and weakness. At such a time I always take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; it invariably gives me the extra strength and healthy nerve power which a woman needs to bring her baby into the world safely and comfortably."

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