

BRITONS REPULSED

Forced Back Across the Tugela River.

Boer Advances Indicate Another Buller Defeat.

Lords Roberts and Kitchener Leave Cape Town to Take Command.

LOURENCO MARQUES, Feb. 7.—A dispatch from the Boer head laager, near Ladysmith, dated Feb. 6, says: "Since yesterday the British, with naval and other guns, have bombarded our positions on the upper Tugela. The troops crossed the river at the pont and at Molen drift, with the object of storming our positions. At the former General Burger went there back, and they recrossed in great confusion. "The fighting continues at Molen drift with the Standerton and Johannesburg commandos. There were no casualties on our side. The cannonade was the fiercest yet experienced. There was a continuous roaring all day long. This morning it recommenced with an increased number of guns."

ROBERTS AND KITCHENER. They Leave Cape Town to Take Command at the Front.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—While the suspense regarding General Buller's movements and the operations affecting the fate of Ladysmith continues unrelieved even by the vaguest dispatch, there comes from other quarters interesting news in the announcement that Field Marshal Lord Roberts, the commander in chief of the



LORD KITCHENER.

British forces in South Africa, and his chief of staff, Major General Lord Kitchener, have left for the front. As this information was held up for several hours by the censor, it seems to indicate that an important movement is on foot.

A dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated this morning, announces that the Boers are attacking General Gatacre from two directions. Firing was then proceeding between the outposts, and a delayed Sterkstroom dispatch, dated Monday, Feb. 5, announces that a body of troops left the camp Feb. 3 and that important developments were expected. It is quite probable that this explains Lord Roberts' departure and that the commander in chief wishes either to be present at or supervise the long intended movement by General Gatacre to join forces with General Kelly-Kenny and thence strongly re-entrench General French, completing the latter's work at Colesberg and establishing without fear of serious opposition an advanced position for the main movement. This, of course, is greatly suppositious, but it can be confidently said that the departure of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener for the front does not indicate that the main advance has begun. The commanders will probably be back in Cape Town within a short time. It is pointed out that the term going to the front must not be interpreted into the idea that a great movement upon Pretoria by way of Bloemfontein has seriously commenced. It will be a month or perhaps much longer before this can be brought about. In the meanwhile the preliminary steps are likely to enliven the campaign with sharp fighting, and news from Sterkstroom, Thebus and Colesberg is eagerly awaited.

Supposition regarding General Buller, owing to lack of all definite information, is as futile as it was yesterday. The Standard has received the following dispatch, dated Feb. 5, from Koppie's Dam: "General Macdonald, with a brigade of infantry, a regiment of lancers and one battery, has reached here from Modder River camp in what is regarded as an important movement to the right of the Boer position at Magerfontein. "Koppie's Dam commands the roads from Kimberley to Hopetown and Douglas. Two Boer laagers, at Kamul Hoek and Griquatown, are within striking distance. "The arrival of General Macdonald's column was opportune, as it just prevented two large commandos effecting a junction. He now holds both banks of the river. "Our lancers had two brushes with the Boer patrols. There is great activity among the enemy, and strong forces are concentrating to oppose our further advance. The troops suffered from heat and scarcity of water during the march."

Irish Party For the Boers. LONDON, Feb. 7.—John Redmond, chairman of the United Irish party, was loudly cheered by all sections of the Irish members when he rose in the house of commons today to move an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, representing that the time had arrived to bring the war to a conclusion on the basis of recognizing the independence of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. He said the Irish party abhorred this war and intended, so far as possible, to maintain the independence of the republics defended with such heroism. Mr. Redmond admitted that when the empire was involved in complications a feeling of hope and satisfaction stirred the majority of the Irish at home and abroad. But, he continued, the sympathies of the Irish would still have been

pro-Boer even if England had not been concerned and another power had attempted to "act the bully and oppressor in South Africa. England today," added Mr. Redmond, "stands not in splendid but in disgraceful isolation, Turkey alone lending her countenance." While admitting that official expression of hostility had not been heard in the United States, "chiefly because America, being engaged in the Philippine war, had not felt herself in a position to rebuke England, as she would otherwise have done," Mr. Redmond asserted that the overwhelming opinion of leading American statesmen was hostile to Great Britain in this war and said the "unanimous disapproval of the world demonstrated that the war was unjust, and it ought therefore to be stopped."

Mr. Timothy Healy, Irish Nationalist, during the course of a speech dwelling on the British defeats said: "Heretofore the Boers have only had two feast days in their calendar—Dingans day and Majuba day. But England has given them Buller's day, White's day, Gatacre's day, Methuen's day, Yule's and Symons' day."

Lord and continued cries of "Shame!" greeted the reference to the deceased general, and Mr. Healy hastened to declare that he had the greatest respect for the late General Symons.

Mr. Healy, continuing, said the most pathetic incident of the war was the correspondence between General Symons and General Jonbert before General Symons' death, and the "only unworthy feature was the English turned their backs upon their dying general."

Mr. Redmond's amendment was rejected by a vote of 368 to 66. The house then adjourned.

What England Desires of Us. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 7.—The White Star line steamer Oceanic, which sails from this port today for New York, will have among her passengers Mrs. Adair, head of the American hospital ship Maine committee, who is a daughter of General Wadsworth, killed during the battle of the Wilderness, and owner of the largest cattle ranch in the Panhandle of Texas. Mrs. Adair is going to America in connection with the Maine. She says: "I hope every one will have understood that I am not going on a begging expedition. I believe in my heart that there is among all Americans of English descent a strong feeling of sympathy and attachment for the mother country. What I am going to America for is to see how best it can be brought out. I am not going to beg, for if this feeling is not spontaneous, instead of being gratifying to the English nation, it almost casts a slur upon them. England does not want our charity. She would not let one wounded soldier be neglected. But what she does want at this moment, when almost continental power is scowling at her and she is menaced from every quarter, is that we who sprang from her side shall understand her and stand by her, and we mean to do so."

Scotchman Near Ladysmith. MODDER SPRUIT, Feb. 7.—On Saturday the Pretoria corps discovered a party of British from Ladysmith entrenched at a railroad bridge, protecting a number of coolies who were cutting grass. A party of Boers dispatched to the scene was attacked from the trenches, and all retreated except four, who, hiding, permitted the British to advance to within 50 yards, when they fired a volley, killing three men. This was seen from the British fort, which fired a shell and sent cavalry to assist the British. The Boers beat these back, killing two men.

Messages from Ladysmith, dated Feb. 5, say continuous cannonading has been proceeding since 5 o'clock in the morning, with the occasional roar of a Long Tom. The firing, it is added, continues.

Want Our Horses. PHENIX, A. T., Feb. 7.—Since the announcement a few days ago that a man claiming to be an agent of England had arrived in Prescott for the purpose of buying 1,000 range horses for cavalry service in South Africa, advices have been received from the southern part of the territory that agents have been at work there also. It is known that British agents are preparing to purchase a large number of horses from the middle west, and it is believed many will be taken from the southwest.

Terminal For Coal Road. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Ten acres of land running from the uplands to tide water in Newark bay at Newark, N. J., which were being sought by a combination of coal miners in Pennsylvania as a terminal for a new coal road, were sold by Master in Chancery Walter J. Knight at the Newark courthouse yesterday. George W. Tichenor of Newark was the purchaser. Mr. Tichenor declined to say who he represented in the deal, but it is believed that he purchased the land for one of the existing coal roads.

Reset a Broken Neck. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Bartholomew Moriarty, a hod carrier, 60 years of age, has left St. Joseph's hospital in Yonkers apparently as strong as ever, although he had suffered for four months from a broken neck. He fell from a building in October and broke his neck. He partly recovered, but paralysis set in, and in December he hobbled from his home in Dobbs Ferry to Yonkers, where the two sections which were pressing against the spinal column were reset successfully.

United States Treasurer Sued. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, has been sued by Receiver Shaw of the Franklin National bank to recover on two protested notes aggregating more than \$10,000. The suit is an outcome of private business transactions and has nothing to do with the funds of the government.

Women Who Want to Vote. ALBANY, Feb. 7.—A delegation of women appeared today to favor Mr. Kelsey's bill yesterday before the judiciary committee of the assembly permitting women who are taxpayers to vote for town officers. Mrs. Mary Loines and Mrs. Priscilla D. Hackstaff spoke in favor of the measure.

New German Cable Line. BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The German direct cable from Emden to New York, by way of the Azores, will be laid by a London company. It will cost \$385,000. The cable will be 4,336 miles long.

Centenarian Dead. OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Mary Ann Mathieu, aged 100 years and 8 months, is dead here of the grip. She was born in France and lived here 32 years.

PORTO RICO TARIFF

Ways and Means Committee on the Pending Measure.

Arguments Against Taxing the Island's Trade.

The Plans For the Civil Government of the Philippine Archipelago.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—It developed today in connection with the Porto Rico tariff bill that the Republican majority of the ways and means committee was not unanimous for the measure or for the principle it involved as to the government of territorial acquisitions and that Representative McCall, Republican member of the committee from Massachusetts, had prepared a strong dissent report. When the ways and means committee passed on the bill last week, Mr. McCall withheld his vote, the understanding being that he had not yet given that careful attention to the issues involved necessary to permit him to vote either way. In other respects, the vote was on party lines, all the Republican members except Mr. McCall voting for the bill and all the Democrats against it.

The ways and means committee at its meeting today reached an understanding that the debate on the Porto Rico tariff bill would begin on the 14th inst. and last one week. The bill was changed in two particulars—section 3 was amended so that articles, like tobacco, subject to an internal revenue tax in the United States shall pay that tax as well as 25 per cent of the customs duty; section 4 was changed so as to make it clear that the duties, etc., collected shall be used exclusively for the benefit of Porto Rico.

The appointment of Judge Taft marks the first selection for the new Philippine commission. There will be five members on the commission, and all of them will be civilians. Mr. Schurman, president of the existing commission, has declined for business reasons to remain on the commission, so Judge Taft will be president in his place. Mr. Denby and Professor Worcester have been invited to accept re-appointments, but so far have not signified their intentions. Admiral Dewey will not go back to Manila, and General Otis will give way, like him, to a civilian. Secretary Root said that no instructions had been framed for the new commission as yet, but it would be easy to perceive from the sentiments set out in the president's message what these instructions would be.

Judge Taft called at the war department, in company with Judge Day, late secretary of state, and had a long talk with Secretary Root as to the plans for the commission. As some surprise has been caused by the willingness of Judge Taft to surrender a life position of the dignity and emolument of United States circuit judge to join the commission it may be said that the prevalent impression is that as soon as the commission shall have succeeded in replacing the existing military government in the Philippines with stable civil governments Judge Taft will be named as the first civil governor general of the archipelago. It is not thought that this change will take place at once, but the commission is expected to move steadily toward that object and to set up local civil governments as fast as the Filipinos shall demonstrate their worthiness.

GERMANS AND OUR CANAL. What is Thought in Berlin of the Proposed Treaty. BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The news of the Hay-Pauncefote agreement relating to the construction of the Nicaragua canal was received here with interest. A German foreign official empowered to speak for Count von Bulow, the foreign secretary, said: "Germany's political interests are not affected by the Nicaragua agreement, and so far as the trade interests of Germany are concerned we assume that the United States will manage the canal on liberal principles. The government was informed that negotiations were in progress between the United States and Great Britain, but was not consulted about the terms of the agreement."

The official in question continued: "We deny most emphatically that Germany ever thought of acquiring St. Thomas or any other island in those waters. Germany is not hunting around for more stray territory."

The papers comment calmly upon the agreement. The Lokal Anzeiger says: "Another obstacle to the complete supremacy of the United States over the American continent has been removed."

The National Zeitung in a long editorial maintains that the chances are decidedly in favor of a waterway across Nicaragua and expresses the opinion that congress will definitely dispose of the question this year.

Sale of Florida Stompage. DOVER, Fla., Feb. 7.—Greer Bros. of Dakota, Ga., have purchased at this place a site for a big sawmill and 20,000 acres of timber land, the cash consideration being \$200,000. The firm will cut lumber largely for export to Cuba and Central and South American countries. They will also construct railroads to run from several points in their property.

Had Storm in Montana. GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 7.—The worst wind and snow storm ever known in this locality occurred yesterday. Much damage was done to the lighter class of buildings and to the telephone and electric light wires. No fatalities are yet reported, but it is feared that the loss of stock on the ranges will be large.

New Trial For Benham. BATAVIA, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The news of the decision of Justice Hooker in giving Benham a new trial was heard with much surprise in Batavia. Upon being informed of the decision by a reporter Benham's father immediately wired his son in Auburn prison.

Schoolgirl Killed by Train. NEWBURG, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Mabel Cox, aged 13, a schoolgirl, was struck and killed on the West Shore railroad track yesterday afternoon at Cornwall. She was crossing the track to go skating on the Hudson.

Arrest of Train Robbers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Patrick Crowe, arrested here on suspicion of having been connected with the sensational robbery of the Northwestern fast mail at tower W, 46 miles west of here, Oct. 13, was identified as one of the quartet which secured booty from the train variously estimated from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The identification was made by James White, engineer of the train which was robbed; Charles James, operator at tower W, and by the fireman of the locomotive and the express messenger in charge of the money which was stolen. Crowe was then turned over to Sheriff Dimmick of Kane county.

Phosphate Lands Sold. Ocala, Fla., Feb. 7.—Deeds have been recorded here that convey 23,000 acres of phosphate lands in Alachua and Levy counties owned by the Compagnie Generale des Phosphates de la Florida to La Societe Nouvelle des Phosphates de la Florida. The first is a corporation organized under the laws of this state, and the second is a Belgian corporation with headquarters at Brussels. The consideration for the property was \$400,000 in cash.

Body Recovered. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The body of Mrs. Mary Finley, who, with her husband, Captain John Finley, was drowned from a barge early Monday morning in Huntington bay, Long Island, has been recovered. On the woman's body was found a pocketbook containing \$60 in money, and a bankbook found ashore showing deposits of \$5,000 in the Bond-out (N. Y.) bank, where the Finleys lived.

Died in Dentist's Chair. WEBSTER, Mass., Feb. 7.—Ernest L. Partridge of Charlton dropped dead yesterday in a dentist's chair. He told Dr. Hitchcock he wanted 13 teeth pulled. As the operation was to be so extensive he was placed partially under the influence of ether. As the seventh tooth was extracted he fell back dead.

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