

THE NEWS.

Governor Taylor's counsel had a conference with Goebel's lawyers and friends, and proposed that the case of the two governors be submitted to the Court of Appeals, with the right to carry it to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The funeral train bearing the remains of Major General Lawton, Major Logan and Dr. Armstrong started for the east from San Francisco.

While trying to save children from a fire in a parochial school building in St. Louis, a Catholic sister perished with one of her little pupils.

Former Bank President Charles H. Cole, of the Globe National Bank of Boston, gave bail in \$50,000 to answer the charge of embezzlement.

The fast passenger train on the Plant system was wrecked near Tampa, Fla. Several passengers were killed and others injured.

Miss Fielem D. Gamova leaped from the third-story window of a burning tenement in New York and was killed.

Mrs. Louisa Schaeffer was killed in Chicago by Nicholas Hotzler, whom she had refused to marry.

Fire in the manufacturing district of Dayton, O., caused a loss of \$500,000.

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The Pattermakers' Union of Chicago has demanded a nine-hour day.

Mrs. Fred Reed, of Boonton, N. J., found her runaway husband near Middletown, N. Y., and then made the discovery for the first time that she was a stepmother.

One man was killed and a dozen others fatally injured by an explosion of a battery of four boilers in the steel department of Phillips, Minnick & Co.'s mill, in Pittsburgh.

Jesse Wilson, a colored undertaker of Norfolk, Va., was arrested for burying a three-year-old child in the same coffin with an unknown woman.

BULLER IN RETREAT.

BRITISH TROOPS UNABLE TO FACE BOERS AT SPION KOP.

1,500 DEAD ON THE FIELD.

Lame Excuses of the Commander—Advises War Office That He Approved Gen. Warren's Movement, But That a Retreat Became Necessary and Withdrew His Whole Force South of the Tugela River.

London, Eng., (By Cable).—Gen. Sir Charles Buller, with his British army division, originally numbering about 16,000 troops, has been forced to retreat south of the Tugela river, Natal.

A dispatch from the Boer head laager, near Ladysmith, states that the British left 1,500 dead on the battlefield Wednesday, the day of the fighting at Spion kop.

The news of General Buller's retreat comes in an official dispatch from Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, British commander-in-chief in Natal, sent from his headquarters at Spierman's Camp.

Perhaps the remainder of General Buller's army, which was north of the Tugela, has also retreated. The general's dispatch says he decided to withdraw "the force" to the south side.

It is believed in London that if the remaining troops under Buller do not retreat already they must do so soon.

All or part of General Lyttleton's brigade, it is now known, went to the help of Warren at Spion kop and shared in the reverse.

General Buller, it is stated, will probably try next to force his way to Ladysmith by another route. He has tried the central and western routes, and the only one left open seems to be the one east of Colenso, by way of Weenen.

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LARGE FORCE IN THE FIELD

England's Troops Being Poured Into Africa, But Delayed in Getting to the Front.

London, (By Cable).—The remarkable declaration of Mr. Wyndham, of the War Office, in the House of Commons, that Great Britain will have in a fortnight 180,000 regulars in South Africa, 7,000 Canadians and Australians, and 26,000 South African volunteers, is received with wonderment.

The general tone of the morning papers is that his figures will astonish the country. Knowledge is slowly penetrating to London that large garrisons must be kept in Cape Colony, to hold down the Cape Dutch, who, as everyone knows, outnumber the British residents three to two.

Cable scraps received during the last twelve hours do not further illuminate the military operations. It is believed in some rather trustworthy quarters that he is again assailing the Boer lines.

The War Office brings the total from the crossing of the Tugela to the abandonment of Spion kop to 1,985 officers and men.

Some unpleasant criticism of the War Office has been caused by the discovery that the sights of the Lee-Enfield carbines are defective. Old carbines have been supplied to the outgoing Fourth Brigade of Cavalry.

Public Debt Statement. A Decrease as Compared With Last Month—Cash in the Treasury.

Washington, (Special).—The monthly statement of the public debt, which shows that the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,125,636,227, a decrease, as compared with last month, of \$8,063,750.

House Committee Decides Against Roberts' Claim.

Washington, (Special).—The House Committee on Mileage rejected the claim of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, for mileage in connection with his contest for a seat in the House.

Deaths in a Wreck.

Three Killed and a Number Badly Injured.

Tampa, Fla., (Special).—A fast passenger train on the Plant system was wrecked 20 miles north of the city.

Freight and Passenger.

GOEBEL SHOT.

KENTUCKIAN THE VICTIM OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET.

HIS LIFE DESPAIRED OF.

Bullet Through His Lung—Internal Hemorrhages are Feared, and the Surgeons Say He May Not Live—Troops on Guard and a Gatling Gun Trained on the Mountaineers' Supposed Quarters.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special).—State Senator William Goebel, who hoped soon to be elevated by the Democratic Legislature to the position of Governor of Kentucky, was shot down by a hidden sharpshooter near the front steps of the State House Tuesday morning.

Late at night his condition was critical and it was considered likely that he would soon die.

The legislative committee to which Goebel's contest for the Governorship was referred met at night and decided in favor of seating him.

It is said by many judges of good shooting in Frankfort at the present time that the wound was caused by the looseness of Goebel's overcoat and fired too much to one side.

For a time no effort had been made to catch the assassin. The police and onlookers, instead of surrounding the building whence the shots came, were busy with the victim or too excited to act.

Armed Mountaineers Arrested.

The crowd outside was at bay, but in turn it held the building's occupants besieged.

May Be Governor.

Legislative Committee Decide in Favor of Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special).—While William Goebel lay at the point of death in his room the legislative committee which for two weeks had been listening to the evidence in his contest for the Governor's chair declared him entitled to the seat.

Manila, (By Cable).—A scouting party of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, while operating near Subig, was ambushed by insurgents and a lieutenant and three privates were killed and two or three privates wounded.

SAFE BLOWERS KILLED.

Two of the Gang Shot Dead and a Third Wounded—Police Have Fetched Battle.

Quincy, Ill., (Special).—Quincy police officers killed two expert safe blowers, supposed to be from Chicago, and seriously wounded another. The men are believed to be the same who recently operated in Galesburg, Freeport, and other Illinois cities, making a specialty of cracking safes in building and loan association offices.

On January 6 the safe in the offices of the Adams County Building and Loan Association, in this city, was blown open at the noon hour, and cash and securities amounting to \$20,000 taken.

The officer finally asked the suspect to go to the station and explain himself. The man drew a pistol and pointed it at the officer's head, but as he did so Koch flashed his own pistol and fired four shots.

From Washington.

The Paris municipality has conceded a site for the Washington monument which has been completed for the Washington State Association.

The House committee strongly recommended the proposed merit bill to improve the War Department service.

Prof. Alfred J. Henry was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Prof. Hazen.

Senator Mason has written a caustic letter with reference to his expulsion from the Tippecanoe Club.

Preached a Sensational Sermon.

Fort Scott, Kan., (Special).—Amos Phillips, the aged accomplice of George Siblee and E. D. Meeks, the men who were lynched here last Saturday night, in the murder of Farmer Edinger, has made a full confession before being taken to the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Field of Labor.

Morocco has no railways. Men do the washing in Egypt. Iowa makes farm wagons of steel.

Child Burned to Death.

GOEBEL SWORN IN.

He Takes the Oath of Office After Legislators Declare Him Governor—Members Meet Secretly.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special).—William Goebel was declared Governor of Kentucky by a Democratic quorum of the Legislature assembled in joint session in a room in the Capitol Hotel here.

Within 30 minutes after the adoption of the Contest Committee's majority report the oath of office was administered to the wounded man as he lay upon his bed.

J. C. W. Beckham was also installed by the vote of the legislative quorum and is now declared to be Lieutenant-Governor of the State.

Taylor Precipitates Crisis.

The crisis had been precipitated in the morning by Governor Taylor issuing a proclamation declaring the Legislature adjourned.

Proclamation by Goebel.

He Orders the Militia of Kentucky to Disperse.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that certain persons, with authority of law, have banded themselves together for the unlawful purpose of forcibly preventing the General Assembly of Kentucky from assembling and discharging its official duties at the seat of government, and have for said unlawful purpose assembled in the city of Frankfort the First and Second Regiments of the Kentucky State Guard and by force of arms have unlawfully taken possession of the hall of the House of Representatives and the Senate Chamber of the State of Kentucky, as well as all other public buildings and archives of the Commonwealth, and have by force, intimidation and violence expelled the General Assembly from the Capitol buildings and refused to permit the Senate and House of Representatives to hold their sessions therein, and are now terrorizing the representatives of the people and other good citizens of the Commonwealth:

Fatal Accident.

Three Sectionmen Killed and Another Fatally Injured.

Murder Trial Postponed.

Killed by His Brother.

Field of Labor.