

THE BRITISH ARE FORCED TO RETIRE

General Warren Is Unable to Hold Spion Kop.

ABANDONED ON WEDNESDAY

Buller's Report to the War Office. News Caused Consternation in London—No Demonstrations or Scenes Witnessed, However—Nation Grimly Resolved to Fight It Out—Press Comment—Suggestion That the Value of the Hill Was Exaggerated.

London, Jan. 26.—The Times published the following dispatch from the War Office, dated at Spion Kop, Thursday, January 26, noon:

General Warren's garrison, I am sorry to say, I find this morning, had in the night abandoned Spion Kop.

Whatever may be the explanation of the abandonment of Spion Kop by the British it will doubtless have the same temporary moral effect as a reverse. It appears to have been so entirely unexpected at the war office that General Buller's despatch caused something in the nature of a panic.

No Reason for Throwing Up Hats. As a matter of fact, the British public assumed that the point gained was more conclusive than it really was, hence the extreme revulsion of feeling caused by the report of General Buller's announcement of the abandonment of Spion Kop.

Grave Fears for Ladysmith. Military circles made no effort to conceal their chagrin, expressing the gravest fears as to the ultimate fate of Ladysmith.

Buller's Army Weaker. London, Jan. 27.—A. M.—Seven days of fighting have left the main Boer positions intact and General Buller's army 700 men weaker.

England is possessed by a depressing sense of failure, although not a word of criticism of the general and his soldiers is uttered.

Funeral of Dowager Duchess. Berlin, Jan. 26.—The funeral of the late Dowager Duchess of Schleswig-Holstein, mother of the empress of Germany, will take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Daily Knocks Out Burke. Wilmington, Del., Jan. 26.—Jack Dab, of this city, tonight knocked out Jack Burke, of Galveston, Texas, in the second round of what was to have been a fifteen round bout.

NEW SENSATION IN THE EYRE CASE

MARY COHEN APPEARS WITH A CONFESSION.

A Wilmington Woman Claims That Jim Pierce Acknowledged Having Murdered Eyre—The Story of Snaking the Body in Raccoon Creek Told in Detail.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 26.—James and Amos, or "Pinner," Pierce, were committed to jail without bail by Alderman Smith this evening, after a hearing that lasted all afternoon.

The Boer Losses. London, Jan. 26.—Special dispatches from Durban say the Boer losses on the Upper Tugela during the fighting on Sunday last were very great.

BRYAN IN DELAWARE.

Regales an Audience in the Blue Hen State with a Criticism of Republicanism—Old Arguments Reproduced.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 26.—William J. Bryan spent today among the Democrats of the Blue Hen state and was royally received wherever he went.

On the run down through the state an interesting incident took place. Alvin McKinley, brother of the president, was seen by Bryan.

Money Sent to Manila. San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The transport Pennsylvania sailed Thursday for Manila, she carried \$1,500,000 in gold.

Pay for the United States Troops Shipped on the Pennsylvania. San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The transport Pennsylvania sailed Thursday for Manila, she carried \$1,500,000 in gold.

Strike at Paris Exposition. Five Thousand Carpenters Demand an Increase of Wages. Paris, Jan. 26.—A great strike of carpenters employed in the exposition buildings, involving 5,000 men, has been inaugurated.

Deaths of a Day. Hamilton, O., Jan. 26.—During a football match at Darlington today John Kulp was killed by John Willoughby.

BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION. Organized at Pittsburg Yesterday. Officers Selected.

Pittsburg, Jan. 26.—Organization work occupied the attention of the members of the Pennsylvania State Breeders' association at its session at the Monongahela house this morning.

The following officers were chosen: John Gordon, Mercer, president; Henry Palmer, Avondale, first vice-president; M. P. Shoemaker, Greensburg, second vice-president; E. S. Bayard, Pittsburg, secretary; J. P. Lantz, Altoona, treasurer.

MANILA CAMPAIGN. General Kobb's Troops Occupy the Hemp Ports.

Manila, Jan. 26.—6:45 p. m.—A dispatch from Sorogon, dated Thursday, January 25, says Brigadier General Kobb's expedition has occupied Sorogon, Donzola, Bulan, Logaspi and Virava, on Catanduanes island.

Washington, Jan. 26.—General Otis called the war department today as follows: Manila, Jan. 26.—Kobb's troops occupy the hemp ports of Sorogon, Dumal, Bulan, Almag and Logaspi, southeastern Luzon.

FEELING NOT COORDIAL. Breach Between Miners and Operators Seems to Widen.

Indianapolis, Jan. 26.—The feeling between the miners and operators is not cordial. The breach seems to widen every hour.

BASE BALL SITUATION. National League to Run with Ten Clubs. New York, Jan. 26.—Messrs. Abell, Hanlon and Ebbetts, of the Brooklyn Baltimore base ball syndicate, returned to this city today from Cleveland.

BOLOSSY KIRALFY ARRESTED. Shareholders of the Columbia Theater, Paris, His Accusers.

Paris, Jan. 26.—In consequence of charges brought by shareholders of the Columbia theater against Bollossy Kiralfy, the latter has been arrested.

Dinner to General Gobin. Harrisburg, Jan. 26.—The staff officers of the Third brigade National Guard of Pennsylvania, tendered General Gobin a dinner this evening at the Commonwealth hotel.

Richquy. Mrs. Richquy, Mrs. John D. Rich, the Chicago woman arrested to be tried for the murder of her husband in Juarez last May, was today adjudged guilty by the Mexican court and sentenced to serve fourteen years in prison.

Judge Mitchell Ill. Williamsport, Jan. 26.—A special from Wellsboro says Judge John I. Mitchell of the superior court, was stricken with paralysis Wednesday, while eating dinner at his home.

Republicans Will Visit Richmond. Richmond, Va., Jan. 26.—The joint committee appointed to invite Hon. William J. Bryan to address the general assembly here, has received a reply from Mr. Bryan saying he will be here for the purpose of making an address some day between the 8th and 10th of February.

Hendricks to Succeed Payne. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Governor Roosevelt announced tonight that he would send to the senate Monday evening next the nomination of former Senator Francis Hendricks, of Syracuse, to succeed Louis F. Payne, as state superintendent of insurance.

PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW. Nothing but a Sudden Awakening to the Danger and Duty of the Hour, He States, Will Save the Proud Name of the Commonwealth from Merited Reproach and Disrepute. Vigilance Should be Exercised at the Organization.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres, of Lackawanna county, who was chairman of the Republican state committee in 1891, and who some time since declared his opposition to the methods of those in control of the Republican organization in the state, in speaking today at the Stratford hotel of the commonwealth ballot box frauds in Philadelphia, said:

RESULTS OF THE ASHLEY EXPLOSION

SIX MEN KILLED—EIGHT ARE INJURED.

Many Houses in the Town Badly Damaged—Thrilling Escapes from Death—A Large Number Employed Yesterday in Replacing Glass in Broken Windows—Six Locomotives and Seventy Cars Wrecked. Experience of Trainmen.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 26.—Five men killed and eight badly injured in the result of the runaway train and the explosion of dynamite that followed on the Central branch of New Jersey at Ashley last night.

The Injured. John Rehrig, engineer of Mauch Chunk, John Devin, Jersey City, Henry Gessler, engineer, Ashley, Thomas Rowe, brakeman, Wilkes-Barre, Michael Coffey, brakeman, Ashley, John Rohr, engineer, Ashley, Edward J. Smith, Scranton, William Brown, foreman road house, Ashley.

ANOTHER AWFUL FACTORY FIRE

Twelve Persons Injured in the Conflagration at the Mills of the Angola Manufacturing Company. Women in a Panic.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—The Angola Manufacturing company's plant was destroyed by fire this afternoon and one of the employees, Lizzie Blackburn, aged seventeen years, is missing.

Thrilling Escapes. Many thrilling escapes are chronicled. John Thomas, an invalid, was thrown out of bed onto a hot stove. He was rescued by the other members of the family.

SESSION OF THE HOUSE. Eulogies Upon the Life of the Late Vice President.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The senate was not in session today, having adjourned yesterday over to Monday. The greater portion of the session of the house was devoted to eulogies on the life and public services of the late Vice President Hobart.

DELAWARE WATER IMPURE. Must Not Be Used for Drinking Purpose Unless It Is Boiled.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 26.—Dr. Mitchell, of the state health board, has declared Delaware river water unfit for drinking purposes, and an order has been issued to the public schools of the city not to permit any pupil to drink city water without it first being boiled.

HARRINGTON SUBDUES TAGAS. British Expedition Against Wild Men of Borneo Is Successful.

London, Jan. 26.—The British expedition against the rebellious Tagas, under Mat Salleh, in British North Borneo, has been entirely successful. Captain Harrington, with 100 Sikhs, after two days' fighting, January 8 and 9, captured a thousand rebels, captured two forts and two villages, blew up the rebels' magazine and killed or wounded sixty Tagas.

Bradford's Gas Company. Dover, Del., Jan. 26.—A certificate of incorporation was filed here today by the Bradford Gas and Ice company of Bradford county, Pa.

Charters Granted. Harrisburg, Jan. 26.—These corporations were chartered today by the state department: The Duck Harbor Lumber and Chemical company, Danvers township, Wayne, capital \$25,000.

Politicians Fined. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 26.—John Higgins and William Storms were each fined \$20 by Justice Gumore today for falsely swearing names on the registry list in last spring's city election.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Jan. 26.—Pension certificates original, Theodore Ut, Olympia, Laekawanna, E. Increase, John Williams, Canton, Bradford, \$17 to \$21. Original widows, Mary J. Baker, Cambria, Luzerne, 15.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Jan. 26.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and continued cold Saturday; diminishing northwesterly winds. Sunday, increasing cloudiness.