

NO HOPE FOR LADYSMITH
British Obligated to Relinquish the Advantage Obtained.

ROUTE TO BE ABANDONED
Gravity of General Buller's Failure Realized—Military Critics Abandon All Hope of Early Relief of Ladysmith—Urging Change of Plan.

London, Jan. 29.—415 a. m.—History pauses for a time in South Africa. It is one of those unsatisfactory pauses that are nearly as trying to British nerves as a genuine reverse, and apparently it will terminate only when Lord Roberts gives the word for the forward movement into the Free State, which, according to the most cheerful view, he will be unable to do for a fortnight.

Whether he will permit General Buller to make another attempt to relieve Ladysmith is quite outside the knowledge even of those closely connected with the war office. With the troops due to arrive next month he may think himself strong enough to try two large operations. Combining the forces under Generals Methuen, French and Gatacre and adding to them the arriving troops, Lord Roberts would have 20,000 for the invasion of the Free State, with 40,000 guarding communications and 50,000 trying to relieve Ladysmith.

The public begins with impatience this unsatisfactory pause. Some of the war office are so impatient that they are trying to witness the test of a big new mump. There is impatience that something should be done, but there is nothing to do but to wait on the preparations. Orders of ink are poured out in advance. Orders are at work in the provinces telling the people that England has set her teeth in a grim determination to see it through.

The government's declarations in parliament, the country suggestions of those outside the government and the conscientious discussion in the press and on the platform stir public interest.

Everybody agrees that more men must go. Twenty thousand two hundred and two men and 15 guns are at Ladysmith. Thirteen thousand infantry and 5,000 cavalry, including 5,000 mounted troops, are to be sent. The war office has promised to supply the reinforcements without delay, but the men are not yet ready for the front. The general Buller's operation has cost 912 men, so far officially reported, within ten days.

Applying to the 296 Spion Kop casualties reported today the rule of proportion the losses of officers indicate probably 500 casualties yet to come. The total casualties of the war, computed from official reports, are 8,225, of which 4,811 were killed and the rest wounded. The aggregate British troops in South Africa number 136,000, the Natalians, 7,158, and the Cape Colonials, 21,000.

London, Jan. 29.—General Buller's casualties were very heavy, the war office announced. Ladysmith is held, the Boers are retreating. Ladysmith is held, and Lord Dombold's cavalry force is safe, with the remainder of Warren's troops, on the south of the Tugela river.

OUR COLONIAL POLICY HAS BEEN OUTLINED
Administration Desires Regarding Philippines.

Formulation of an Elaborate Scheme of Government at This Time Is Deemed Unwise—The Republican Leaders Want Islands Ruled as Dependencies—Question of Constitutional Right to Hold Territory Not an Integral Part of the United States—Probable Action Regarding Puerto Rico.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The administration is anxious that congress should act speedily with regard to the Philippines by passing legislation of the character of the bill introduced by Senator Spooner, which asserts the jurisdiction of congress while vesting sole power temporarily in the president of the United States. He said that neither the president nor the Republican leaders in congress deem it wise to attempt any elaborate legislation at this time or to formulate a scheme of government for the Philippines.

The administration rather than legislation provides for the retention of the Philippines and of other insular possessions as dependencies of the United States, but not as an integral part of the territory of the United States. The administration has been devoting much time and study to considering the legal and constitutional questions involved in the holding of the Philippines, and the president is convinced that it is within the power of congress and the executive to govern the insular possessions as territory appertaining to the United States.

The passage of the Spooner bill would indicate the purpose of congress to have the insular possessions treated as dependencies of colonies. The passage of a similar bill with regard to Puerto Rico would indicate that congress would not consider the American markets and for that reason the sentiment, both in administration and congressional circles, against attempting elaborate legislation for Puerto Rico is growing stronger daily. It is believed that whatever is done about Puerto Rico will be done with a view to its possible effect on the treatment of the Philippines later.

There are very few legal opinions of any great weight on the retention of the new possessions. The most important opinion is that of Chief Justice Marshall, who is against the contention that there is nothing in the Constitution to prohibit the holding of territory without making it a part of the United States and subject, therefore, in all respects to the provisions of the Constitution. But it is believed that when the Supreme court comes to consider the question a full knowledge of its constitutional powers.

If congress undertakes any legislation for the relief of Puerto Rico it is practically settled that preferential tariff rates and not absolute free trade will be given. That would open to Puerto Rico the American market without establishing a precedent which might embarrass congress later in dealing with Cuba and the Philippines.

Should a bill be passed for Puerto Rico on the lines of the Spooner bill, the administration of the island would rest with the president. That would give the fullest measure of elasticity in administration.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President McKinley is 57 years old today, having been born at Niles, Trumbull county, O., Jan. 29, 1827. He received many congratulations and telegrams celebrating him upon the occasion. Many floral remembrances were sent him.

CHINA AGITATED.
Trouble Feared Because of the Deposition of the Emperor.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The deposition of the Emperor Kwang-su has caused great dissatisfaction among the Chinese officials in the Yangtze valley, and the native monthly circles are disturbed, fearing trouble. It is asserted that the emperor will be reinstated in one year.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—The newspapers here are paying considerable attention to the events in China. The Novosti expresses the opinion that the dynasty will last for a long time to come, but adds that China will never be restored to her former condition, and that the "unavoidable work of partition will be accomplished peacefully, though, perhaps, in the distant future."

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THE BOERS DESIRE MORE VOLUNTEERS
WELCOME TO FIGHTERS WHO WILL PAY OWN BILLS.

They Promise Nothing for Americans Who Will Enlist and Fight the English, but Intimate that They Will Be Pleased with American Aid—Shy Bid of Consul Pierce

New York, Jan. 29.—Charles D. Pierce, the consul general in this city of the Orange Free State, today received a communication from Dr. Hendrick Muller, envoy extraordinary of the Orange Free State, at Brussels, or by any representative of the two republics.

Washington, Jan. 29.—No information has reached the state department of the reported death of the Chinese emperor. Because of the roundabout way in which the story was circulated its accuracy is subject to considerable doubt.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING
Weather indications today: FAIR AND WARMER.

- 1 General—News of the South African War.
- 2 Pittsburgh Rolling Mill Wrecked.
- 3 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
- 4 Local—Court Proceedings.
- 5 Local—Public Library to Be Closed on Account of Prevailing Epidemic.
- 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- 7 Round About the County.
- 8 Local—Live Industrial Notes.

BASE BALL MEN MEET.
Organizers of the New American Association on the Ground at Philadelphia—New Magnates Become Acquainted.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Base ball men from various sections of the country who are interested in the new American association, which is to meet tomorrow for the purpose of organizing and to lay out a circuit, began to arrive today. Most of them are new on the ground.

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WRECK OF A ROLLING MILL
A Pittsburg Plant Destroyed by an Explosion of Boilers.

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ONE WORKMAN KILLED
Many Are Badly Injured, and More Deaths Will Probably Follow—The Explosion One of the Most Terrible That Ever Occurred in a Pittsburg Mill—Heavy Beams and Masonry Thrown from the Foundations.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

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