

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 Canadian and Australian, 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. Roughly speaking, only 80,000 men are at the front. Ten thousand are shut up at Ladysmith.

Extending there, there are 70,000 troops who have not yet been in action, in addition to those at sea. Why so many effectives have not yet been engaged is explained by the lack of land transportation and the organization of supplies, to which Lord Roberts is devoting his experience, and Lord Kitchener his genius for details.

It seems as if the weight of these losses must destroy the equilibrium which now holds the British forces stationary wherever they are in contact with the Boer army.

Lack of transportation and organization will not explain adequately why, when generals at the front request reinforcements, they get them in rather small numbers.

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A further list of casualties published by the War Office brings the total from the crossing of the Tugela to the abandonment of Spion Kop to 1,955 officers and men.

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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 State 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 Fildeman D. Genova leaped from the third-story window of a burning tenement in New York and was killed.

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GOEBEL IS DEAD.

BECKHAM PROMPTLY SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR.

CEREMONY HELD IN HOTEL.

Senator Blackburn and Other Democratic Leaders Present—A Dramatic Scene, in Which the Young Lieutenant Plays the Leading Part—Orders Troops to Return Home.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special.)—The bullet fired by an unknown assassin last Tuesday morning ended the life of William Goebel at 6:45 o'clock Saturday evening.

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

Chief Justice Hensinger administered the oath in the presence of the members of the Legislature. Goebel thanked his friends in feeble tones.

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.

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BULLER IN RETREAT.

BRITISH TROOPS UNABLE TO FACE BOERS AT SPION KOP.

LAME REMAINS OF THE COMMANDER—ADVISED BY 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 Warren, 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 quarter, 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 Warren's retreat comes in an official dispatch from Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, British commander-in-chief in Natal, sent from his headquarters at Spearman's Camp.

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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, as 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.

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