

The March to Bloemfontein

Opinion is That Roberts Will Not Advance For Some Weeks.

There is a Feeling of Impatience at the Prolonged Inactivity.

Rumor Current in London of a Battle at Tugela River.

(Associated Press.) London, Jan. 11.—2:40 a.m.—Even the arrival of Lord Roberts and Kitchener at Capetown has failed to stem the growing impatience at the prolonged inactivity, and the entire absence of news gives an adequate insight into the South African situation.

It is assumed, however, that with the landing of these generals a return will be made to the original plan of campaign, namely, a great central advance on Bloemfontein, but the most impatient enthusiasts admit that Gen. Roberts will be unable to move before the end of the month.

Up to the time of filing this dispatch no news of any importance had been received to-day from Africa.

Rumors of a Battle.

London, Jan. 11.—There was an uncorroborated rumor current late to-day that a battle was progressing at the Tugela River.

A Contradiction.

Officials of the war office deny the report that Gen. Methuen has been recalled.

INSPECTING THE MONTEZUMA.

Transportation of Troops Stopped Until Report is Received.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The militia department has sent out instructions to-day to railway companies to stop all arrangements in regard to the transportation of troops. This has been done until such time as a report of the medical board on the Montezuma is received. This virtually means that the Montezuma will be rejected.

Recruits Stopped by Police.

Laredo, Mexico, Jan. 11.—Several Portuguese on their way to join the Boers have been intercepted by the frontier police.

Contraband of War.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The position assumed by the British government as regards the flour seizures is that food stuffs in transit to a hostile destination can be regarded as contraband of war only when they are supplies for the enemy's forces. It is not sufficient that they are capable of being used for the benefit of the enemy. It must be shown that they are so in fact, through their destination, at the time of seizure.

London, Jan. 11.—Lord Roberts, the new commander of the British forces in South Africa, and his chief of staff, Lord Kitchener, have arrived at Capetown.

The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs Monday saying: "The Boer successes have been followed by a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm and Boer sympathy in the western part of the colony. Reports from Paaris say the whole district is made hideous at night by bands of young men parading in the villages, and singing the Transvaal volkslied, while the children are everywhere practicing the national songs of the republic."

The following are specimens of statements believed by the Western Dutch: "Another and Rhodes are prisoners," and "Two thousand Boers secretly sailed and captured Capetown."

According to the Daily Mail, Lord Methuen's health has broken down, and the Field Marshal may relieve him and possibly some other will be relieved of important commands.

The Times in an editorial criticizing at great length the government's conduct in the war, alludes to the "stupid and perverse mistakes" that have been made, and demands that the "specimens of the non-recognition of facts" be abandoned. It insists strongly upon knowing "the truth, and the whole truth, about the situation," and thus fault with Mr. Balfour's defence, piteous.

BOMBARDMENT OF LADYSMITH.

Boers Continue Their Light and Irregular Firing—Naval Guns Shell Burghers.

London, Jan. 11.—A Daily Telegraph dispatch dated Free Camp, Monday, says: "Firing from the Boers' position around Ladysmith began early to-day. It still continues, but the cannonading is light and irregular."

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated Free Camp, January 11: "With the exception of the usual shelling of the Boer positions by the Naval guns, the British force remains inactive."

"Eight Boer camps were seen to-day by a patrol along the Tugela in a westerly direction. All were quiet."

News says that when they reconnoitered near Odeno on Saturday the Boers fired from Springfield. This supports the belief that Odeno was weakened to attack Ladysmith.

The Standard Durban correspondent telegraphing Tuesday, says that 1,200 Indian soldiers were started for the front the previous night, and that their depart-

ure was regarded in Durban as indicative of a renewal of the fighting.

Transvaalers Else. The following dispatch from Free Camp, dated Jan. 8, appears in the Standard: "I hear on good authority that President Kruger sent word to the Boer headquarters asking why Ladysmith had not been attacked, and that the reply was, 'We should lose too many men.'"

"His answer to this excuse was the suggestion that the Free Staters might be put in the fore front. This suggestion was taken and the attack delivered."

"President Kruger's advice was so far good that the Free Staters behaved better than the Transvaalers have done. At all events they managed to seize a hill."

"Later in the day the Transvaalers retired before General White's counter-attacks amid the jeers of the Free Staters, who actually stuck to their position until they were bayoneted to death. After this affair it is almost certain that the allies will quarrel."

"A heavy gun, mounted on Umbulwana hill has been since last night said to be firing the siege of Ladysmith is still maintained."

Boer Casualties.

The following dispatch, dated Free Camp, January 10, noon, has been received from Gen. Buller:

"A Transvaal telegram gives the enemy's loss at Ladysmith on Saturday as four killed and fifteen wounded, and this after they had actually captured a strong position, and were firing from six machine batteries and been defeated at all points. Natives, however, assert that the Boer loss in one command alone was 150 killed and wounding loads of wounded. The heaviest losses said to have been among the Free Staters, who were forced by the Transvaalers into the most dangerous places."

"The list of victims of disease issued by the war office gives 22 deaths from typhoid fever and dysentery in Ladysmith in four days, revealing the fact that the besieged are resisting amid bad sanitary conditions. The list of British casualties at Ladysmith last Saturday has not yet been received."

IN THE WEST.

The Capture of Sutfolks—Were Within Thirty Paces of the Boers When the Latter Opened Fire.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 8.—It is reported here officially with reference to the disaster to the first battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, that Lt.-Col. Watson marched the regiment to the top of the hill at midnight. He assembled the officers and was addressing them just at daybreak when the enemy volleys at a distance of thirty paces. The colonel, his adjutant and two other officers were killed.

The Sutfolks, who had scarcely fired a shot, fled back to the pickets, about a thousand yards away, some one having shouted "Retire."

About 150, however, remained, lost heavily and finally surrendered. Our operations since have been unimportant. Several reconnaissances have been made, and show that the enemy is jealously guarding his communications to the north.

The Attack On Kuruman.

London, Jan. 11.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent, telegraphing on Monday, says:

"The Boers assert that eighty natives fought on the side of the British at Kuruman. They say their object in capturing the place was to open the way for a combined force to go south into the Prieska and Konharde districts, where the Boers hope to foment a rebellion."

KRUGER'S NAME HISSED.

"Tommy Atkins" Played by an Orchestra in Response to the Toast.

New York, Jan. 10.—The annual reunion of the Albany society of New York was held to-night at Delmonico's. One hundred and fifty persons were present.

Justice Woodward, of the Supreme court of New York state, a particular friend of Governor Roosevelt, was down to respond to the toast, "The Dutch in Albany and in South Africa." He devoted the first part of his address to the Dutch in Albany, and then turned to the Dutch in South Africa. As he continued, the guests began to cough and laugh, and in other ways annoy the speaker.

When he praised the Boers there was an open outbreak of hostilities. Justice Woodward made an ineffectual effort to proceed with his paper, but, skipping whole pages, he finally said: "I want to apologize to you for accepting your invitation to speak here to-night. I understood that you were to be your guest and to speak on the subject I have talked on and to read my address. I seem to have given you offence, and I sincerely apologize to you."

Then drawing himself to full height he thundered: "In closing I want to propose a toast to that grand old statesman, the William the Silent of South Africa, one of the most impressive personalities alive, old Goom Paul Kruger."

There were a few cheers, but Kruger's name was drowned in an avalanche of hisses.

Somebody stole quietly up to the orchestra and whispered instructions to the leader, and as Justice Woodward took his seat the orchestra broke out with "Tommy Atkins."

This made the sympathizers for the British cheer, while the pro-Boer element in turn did some hissing.

Justice Woodward was indignant at his treatment. He said he never in all his years had been so treated.

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Local News.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—In the provincial police court yesterday three men from Esquimaux were charged with using obscene language, arising out of a challenge to fight. The case was remanded until to-morrow.

—Pastmaster Sheppard has received a communication from Skagit county, Washington, asking for full information regarding the sending of the second Canadian contingent to South Africa. The communication states that there is great interest in the war in that county, and many of the people are strongly desirous of donning the scarlet coat.

—In the report of the nominations for the municipal elections published in these columns last evening, the name of Mr. John Hall was inadvertently omitted from the list of candidates. Mr. Hall was proposed by Thomas Shookholt and seconded by Charles M. Cookson, and stands for his old constituency, South Ward. The secondor for the nomination of R. Drayton was Alex. Munro.

—The conference between the local Trades and Labor Council and H. J. Chute, Dominion government commissioner, in connection with the investigation of the recent labor troubles in the Sloean district, was of an interesting nature. The local council brought to the notice of the commissioner several labor questions, but no arrangement could be made as the subjects were outside Mr. Chute's province.

—The postoffice department has made arrangements to carry a limited quantity of newspapers to Dawson and Athol during the winter season. The quantity is limited to 500 pounds per week and to Athol is limited to 300 pounds semi-weekly. In the event of this quantity tendered for carriage exceeding these limits, priority will be given to papers sent to subscribers or separate addresses. Regular railway communication having now been established between Skagway and Bennett, mail matter of all classes addressed to Bennett or Log Cabin postoffices will now be transmitted from any point south.

—A case arising out of existence of the plague at Honolulu will come before the police magistrate to-morrow afternoon. Dr. Watt, quarantine officer at Williams Head, has instituted action against Capt. Olive Rice, master of the ship Hawaiian Isles, for infraction of the act relating to the quarantine of vessels arriving from the Hawaiian Islands. The vessel after she had cleared, crew will be undertaken by Mr. Alexis Martin, of the firm of Langley & Martin, who have the matter in hand for the Dominion government.

—News has reached the city of the death in San Francisco on the 6th inst. of Mrs. Elizabeth Miles, formerly a resident of this city and widely known and respected. She was at one time the proprietress of "Cary Castle," was highly educated and a charming conversationalist, and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. She died of paralysis, having reached the advanced age of 81 years.

CAUTION.—Beware of substitutes for Pain-Killer. There is nothing "just as good." Unequalled for cuts, sprains and rheumatism. In all cases, it is the only safe and reliable substitute, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', etc. and so.

—At a meeting of the Bible class of the Victoria West Methodist church, held last night, it was decided to give a concert and supper in Sample's Hall on the evening of Jan. 13th, for the purpose of raising a fund for the building fund which the class has agreed to raise. It has been decided to increase the accommodation of the church by the erection of an addition, which is expected to cost about \$500, and of this amount the Bible class has agreed to raise a substantial portion.

—Mr. A. G. McGregor, of the Ames-Holden Co., was on Saturday made the subject of a pleasant surprise at the office of the employees of the firm. Mr. McGregor is severally in connection with the company, of which he has been assistant manager for several years, to join his father in the firm of A. McGregor & Son, hardware dealers, of 95 John-street, and his colleagues took advantage of the occasion to testify their appreciation of his services as a manager, pitcher, accompanied by an appropriate address. A suitable reply was made by Mr. McGregor.

—An important step was taken by the Board of Police Commissioners at a brief sitting of last board a few days ago. On motion the board rescinded the resolution which was placed upon the books by the last board by which the police was instructed to enforce the law against bawdy houses only where they were disorderly, and to summons the inmates only when they made themselves conspicuous. This was rescinded, the police chief being allowed a free hand in reference to the matter, and unhampered by any riders or qualifications whatever. It is understood that three summonses have been issued to-day for keepers of disorderly houses.

—Alexander McDermott, the well-known stevedore of this city, is now travelling southward with his bride, for this morning he was united in marriage with Miss Grace Fraser, eldest daughter of the Hudson's Bay Co. store at Yale, and immediately after the ceremony he and Mrs. McDermott started South. The wedding, which was solemnized at the Roman Catholic church by Rev. Bishop Dometville, was a quiet one, only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties being

present. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott will not be seen, where they intend making their home for a month hence. In the interim they will spend their honeymoon in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and at the Californian resort of Paso Robles.

—Another important step in connection with the Victoria-Sidney railway extension proposition was taken this afternoon, the agreement between the trustees and the corporation having been signed by both parties. This agreement was passed with slight amendment at the last session of the council of 1899, and the appending of the signatures to-day indicates that the movement is now thoroughly inaugurated through which this city will soon be enjoying the marvellous possibilities afforded to it as the terminal point of the Victoria-Chilliwack railroad.

—Advani, the Indian "prince," who has achieved much notoriety on the Coast, is still pursuing his strange course further inland. A Spokane paper says: "One more proof that G. Shani, the East Indian prince, rog merchant, globe-trotter and capitalist, and his distinguished patriot and fellow traveler, Advani, of Sound fame, are one and the same person, has come to light. When Shani was in Spokane he tried to cash a draft for \$2,000 made on the Bank of Montreal at the Fidelity National Bank. The draft was sent to Montreal for collection, and the foreigner got his receipt for it from the local bank. This appeared to be all he wanted, as he did not make another effort to get any money other than to ask George S. Brooke, president of the bank, for a small advance, a request that was not granted. Yesterday the \$2,000-draft was returned from Montreal and an accompanying letter told the unsavory tale of princely dishonesty and nerve. The letter said: 'A party calling himself Advani has recently been notorious in this country, and we have a suspicion that the signature on the check is his handwriting. Advani has cashed checks at one or two of the banks in this vicinity, and the checks are still unpaid. He was here in September last.'"

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The office of the B. C. Mining Record has been removed from the Williams block, 28 Broad street, to the Province building, Courtney street, where there are more conveniences for the transaction of business.

—The marriage of Mr. W. N. Carmichael, formerly of Victoria, but now of H. M. customs, Bennett, and Miss Bessie Fitzsimmons Jennings, daughter of Mr. S. Jennings, of Quadra street, took place last night. The groom was supported by Mr. A. W. Currie, of the city school staff, while Miss L. S. Chamworth Masters and Miss Edith H. Bamford attended the bride. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents and was performed by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

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—The arrival of election day seems to exercise a sort of psychic influence on certain Celestials, for on this occasion last year the police court docket was occupied almost solely by Chinese culprits, of whom there were four. In the court this morning among the law-breakers were Ah Jim and Ah Sang, who were charged with stealing tin ducks from the Parson Provision Company's store. The two were hired to wash and otherwise prepared the fowls for sale, but the temptation proving too strong they secured a couple of the cleanest washed and prepared ducks on hand. They were both sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor. James McCarty, an old offender, arrested by Constable Munro, was fined \$12.50 or 25 days' hard labor for vagrancy, while James Egan was allowed out on suspended sentence until the 15th, an opportunity for him to leave the city.

—The annual meeting of the Dairy-men's Association of British Columbia opens in the department of agriculture, this city, to-morrow. The first session will commence at 10:30 a.m., when addresses will be given by Prof. Frank T. Shutt, chemist of the Dominion Exper-

imental Farm, Ottawa; Mr. C. Marker, Dominion dairy superintendent in the Northwest Territories; and Prof. W. J. Spillman, agriculturist of the Washington Agricultural Experimental Station at Pullman, Wash. A report of the proceedings of the Washington State dairy meeting will be given by H. F. Page, president of the association. W. H. Hayward is also on the programme to lead in the discussion of a number of topics, among which will be the importance of pure bred stock and the general policy of the association during the present year. The secretary of the organization is G. H. Hadwen, of Dunsmuir. On Monday the opening meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute will be held and the sessions will probably be prolonged into Tuesday, when addresses will be given by the gentlemen already mentioned, and when an effort will be made to secure the attendance of the members of the legislature.

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MINISTER REINSTATED. (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The court of bishops in the case of Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, of Hamilton, suspended for seven years, gave its judgment to-day, acquitting Geoghegan in every particular and restoring him in his previous position. Judgment was unanimous.

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(Associated Press.) Colon, Columbia, Jan. 11.—The insurgents have again been defeated at Gerites and Buckramanga. San Jose de Guetua has been occupied by government troops.

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