

Another Move By Buller

London Has Unconfirmed Report That He Fights Way to Ladysmith.

The Sickness in Besieged Town—Another Big Gun for Bombardment.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 2.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following despatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Jan. 30:

"Col. Wynne has taken command of Gen. Woodgate's brigade. Col. Miles has been appointed chief of Gen. Buller's staff. "The Boers are still constructing defensive works opposite Potgieter's Drift. "A strong cavalry reconnaissance proceeded to-day westward in the vicinity of Honger's Spruit."

Spearman's Camp, Tuesday, Jan. 30.—Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance in the direction of Honger's Spruit found the road clear. The enemy was not seen.

THE LADYSMITH ASSAULT. New York, Feb. 1.—Advices from Spearman's Camp say that Gen. Buller's retreating force crossed the Tugela without the loss of a single man, but got away none too soon, a Boer 16-pounder firing at the cavalry column as it was.

The Boers are mounting another big gun to fire on Ladysmith. "Hooz Lagerer, Ladysmith, Jan. 30.—All is quiet here. Long Tom occasionally fires on Ladysmith. The deaths in Ladysmith from fever and other causes must be enormous, as we can clearly see them burying corpses daily.

Gen. Joubert went to the Upper Tugela yesterday.

IS BULLER FIGHTING? London, Feb. 1.—The St. James' Gazette says that Gen. Buller has crossed the Tugela river at three places, and that fighting has been proceeding all day long.

The war office has no news of Gen. Buller's alleged movements as thus reported, but the paper says it is doubtful that the correctness of its information, although it has not yet learned the exact positions Gen. Buller has seized.

Spearman's Camp, Natal, Jan. 30.—There is an optimistic feeling in all ranks. The troops are confident of ultimate success. The Boer enthusiasm was aroused by the Queen's message and Gen. Buller's speech expressing admiration for Gen. Warren's tactics.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Winston Churchill, in a despatch to the Morning Post describing the re-crossing of the Tugela says: "The army is exhausted, not defeated. General Buller will be here and all will come right in the end."

HOW ABOUT JOUBERT? Natives insist that He is Dead but Other Reports Detail His Movements.

London, Feb. 1.—The Cape town correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing January 29, says: "Gen. Joubert's wife accounts to me personally, saying that he is still alive."

Spearman's Camp, Jan. 30.—The natives persist in asserting that Gen. Joubert was killed by a shell outside of Ladysmith.

EUROPEANS WITH BOERS. Hanoverian Officers Says There Are Ten Thousand Trained Soldiers—The Heights Like Sedan.

London, Feb. 1.—A letter appears to-day from a Hanoverian officer, formerly of the 2nd German Infantry, but now among the military advisers of the Boers, which says that nearly 10,000 trained European soldiers, including quite 800 officers, are among the Boers.

Returning to the military situation at Ladysmith, the officer says: "Owing to the strength of our position on a circle of heights like Sedan, we can hold out as long as we wish, and a relief column numbering us by two to one."

THE DEFENCE OF NATAL. Four Thousand Men Was the Estimate of the Total Required for Security.

London, Feb. 1.—A blue book has been published containing a quantity of correspondence relating to the defence of Natal, which contains urgent letters and telegrams from the Natal government from dates as early as May last, up to the outbreak of hostilities, asking reinforcements.

On August 3, Mr. Chamberlain wired: "Arrangements to send 2,000 troops are in progress." The Natal ministry grew alarmed and on September 6 implored the imperial government to avoid a rupture and further reinforcements had arrived.

Five thousand seven hundred men were ordered from India. The correspondence shows that Sir William Penn Symons thought 4,000 men would be enough to secure the integrity of Natal and this view was apparently concurred in by the Natal authorities.

NORTHERN CAPE COLONY. Steadfastness, Cape Colony, Feb. 1.—A runner who has arrived here brought a letter from Alwalwa North, in which it is announced that the Boers have captured the line to Burgersdorp, as their supplies were short at Stormberg. The plains being bare, the camp of the burghers, it is stated, has been moved back of Stormberg Heights, which are still held.

ENGINEERS IN CONVENTION. Montreal, Jan. 31.—Seventy members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers left here this evening by a special train on the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont railways, for Boston, where they will be continued on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, inspecting various engineering works in and about Boston.

Do not suffer from such headaches as a notable feature. Carter's Little Liver Pills will cure you. Dose, one little pill. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

TO FLOOD LADYSMITH.

Boers to Try New Plan Since the Bombardment Is Not Effective.

London, Feb. 1.—The correspondent of the Times in London receives telegrams yesterday, says: "Information has been received here from the Transvaal that the war department is convinced that it would be useless to storm Ladysmith, and that the bombardment will continue ineffective, has decided on a change of tactics. Eight thousand of dynamite and sand bags and hundreds of kamiks have been sent from Johannesburg and Pretoria for the purpose of damming the Klip river, some miles below Ladysmith, the idea is to flood the town and drive the soldiers and inhabitants out of the bomb proof caves so as to expose them to shell fire."

BOER TURPITUDE. Col. Thornycroft Lured by a Flag of Truce and Fired Upon.

London, Feb. 1.—A despatch to the Times from Pietermaritzburg dated Sunday last, says: "Col. Thornycroft had a narrow escape last week. He went to meet a Boer flag of truce, which asked a parole, but, having become suspicious, he told the Boer commandant that he would not parley. Both retired and the Boers fired a volley, the colonel only getting in consequence of their bad shooting."

AFRIKANERS BACKED OUT. Boers Expected Fully Fifty Thousand to Join Them in the War.

London, Feb. 1.—The Cape town correspondent of the Daily News says evidence is accumulating that something is afoot among the Afrikaners existing between the Boer executives and the inner circle of the Afrikaner Bund concerning what should follow the reopening of the Cape. The Afrikaners, fully 5,000 colonial Dutchmen have joined the Boers. The Boers, however, believed that this would be the only result. Consequently the Afrikaner Bund is now excommunicated at Pretoria and Bloemfontein.

MAKING DOING WELL. Garrison Drive Back Besieging Force and Secure New Pasture For Cattle.

Bullwary, Saturday, Jan. 30.—A message from Col. Plummer, who is at Gaborone with the Makering relief force, says he has received a message from Col. Baden-Powell dated Makering, January 17, saying: "All well. During the past fortnight we have been pushing the trenches towards the enemy's big guns."

On January 16, their 94-pounder and high velocity Krupp evanescer were positioned and retired eastward of the town, whence they are capable of doing little damage. We have thus pushed the enemy on three sides well out of rifle shots and have opened new grazing grounds for cattle.

The enemy has still two strong positions on the east side which we hope to shift with the dynamite."

MERCENARIES' ILL LOOK. Boer Agent Explains the Heavy Losses of German and Other Volunteers.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Dr. Leyds, in the course of conversation to-day, says: "The heavy losses of German volunteers sustained in the Transvaal service are due to their rashly exposing themselves, but they have not been exposed to the same dangers as the soldiers of the British, German, Dutch and Scandinavian volunteers who have merged in the Boer ranks in the future will be impossible."

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HOSPITAL SERVICE GOOD. Cape town, Jan. 31.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts authorizes the representative of the American Press to say that the hospital service here that he is perfectly satisfied that everything medical skill can devise for the benefit and comfort of the sick and wounded has been done. He is satisfied that the home authorities are sending out all the nurses who will possibly be required.

THE B. C. CONTINGENT. Ministers Still Waiting to Hear From Ottawa—Local Interest and Impatience.

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Queen'sberry's Declare. London, Jan. 31.—The Marquis of Queensberry who was born July 20, 1844, and succeeded to the title in 1868, is dead.

Session Opens At Ottawa.

Conservatives Jubilant About Manitoba—Still no Reply to This Province.

Canadian Sergeant Dying at Orange River—Australia Calls for Lumber.

By Associated Press. Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The department of militia is still waiting advice from the war office in reference to British Columbia's offer, and up to a late hour to-night no word had been received.

There has been some discussion in military circles as to the extent of Strachan's munition contribution. It appears that he is paying the entire expense of equipping the men and maintaining them while under arms in Canada, transporting them across the continent to Halifax and thence to Capetown. Once the men arrive in South Africa, like all other colonial forces, they come under Imperial regulations regarding pay, allowance or pensions.

As stated previously the home authorities have expressed indignation at the fact that there should be no difference in pay between colonial and regular forces. The sergeant Russell of Prince Edward Island is dying at Orange River.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell will move for all papers in the Hutton-Engles controversy.

Mr. Larke's monthly Australian report reports the inability of British Columbia firms to fill orders for lumber. He suggests that more sailing vessels should engage in the lumber carrying business.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The opening of parliament to-day was a brilliant function, the Senate chambers containing the biggest crowd on record. Messrs. Casgrain and Burpee, were introduced in the Senate, and Gould, Geoffroy, Bourassa and Finlayson took the oath of office.

The re-appearance of the bolter Bourassa being greeted with laughter from the opposition benches.

The speech will be considered on Monday in both houses. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has promised to table all correspondence with the British government in reference to the contingent.

Senator Macdonald, Cad Messrs. McInnes, and Maxwell, for British Columbia have arrived. McInnes again gives notice of a resolution in the favor of an establishment of a Dominion mill, also a bill to amend the franchise act.

Sir Charles Tupper had a magnificent dinner at the Hotel de Ville, Ottawa, on Monday night. The guests included the Hon. Mr. Laurier, Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, and other members of the cabinet.

The government will ask an appropriation to revise and consolidate the Dominion statutes. The last revision was in 1897.

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WARMER CLOTHING.

London, Feb. 1.—Owing to the discovery that cotton khaki is insufficient protection for troops sleeping in the South African plains, the government is starting to re-clothe the forces in the field with woollen khaki.

DEADMAN'S ISLAND ISSUE Shelved—A Victorian's Enterprise—Union of Ship Captains.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Feb. 1.—Chief Justice McGill announced yesterday that he would preside over a county court judge is appointed for Vancouver, which is the subject of the latter company's offer to build up from Republic to Chesaw and Bolster. It is understood too that it is the intention of the latter company to extend its lines into the Okanagan country, taking in Loomis, Oro and other points of importance. Now that the Vernon and Nelson company have secured the control of the Victoria Exchange, it is understood that Maritime and Victoria will be connected overland, and Victoria and Vancouver by cable. With the exception of the Columbia Telephone Company, in this district, the Vernon and Nelson is now supreme in the province, both on the Island and Mainland.

ST. JAMES' THEATRE. London, Feb. 2.—St. James' theatre, which was entirely remodelled during Mr. J. G. Thompson's management, and from London was re-opened this afternoon, with Anthony Hope's "Rupert of Hentzau," which has been seen since the outbreak of the war.

A CARDINAL'S DEATH. Rome, Feb. 1.—Cardinal Venerio D. M. Jacobini, former papal nuncio at Lisbon, who received the red hat in 1898, is dead at the age of 63.

A GENEROUS DONATION. Montreal, Feb. 2.—Robert Meigs, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., has, on behalf of his company, donated \$1,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL. Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—The Central Congregational church members will invite Rev. J. B. Silcox to succeed Mr. Pedley, who goes to Montreal.

Chafed Skins, Piles, Scalds, Cuts, Gull blains, Chapped Hands, Sore Eyes, Sunburn, Eczema, Neuralgia and Rheumatic Pains, Throat Colds and Skin Affections are Quickly relieved by the use of...

EDITOR "HOUSEHOLD WORDS" says: "We are constantly appealed to for remedies which can safely be used in domestic practice for such ailments as itching skin, scalds, inflamed eyes, rheumatic and neuralgic pains, as well as for the relief of all such cases, and, indeed, in a host of others, we have found Calvert's Carbolic Ointment invaluable."

PROVINCIAL NEWS. Grand Forks, Jan. 30.—The new plant for the Butthorn mill, north fork of Kettle river, is ready to be installed. It will be installed immediately. It includes a 34" diameter, a duplex pump, with a capacity of 200 gallons per minute, a 60 h.p. boiler and boiler engine. The plant is being installed on the site of the old mill, which was destroyed by fire in 1898.

Major W. H. Cooper, of this city, has been appointed deputy sheriff of this district.

A tunnel is being driven on the Kilty W. north fork of Kettle river, to tap the headwaters of the Kettle river.

The Columbia Telephone Co. now operates over 600 miles of line. It is proposed to extend the line to the north end of the Similkameen valley.

The new civic waterworks plant will have a daily capacity of 700,000 gallons.

Nine feet of snow was encountered a few days ago in a crosscut at a depth of 90 feet on the Strawberry claim in Brown's gulch.

Good progress is being made in running a tunnel on the Rhil, Sherdan claim, of the Similkameen valley.

The annual meeting of the Similkameen Copper Company, which is being held at the Similkameen Hotel, is being held on the 10th prox.

Major Lloyd A. Manly has presented the city with a new ladder truck. The ladder truck already possesses a steam fire engine, and is otherwise thoroughly equipped.

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Anxious About Delagoa Bay

Boer Mission to Continental Capitals to Head Off Seizure by British.

German General Issues a Formidable Instruction to the Republics.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—It is strongly rumored in parliamentary circles that the chief political object of Dr. Leyds in visiting Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg is to induce France, Germany and Russia to intervene if Great Britain should attempt to seize Delagoa Bay.

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German colonial circles and the German government itself regard the war as distinctly unfavorable to Germany's interests in South Africa. No matter how it may end, Germany will acquire uncomfortable neighbors, either fanatical Boers or presumptuous British.

More than this, the feeling is that in German Southwest Africa, where the Boer element is strong but slumbering, a formidable Boer movement is bound to be awakened. Germany, therefore, would like peace under conditions which would leave the Boers' interests unharmed.

Gen. von Schweining in the Lokal Anzeiger says: "The Boers will and must continue the fight until the military bankruptcy of the English is accomplished."

INCIDENTS OF SPION KOP. Artillery and Engineers to Strengthen the Position Met by the Returning Troops.

London, Feb. 1.—Accounts of the battle of Spion Kop continue to filter in. All to accord with the Boer force. Several estimates are that the total losses of Gen. Buller's turning movement will amount to something approximating 4,000.

When reinforcements arrived the troops were much cramped on the top of Spion Kop. Preparations were made to secure the position. Guns were ordered up to strengthen the entrenchments. The British position was strengthened when he ordered the retirement, and he actually met the artillery coming up.

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GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Jan. 29.—W. W. Kent, general superintendent of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, Spokane, has been in the city and Boundary country, and while presumably on a tour of inspection, it is understood they have been looking over the situation with a view to a very considerable extension of their respective systems.

The Greenwood Miner has ascertained that it is the intention of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company to extend its lines as far as Camp McKinney, via Rock Creek, and from Rock Creek to Bolster, Wash. George Alexander's absence from the island Telephone Company, which will