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NO DECISIVE BLOW HAS YET BEEN STRUCK EITHER WAY

War Office Gives Out Nothing, but Despatches from Natal State That the Heaviest Artillery Firing in Natal as Yet Has Been Heard.

It Is Believed That the Boers Are Strongly Contesting General Buller's Advance— British at Rensburg Drive Off the Enemy-Boer Losses 21 Killed, 50 Wounded -Enemy Reply to Methuen's Guns at Modder River-Is Kruger Preparing a Way for Escape—Latest War News.

be given out during the night. At the plicants to be examined. Same time despatches received by the London dallies from Pietermaritzburg show that Buller's forces are in artillery conflict with the enemy. There ting the full number.

point of the bayonet. The Boers had to leave England at present." 21 men killed and about 50 wounded.

Mafeking, the British fort to the east ward was demolished and the British retired. The Times correspondent at Lorenzo Marquez reports that the garrison at Mafeking was holding out well

by the Channel squadron.

The Durban correspondent of The London Standard says the Free Staters have of the British force is near Ladysmith." tired of the war. There is also an extraordinary story that Kruger's son-inlaw has been making arrangements for

The Boers returned the fire at Modder River on Tuesday for the first time in several days. The British entrenchments there Tuesday: "Very heavy artillery firing was are being greatly strengthened.

and fifty tons of shells were landed HEAVY FIRING IN THE NORTH. from the French steamer Gironde about of two British warships. The guns were sent into the Transvaal.

who were ever in England or Cape Town and is now plotting with the Boers. The situation in Swaziland is said to be

Loudon, Jan. 17 .- (4 a.m.)-Even rumors are no longer telegraphed from Natal. The conclusion deduced from this silence of the military experts generally is that no decisive blow has been struck either way, as

Peace Committee Comes Up. members are Lord and Lady Coleridge, Mr. Herbert Spencer, Sir Robert Thresiex Reid, Mr. George John Shaw-Lefevere, Mr -The hill commands a tract of country notable persons. Mr. Leonard Courtney, to seize the heights. They advanced cau-Unionist member of Parliament for the tiously, directing their fire at a small wall eny." Bodmin division of Cornwall, is president held by the Yorkshires, and compelling the

from the "stop the war" group of extremists, of which Mr. William T. Stead is the of New Zealanders, came up, and the commarized, is to wait until a proper opportun-

rangement would be tolerated by any conemotion is now in a state of disquiet over KRUGER PREPARING FOR ESCAPE tion with the conduct of military business is intense, and there is an almost universal determination to see the thing through. The War Office has issued orders for the formation of five new batteries.

Seventeen more militia battalions will be embodied in the course of a fortnight, All

32,000,000 cartridges in cases.

Annual meeting Toronto Railway Compaugural meeting Public School Board,

Fanny Rice at the Toronto, 8 p.m. Shea's Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m. "Davy Crockett," at the Princess, 2 and

The War Office at midnight said there was lit has accepted 3000 out of the 10,000 which | hills recently, and the fords of the Ries no news and that no further news would it wishes to raise, and still has 20,000 ap River are impassable. It is reported

was heavy artillery firing at Spring-field on Monday. It is believed that the

tempted to rush a hill held by a com- of the despatch of further reinforcements Spytfontein army, which is far from the pany of the Yorkshires and the New when the troops now mobilized shall have railway head, is very evident. Zealanders, but were repulsed at the embarked. The new cavalry brigade is not

News from Pretoria says that, as the result BULLER ENGAGES THE BOERS. of a bombardment on Sunday last at Heavy Firing Heard on Tuesday in the Direction of

Frere. The entire special squadron is going to the front, but heavy firing was heard to- capitulation. The garrison had plenty South Africa when relieved at Gibraltar day in the direction of Frere. It is probatile and tinned meats. by the Channel squadron. able that General Buller is engaging the "It is openly stated at a continuous c

"A rumor is current here that a portion

FIRING AT SPRINGFIELD. the President's escape through German Despath to The London Times Corroborates the Story of Heavy Artillery Fire.

London, Jan. 17.—The Times published heard yesterday in the direction of Spring-

the Tugela London, Jan. 17 .- A despatch to The Daily Mail from Pletermartizburg, dated Tues-day, says: "There was very heavy firing in of King Bunu, has killed all the chiefs who are contesting General Buller's passage of now plotting with the Boers. the Tugela. Howitzers were evidently busy

Contesting the Passage of

BOEKS TRIED TO RUSH A HILL. Yorkshires and New Zealanders Repulsed Them-Boers Lost 21 Killed and 50 Wounded.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Monday, Jan. 15. The Boers this morning attempted to rush London, Jan. 17.—The military and civil The South African Conciliation Committee, quietly formed to report the peace and the New Zealanders, but were repulsed over the treason cases. A despatch to The at the point of the bayonet. The Boers Daily Mail from Sterkstroom says on this

Boer Attack an Utter Failure Rensburg, Cape Colony, Monday, Jan. 15 latter to keep close under cover. When the Boers rushed the wall the Yorkshires fixed bayonets and charged. Just at that most active member. Its program, sum- bined force leaped over the wall and chargsettlement. ed by a withering fire at close range. The tial law in the districts of Hopetown and Meanwhile it will gather and distribute Boers literally tumbled over each other in correct information and sound views. The their hurry to escape, but the persistent fire of the British inflicted a heavy loss begun amid misunderstandings on both Desultory firing continued for some time but the attack was an utter failure, and the Boers retreated to the shelter of the small kopjes at the base of the hill.

the reverses to British arms, dissatisfac- If Pretoria is Captured the Old Man Will Go Thru German Demaraland,

London, Jan. 17.-The Durban correspon dent of The Standard deals to-day with the numerous reports that the Free Staters have fired of the war and will abandon the struggle as soon as the British cross the border. He mentions an extraordinary the regulars are now out of the country story with reference to a journey of Presiexcept fourteen infantry battalions and dent Kruger's son-in-law, Eloff, to Delagoa Bay to a German warship. According to this, Eloff has been making arrangements man Damaraland in the event of the capture of Pretoria.

BOERS RETURNED THE FIRE At Modder River for the First Time

in Several Days—Free
Staters Are Tired.

Modder River, Jan.16.—There was a brisk exchange of shells this morning, the Boers returning our fire for the first time in several days. The British entrenchments are being continually strengthened. The permanent railway bridge is almost completed. Heavy rains have fallen in the

Modder River to Rimberley, the Boers having used the rails and sleepers in building their fortifications.

Free Staters Are Tired field on Monday. It is believed that the Boers are contesting the passage of the the departure from Egypt of a number of Staters desire to end the war. The latest British over the Tugela River. A rumor officers who were previously ordered to report is that a conneil was held recently British over the Tugela River. A rumor is current at Pletermaritzburg that a portion of the British force is near Ladysmith.

A despatch from Rensburg, Cape Colony, dated Monday, says that the Boers at the Boers at Ladysmith and Monday, says that the Boers at Ladysmith and Monday, says that the Boers at Ladysmith and Upon other news related to it, says: "There are some curious reports in circulation—apparently with some authority behind them—which point to the stoppage of the Monday of t

> MAFEKING HOLDING OUT. Besieged Were All Right on Jan, -Field Guns Smuggled Thru

Delagoa Bay. London, Jan. 17 .- The correspondent of The Times at Lorenzo Marquez, telegraph London, Jan. 17.—The Exchange Tele- ing Monday, Jan. 15, says: "I am informed graph Company has received the following on the best authority that six days ago despatch, dated Tuesday, Jan. 16, from Mafeking was holding out as pluckily as Pietermaritzburg: "There is no news from ever. There was then no likelihood of "It is openly stated at Johannesburg that

> BOERS GOT SIX BIG GUNS. Were Landed From a French Steam-

er Right Under the Nose of Two British Warships. London, Jan. 17. The Pletermaritzburg correspondent of The Times, telegraphing Tuesday, Jan. 16, says : The Delugoa Bay correspondent of The Natal Times asserts er Gironde, about the middle of last month, the middle of December at Lorenzo Mar- It is Believed That the Boers Are and were despatched to Pretoria, causing much rejoicing at the ease with which contraband of war can run the blockade.

Swazl Queen With the Boers. the north yesterday. I believe the Boers were ever in England or Cape Town, and is The situation may fairly be considered

as the firing is described as the heaviest grave, and it would be well to send regi-

TROUBLE WITH TREASON CASES Civil and Military Authorities in Cape Colony Are Now

to-day and asks for support. Among the had 21 men killed and about 50 wounded. | point : "Keekomons and Nel, two Dutching Christmas week, with Gen. Buller's such order. Moreover, there have been letmen who were tried by court-martial dursanction, were committed on January 12 for civil trial, the court-martial proceedthe Countess of Carlisle and many other they had determined to make an attempt ings having been stopped by the interven-

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED In the Districts of Hopetown and

Philipstown in Cape Colony. Cape Town, Tuesday, Jan. 16.-Sir Alfred The Honorable S. H. Blake, Q.C., ed straight for the enemy, who fied, follow Milner, the Governor, has proclaimed mar-

Rice Crop the Heaviest on Record -Over Two Million Tons for Export. London Jan 17 - The Calcutta correspon-

dent of The Times says the Burmese rice crop has broken the record. Over 2,020,000 tous will be available for export to foreign RUSSIAN ARMY MOVEMENTS.

Troops Sent From the Caucasus to the Afghan Frontier Being Replaced.

London, Jan. 17.—The Times has the following from Odessa: "The army corps, by Hon. Mr. Mulock.

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BAD BILL (from Pile-o-bones, N.W.T.): Trow up yer hands, old funny whiskers; this yer is a painful busi-HUGH JOHN SHOWS UP

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Ex-Premier's Statement That No Pledges Had Been Made to Railways Is Utterly False-How the Gang After Defeat Pledged a Bonus for a Yankee Road. Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—(Special.)-Premier | who remember the declarations made on

Macdonald to-day made the following state- the subject by Mr. Greenway and his colment with regard to the railway policy of leagues on public platforms, that no such he late Greenway Government:

"The protestations made by Mr. Green, that Mr. Greenway publicly gave for not the late Greenway Government: way and the members of his Cabinet dur- extending assistance to the Northern Paci-

proved on investigation to be utterly false. Pacific. Why Greenway Did It. What the Truth is. "We find the truth of the matter is that on July 14 last, an Order-in-Council was possed, actually entering into a contract Government are, first, reluctance to ask the years' exemption from taxation on the Lac | to embarrass the present Government by

The Deal Kept a Secret. "The House continued in session until July 21, yet no mention was made of this bargain before the House by Mr. Greenters given by the late Government to the

A Pair of Bad Men. In the Attorney-General's office yester-

that is what the Gas Co. is paying them to public franchises and popular rights. hat is what the Gas Co. is paying them to public franchises and popular rights.

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people's money and the rights of the people, countries. Burman is also able to supply and if Mr. Whitney is true to his trust as tion or party in this country. It is the Radnor is Canada's First Mineral a practically unlimited quantity to the In- Leader of the Opposition, if the four city Messenger with the Flaming Torch, enthere will be such a row when the Legislature meets that there will be no need to go to law over the diversion of the gas the constant of the consumers' money into the pockets of the wish to make him bright in mind and clean shareholders. The World proposes to edu- in heart, let him read The World.

which has been quartered in the Eksterino- But don't forget in the meantime what tions, or grasping corporations. slaff district, has been ordered to the Cau- the Honorable S. H. Blake, Q.C., B. B. casus to replace the Russian troops sent to Osler, Esq., Q.C., were there in the Attorney-General's office yesterday for. They are high-priced men, and it requires highpriced men to be there to make the brazen allegations that they do. They were there to make the big brave front and the big

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ing the recent campaign, that no pledges fic, was that the C.P.R. was doing the weary waiting, an occupant has been found, to vote for Hon. John Dryden. of assistance had been made by the Gov- work for nothing, and it would have been and the nurses in charge of the wards are ernment to any railway corporation, have a waste of money to bonus the Northern happy. The apparatus is being used to save a little life that, without its aid, would His alleged offence was receiving \$5 from

"The only reasons I can give for this ex-traordinary duplicity on the part of the The tiny specimen of humanity who inby which the C.F.R. was to get the usual assistance of \$1750 per mile, and twen; a general election; and, secondly, a desire and was prematurely born. She was so firm stated to The World yesterday that habits the incubator is known as Isabella, such compromising pledges of the country's fancy. At birth she weighed just four pounties and four ounces. In the ten days following she lost two ounces and then began to gain, having gained one ounce in "But, more extraordinary still, the late

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Tuneral from above address on Friday, at 2.30 to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, SCOTT—On Monday, January 15th, 10 to her mother's residence. this variety of yellow tulip, which is the earliest of the season. They are good flow-SCOTT-On Monday, January 15th, 1990, at her mother's residence, 1009 Queen east, Elizabeth Minnetta (Minnie) Scott, in her 31st year.

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All the foregoing are disfranchised for Captain John Sullivan, dismissed. William Gilmour, case reserved.

Simeon Hewitt, case reserved. Whitby, Jan. 16 .- (Special.)-A continuation of the proceedings taken against perq practices by the judges on the rota at the tion-Fegan v. Dryden-came up here today before Mr. Justice Osler and Mr. Jusas prosecutor, assisted by Col. J. E. Farewell, Q.C., while Louis F. Heyd, Q.C., and T. A. McGillivray, LL,B., appeared for sev-

a.m., and many prominent local politicians The Case of Patrick Sullivan The first case taken up was that of Patrick Sullivan, laborer, of Pickering, charged with being bribed by William Morrist for the sum of \$3 to vote for Hen. John

Dryden at the bye-election held on Nov. 1, extracts from Sullivan's evidence given at the election protest trial, May 25 and 26; day of the election and "he throwed the

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