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Another Long Pause Probable Before Any Further Movements Are Made.

Experts Favor a Transfer of Operations to the Plains of Free State.

War Office Denies the Report That Ladysmith Has Surrendered.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan, 27.-2:17, p.m.-The usua airy attempts to minimize the seriousness of the situation in South Africa are entirely lacking this afternoon, and it is frankly acknowledged that the most serie ous effort of the present war has failed. of the leaders of public opinion to disguise the ugly facts, and there is every disposition to face the full difficulties and discover the best way out. In short the policy voiced everywhere is the gathering up of forces for more effective blows." Expert Opinion

All hones of the speedy relief of Ladysmith have been abandoned, and the comsensus of expert opinion urged the immediate shifting of the theatre of war from the rocky kopjes of Natal to the open veldt of the Free State.

One thing appears certain, another long pause is inevitable unless the Boers assume the offensive, because, even in the event of Gen. Buller further attempts ing to reach Ladysmith, the planning of a new move will necessarily occupy time! Afternoon papers are drawing attention to the closeness of the parallel between the Federal attack on Gen. Lee at Fredericksburg and the operations on

Curiously enough, there is visble, especially in military circles, an undercurrent belief at the news that the British are safely south of the Tugela, for the rumors of Saturday had conjured up visions of an immense catastrophe. "

Dundonald's Force Safe. London, Jan. 29.-Great anxiety has been removed by the announcement that Lord Dudonald's cavalry forces, which it was feared had been isolated among the hills in the neighborhood of Actor Homes, are safe on the south bank, of nipeg, Tugela river.

Officers Killed at Spian Kop. London, Jan. 29. Gen. Buller with from Spearman's Camp on January 29th the Fifth Division and Mounted Brigade at Spion Kop, January 24th, were: Killed 22, wounded 20, missing 6.

A Denial. The war office denies the report that Ladysmith has surrendered and an nounces that a very heavy list of casualties will be issued to-night.

Discussing the Situation. The afternoon papers are discussing whence are to come the troops for a pro tracted campaign. It is becoming generally recognized that some form of compulsory service is more and more immi-

ent than previously thought of. The St. James Gazette, however, suggests that the solution of pouring more roops into South Africa savors of the Spanish action in Cuba, adding that the solution of making better use of the thousands already there has never suggested itself.

The Opening of Parliament. The Queen's speech at reassembling of parliament to-morrow is awaited with unusual interest.

Criticising Buller's Report. The St. James Gazette this afternoon returns to scathing criticism of the land and Victoria to the Slocan. Fifty sent guage of Gen. Buller's reports. It says: "Gen. Buller's reflection of the terror he put into the foe reminds us of things we

have heard about Chinese mandarins." Steyn Visits Pretoria. Pretoria, Jan. 26.-President Steyn of the Orange Free State, and A. Fischer borne deaths took place this morning of of the executive council of that Repub. lic. arrived here this morning. They were met at the station by President

Kruger and other officials. The Volksteem, the official organ of the government, in welcoming the guests year-old son of Proprietor Hodgson, of of the state, says: "But for the courageous attitude of the Free State the ally, on Sunday by his clothing catching conditions of the present struggle world from a spark.

followed with such success." An Unfounded Report. Berlin, Jan. 29 .- A semi-official dis-

eatch from Lisbon says the report that the Boers have crossed the Mozambique frontier is unfounded. Stocks Flat. London, Jan. 29 .- There was an all-

found despondency on the stock ex change to-day. A CHEMIST'S EXPERIMENT.

(Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 27 .- Prof. Walter Theo. Schele, a chemist, last night drank a mixure of bromo-seltzer and cyanide of merwithout any ill effects, says the Herald to-day. This was done as an exent, and the mixture being the same

Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon Premier 4 Semlin had not received from Ottawa the telegram in regard to the British Columbia contingent, which the Minister of Militia has assured him will be forward-

ed some time during the day. Meanwhile both the local government and the applicants for a position on the force are chafing under a delay, which Citizens' Committee Offers to no one seems able to prevent, and which no one evidently could avoid.

While Mr. Deane's motion providing that all mineral claims held by members of the contingent which has already gone, or will go, to South Africa, be held for them in their absence, was ruled out Other Municipalities to Be Asked of order, it has been decided to follow the practice established at the time of the rebellion of 1885, in regard to Dominion government lands. By this arrangement any volunteer serving in South Africa who has an entry under the Dominion Lands Act is allowed to ount as residence the time he may be absent from the land on military ser-

May Enlist

There is no sign of a wish on the part This City to Be One of the Recruiting Stations for Strath cona's Horse

> One Squadron or More Will Be Taken From This Province.

> Scottish Societies of Illinois Offer an Entire Corps For Service.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The Minister of Militia is trying to get accommodation for the British Columbia contingent on a steamer which leaves St. John on 17th inst. with hay for South Africa.

Strathcona horse will comprise three squadrons. There will be 25 officers, 36 non-commissioned officers and 470 men, or, 531 all ranks, and 536 horses. One squadron, or as many as are required, will be recruited in British Columbia. Recruiting for Strathcona Horse will immence on Monday, 5th February, at the following mounted police posts in the Northwest Territories: Moosejaw, Regina, Maple Creek, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Macleod, Lethbridge, Pincher

Creek, Edmonton, Prince Albert and Battleford. -In Manitoba at Portage la Prairie, Vir den, Brandon and at the barracks, Win-

In British Columbia at Golden, Revelstoke, Vernon, Kamloops, Fort Steele, Nelson, Vancouver and Victoria.

The first train is expected to leave Calgary with men and horses for Ottawa about the 10th or 12th of February. The above list of recruiting stations was prepared by Comptroller White and Col. Steele, and sanctioned by Hon. C. Sifton and the military authorities.

The militia department has no knowledge of any offer of six hundred cowboys from western states to go to South Africa. There have been offers of all kinds received by the department, but the one above referred to has not yet reachedhere.

About a month ago the president of the Scottish societies of Illinois offered an entire corps of Britishers to go to the Transvaal, but nothing was done in the matter. As to individual offers there have been thousands of them received at | power would be done to insure the acthe department from the United States. ceptance of this generous offer.

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER

More Men For Slocan Fight on an Australian Liner - Two Sailors in the Hospital.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Jan. 29.-Two hundred and fifty men are to be sent from Vancouver last week were met by union men and did not start work. Three dollars per day of eight hours is being offered. The body of a man, supposed to be Drummond, a sailor, who fell off the steamer City of Seattle last October, was found floating just outside the Narrows

Miss Lizzie Macleod and Capt. John Thorburn. Thorburn was an old timer. The remains of Mrs. H. K. Sharp, of Beavermouth, arrived for interment here by this afternoon's train. The threethe Metropole, was burned, probably fat-

changed. It would be impossible for A fracas took place yesterday on board the Transvaal to have taken the course the Australian steamer Miowera. The men had been paid off on Saturday, getting their month's wages, and most of them got drunk. There was one Boer sympathizer in the gang, and the other men attacked him. He was cut all over the body. He was taken to the hospital with a second, who had his leg broken

EXPLOSION ON A GUNBOAT.

Kills Two Men and Seriously Injures Several Others

Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 29.- The Herald special from Hongkong says that Gunners Nelson and Campbell were killed, and Lieut. Boatly and Gunners Conroy and Bite seriously wounded by the bursting of a gun on the gunboat Wheeling on that which is supposed to have killed Saturday. The gunboat was saluting in lector of customs at that point in place was unchanged this morning. Grave fears

Practical

Patriotism

Equip Fifty Men For Service.

to Co-operate With Victoria.

Loyal Victoria, which has already given twenty-five of her sons to fight the Empire's battles, which has sent hundreds of pounds to swell the Mansion House fund, and which feels aggrieved be ause it has not been allowed to give n are of her sons for service, has once Gore set an example to the province .nd proved worthy of the queenly name she bears, by offering to raise and equip fifty mounted men for the front at her own expense.

This decision was reached this morning aftin meeting of the committee appointed by the mayor after the great public meeting a few weeks ago to take Terrific Explosio 1 Caused by in hand all matters connected with the representation of this city in contingents which might be raised in the province; as well as to look after the comfort of these and of the gallant boys who are already in the Transvaal.

The feeling of the committee and the reasons which actuated if in making this splendid offer is fully explained in the resolution in which the offer was embodied, and which is given below. It is as follows:

Resolved, that this committee believe it to be the duty of the people of British Columbia to aid by contributions of men and money in strengthening our arms in South Africa.

Resolved, that in view of the probable ility of the acceptance of the offer of the British Columbia legislature of one hundred mounted men being further postponed because the number is too small to load a special transport, this committee proposes that the number be increased at least two hundred and fifty men by private effort, to supplement the provincial offer and ensure its immediate acceptance, and that Victoria shall and dertake to raise and equip fifty mounted

Resolved, that these resolutions be communicated to the provincial government with the request that they be transmitted by telegraph to the Domiggovernment forthwith, and also to cities and municipalities throughout the province with a request for their les-

Other matters were taken up at the meeting, such as the endorsation of the several people who happened to be communication of the Governor, suggesting the openings of list, and it was hecided to place these in the banks mal other prominent places.

The members of the committee were practically unanimous in their reso ve that British Columbia's capital should be fully estimated. well represented, and it is not anticipated that the least difficulty will be experienced in raising either the number of men required or the funds with which to properly equip them.

Later in the day His Worship the Mayor, H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., and and woollen caps for the soldiers in South mullified by the occurrence this year of C. H. Lugrin waited on Premier Semlin and laid before him the offer of the city. From him they received the assurance that everything in the government's

It is probable that reference will be made to Victoria's offer in the House this afternoon, and it is expected that one the proposal will be taken up enthusiastically by other municipalities in the province.

VILLE MARIE BANK. (Associated Press.)

promised to consider the claims of the some sum was realized. A special train depositors of the defunct Ville Marie took a number of people from Wellington Bank, who urged that the government and this city out to the dance. should become responsible for the loss of \$300,000 due to over circulation of the bank's bills.

COAL BARGE RUN DOWN.

(Associated Press.) Halifax, N. S., Jan. 27.-The Elder-Dempster Beaver liner Lake Ontario, from Liverpool, while coming into the harbor last night, ran down and sank the Dominion Coal Company's barge Al. Taylor, loaded with 500 tons of coal. The crew escaped.

BOILER EXPLODES.

'(Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., Jan 27!-A special from Battle Creek, Mich., says a Chiup at Edwardsburg this morning, killing the engineer, fireman and conductor. MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSE.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 27.—Plans for a municipal Mayor Harrison by Franklyn McVeagh, president of the Bureau of Associated Charities. He suggests the establishment all the skaters entered have arrived. of houses similar to those which have been come from Canada, New York City, Chriestablished in New York, Boston and Balticago and places in the neighborhood of more, and have solved the tramp problem Newburg. in those cities.

NEW COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 27.-George Burns, of London, Ont., has been appointed col- England, who is suffering from pneumonia

Toronto, Jan. 29 .- Parkdale Methodis Church yesterday raised \$15,800 toward the 20th Century Fund. The debt on the church amounted to over \$13,000, so

that the church is now free. Kettleby, Jan. 29 .- Hon. Wm. Mu ock, postmaster-general, speaking here on Saturday night, defended the government, declaring that all pledges in its platform had been fulfilled.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 29.-Robert Taylor, head of the firm of Robert Taylor Co., Limited, boot and shoe manufacturers, is dead. Deceased was sixty-four years of age. St. Johns, Que., Jan. 29. Duncan

Macdonald, one of the largest property holders, a pioneer in the pottery busi ness, is dead, aged 85 years. Brantford, Ont., Jan. 29, Thor Cornwall, who arrived here from Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday night, was stricken with symptoms of smallpox on Saturday. He has been semoved to the smallpox hospital and the inhabitants of the house where Cornwall resided have

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Three Men I stantly Killed and Several Injured-Locomotives Destroyed.

and the state of the state (Associated Press.) Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 26.-A fearfu explosion of dynamite occurred in the yards of the Jersey Central at Ashley, a suburb of this city, at 9 o'clock last night, which resulted in the killing of ley; Wm. Buckley, of this city, aged 28; all brakemen. Two unknown men were fatally injured. Engineer John Rehrig, of Mauchchunk, was badly injured, and Engineer John Grouley, of Ashley, who ran a side engine, was severely scalded. Wm. Brown, of Ashley, night boss at the round house; Brakeman Thos. Rowe, of Newton, and Flagman Michael Coyle

of Ashley, were also badly injured. The accident was caused by the loss of 24 cars coming from Mauchehunk to At the beginning of the Ashley yards.

taining 30 boxes of dynamite, and 18 locomotives were wrecked. The stacks tional opinion. of the roundhouse and a large portion of the roof were blown away. An immense tank containing thousands of gallons of water was torn to pieces, and

vicinity narrowly escaped drow flood in which they were suddenly im-Nearly every window in the town was broken. Even in this city many of the edifices felt the severity of the strongest shock and trembled violently. The loss is heavy, and cannot as yet

NOTES FROM NANAIMO. (Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Jan. 26.—The ladies of Nanaimo have organized a "sock contingent," and will give a concert and minstrel show, the

Africa. The N. E. P. Society, which has carried on a general mercantile business in this city for the past ten years, has closed its doors. A meeting of the stockholders has been called for Saturday for the purpose of winding up the affairs. The store was started by the miners. Although large and varied stock of goods was car-

The Union Brewery stockholders met yesterday and re-elected their officers for the ensuing year. A dividend of 8 per cent. will be declared. Burns's anniversary was celebrated at the Nanaimo Athletic Club last evening by

concert and dance. A dance was also given at Extension mine, the proceeds go-Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The government has ing to the Mansion House fund. A hand-

THE PHILIPPINES. Manila Dispatch Says the Time Is Ripe for a Conciliatory Policy. (Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 26.-A Manila cable to the Herald says: "The war in the Philippines is over. No further surrender can be hoped for. The danger in the situation is that a bloody feud may arise between the American army and the Filipinos. This danger can be greatly lessened by action by the congress which is new imperative, outlining the policy of the government in the Philippines. It is likely that many insurgents are still holding for the very terms which congress will be willing to give. The time is ripe for a conciliatory policy, allowing cago and Grand Trunk locomotive blew the Flipinos to have some say as to the nature of the government under which they will be obliged to live."

> EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP RACES. (Associated Press.) Newburg, N. Y., Jan. 26.-The ice on

odging house have been presented to I owing Park lake, where the Eastern championship races are to take place this afternoon, is in excellent condition. Nearly

> PHELPS DYING. (Associated Press.)

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 26.-The condition of Hon. E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to

Gable Letter From London

There Is No Disturbing Element in G. eat Britain's International Relations.

Regular Soldiers Who Remain at Home Are Greatly Disappointed.

The Times on Expansion of American Trade-The Obituary List.

(Associated Press.) London, Jan. 27. The week which opened full of high hopes, is closing gloonrily. The result of Gen. Warren's Spion Kop action has had a most a more depressing effect than would an out and out reverse so keen is the revulsion of feeling after the short lived jubilation. Death, too, has been very busy in high places at home. It is seldon that one week adds such names as John Ruskin, the Duke of Teck, and Richard, D. Blackmore, to the obituary clist. The papers teem with expressions of sorrow, anecdotes and panegyries of the great apostle of art, who, it is said, though be inherited a fortune, died a comparative ly poor man living on one pound a week,

enough for any man. His Davindling Fortune was undoubtedly due to Ruskin's indis-Teck, he was occasionally mentally un sound in his latter years.

From the English point of view, there is not a cloud in the sky of international relations. The war is far too engrossing Frank McLaughlin, of Mauchehunk, to permit people to pause and consider aged 27; McHall Bird, aged 22, of Ash- | the effect on Great Britain of the apparent change of regime in China, while Congressional action on the Nicaragua canal or the proposed increase in the armanent of the United States scarcely

cause a ripple of interest. The foreign office apparently has not the slightest belief that the Clayton Bulwer treaty is in danger of violation and so far has taken no s'eps in the matter. Neither do the

Pro-Boer or Other Meetings the control of a heavy freight train of in the United States any longer attract serious attention or comment, for the majority of the British have made up their minds that the United States is the fugitive train dashed into a car con- friendly to them, and they put aside any manifestations to the contrary as due cars were wrecked. Everything that to local political causes, which cannot stood near was knocked to pieces. The be taken as in any way representing na-

The Beatrice cargo is still held, pend ing the arrival of details by the South African mail, but, as the Beatrice is a British ship and apparently only a small Marie Bank are here to urge the governportion of her cargo is American, the ment to make good \$800,000 over circulay is considered important.

Reviewing the business of 1899, the Times says: "The fact that in the Unit-Expansion of Business

commenced about a year earlier than e sewhere, seems to explain the fact. which must be admitted, that American expansion is not so far advanced relatively as that of the United Kingdom and Germany, and may consequently be expected to continue for a while after the business of the two latter countries shows signs of contraction. That ad-

another presidential election." A curious exception to the general patriotism which prevails among the nobility of all classes occurred the other day, when the Gloucestershire volunteers respectfully asked Lord Sherbourne for

A Rifle Range on his estate, they received the reply rled, the investment was never a paying that if the people of England wanted a rifle range they must pay for it. Only very few of the regulars are left in England, and those are bitterly disappointed because they are unable to go out to South Africa. The shipment of raw yeomanry to South Africa and the keeping of these men home has given rise to further sharp criticism in mili-

> According to a private fetter from Sir Wm. MacCormick, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, there is Excessive Ill-Feeling between the army medical officers in South Africa and the female nurses at the base hospitals, some of the former

> urging the sole employment of male orderfies. On the whole, however, especially at the front, the medical attendants seems to be given the greatest satisfac-A new 14-pound semi automatic rapid fire gun, made by the Vicker-Maxin Company for the navy department, was tested this week in the presence of the United States naval attache, Lieut.

commander Corwell, and the admirally

officials. Twelve rounds were fired sat-isfactorily, and 2,500 feet initial velocity

vas secured with 17 tons pressure. The weapon will now be shipped to the Unit Mr. Sidney Low is editing The Anglo-Saxon Review during Lady, Randolph Churchiles ab Mrs. T. G. Joyce, Stanhope, P. Q. sence in South Africa. The third num ber appears today in undiminished splendor, and the binding is a reproduc ion of a volume made for King Charles I. at Munich. Stephen Crane and Ger

VACANCIES IN THE SENATE. (Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The list of senators

trude Atherion are among the contribu

will likely be known in a day or so. The name of G. F. Fulford, of Brockville, is mentioned for Ontario, and that of Robt. finished there was not a sore on him. Watson and Thomas Greenway for Manitoba. Messrs, Casgrain and Sheyn will have a good chance in Quebec, and Mr. drs. Adams, it may have important bear-honor of the German Emperor's birth-of Mr. Reid, deceased. The position is are expressed that the end might be at Burpee in New Brunswick. There are great relief as soon as it was put on the Molineaux case. six vacancies.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Jan. 27.-Archbishop Buresi has raised the interdiction against the parish church of St. Ingnace which, it will be remembered, was put on account of disorderly conduct on the part of some of the parishioners in the selection of a church warden some weeks

Auguste Rocher, a well-known French-Camadian lawyer, is dead. Rev. A. McCann, a well-known super annuated Methodist minister of this province and Eastern Ontario, died last night. Deceased was a brother of Vicar-General McCann, of the Roman Catholic church, Toronto. It is officially announced that the Canadian Pacific railway telegraph is to erect one of the most up to date telegraph buildings in the Dominion on the

NICARAGUAN CANAL

site of their present headquarters in

this city.

(Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 26.-The house committee on interstate and foreign com-merce to-day reconsidered the Nicaragu-an Cana'l Bill, which has been reported with an appropriation, of \$140,000,000, and charged the appropriation sections so as to make \$10,000,000 available with authority to contract for the entire excavation, construction, defence and completion of the canal at a total cost not exceeding \$140,000,000 Mr. Hepbarn, chairman of the commiffee, stated that in the amended form the bill simply applied the contract system and limited the aggregate to \$140,-

was ordered reported. (Special to the Times.)
NEW CLERK OF SENATE.

000,000. In the amended form the bill

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—E. Langevin, clerk of the senate, has been superannuated and Major S. E. St. Chapleau, clerk of the which he characteristically remarked was crown in chancery, has been appointed to mcceed Langevin. The salary of the clerk of the senate is \$3,400, and that of clerk criminate, g neros ty. Like the Duke of of the crown in chancery \$2,400. Lamothe, essistant clerk of the privy council, has been appointed clerk of the crown in chancery, and R. Bodreau, the Premier's private secretary, will get the vacancy created through the appointment of Lamothe to the position of clerk of the crown in chancery. E. Langevin has been in the public service since before confederation. Chapleau was one time sheriff of the Northwest Territories.

NEW JAPANESE BATTLESHIP.

(Associated Press.) London, Jan. 27 .- Some of the afternoon papers associate the departure today of the new Japanese bantleship Shikiskima with possible complications in regard to the situation in China, especially as it is announced that the will endeavor to traverse the Suez Canal by divesting herself of her armament. Up to the present time no ship of such size has traversed the canal.

DEPUTATION AT OTTAWA,

(Associated Press.) Ottawa, Jan. 26 .- A deputation representing depositors in the defunct Ville lation of the wrecked institution for which they claim the government is partly responsible.

THE LATE DUKE OF TECK.

(Associated Press.) London, Jan. 27:- The interment of the emains of the Duke of Teck took place at St. George's chapel, Windsor, this moraing. It was a simple ceremonial. Fifteen members of the Royal Family were pre-

GEN. MERRICK'S SUCCESSOR. (Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 27 .- A Washington dispatch to the press says that Maj.-Gen. Brooke will in June succeed Maj. Gen. Merrick in command at New York of the department of the East.

THE PLAGUE (Associated Press.) Buenos Ayres, Jan. 27 .- Official notificaion has been received of the appearance of the bubonic plague at Rosario, about 230 miles northwest of Buenos Ayres.

Two Severe Cases

That Were Completely cured by the Great Blood Purifier and Healer.

Suffered II Years

For over eleven years I suffered with Dyspepsa and tried everything I could think of, but was unable to get relief until I took Burdock Blood B tters, I had only taken one bottle when I commenced to feel better, and after taking five or six bottles was entirely well, and have remained so ever since, and feel as though B. B. B. had saved my life .-

Covered With Sores.

My little boy, aged 10 years, was a complete mass of sores caused, the doctors said, by bad blood. His head and body were entirely covered with sores and we could find no cure. Finally I got a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters, and before one-half the bottle was gone he began to improve and by the time it was

I used the B. B. B. as a wash as well as internally, and it seemed to give Mrs. Philip Mitchell, St. Mary's Ont.