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There Has Been No News From the Advancing Column for Over a Week—Are Boers Preparing for a Safe Retreat?

Canadians With Col. Pilcher in the Free State—A Rumor at Durban That Ladysmith Has Been Relieved is Not Confirmed — Warren's Scouts Found Colenso Evacuated—War Situation Looks Brighter.

The War Office at midnight issued a bulletin from Gen. Lord Roberts at Cape Town, saying: "There is no change in the situation to-day." The field marshal adds that Methuen's cavalry reconnaissance returned on Jan. 11, having gone twenty-five miles into the Free State and found the country full of Boers, except patrols. All was quiet at Modder River. Gen. French reconnoitered the enemy's left flank on Jan. 10. Advanced to bombard the Boer laager east of Colesberg Junction, but was unable to outflank the enemy. Gen. Gatacre reports no change. All was well on Dec. 28 at Mafeking.

Lloyd's Weekly newspaper prints a despatch from Belmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 10, which says that Col. Pilcher, with 400 Canadians and Queenslanders and a battery of Royal Horse Artillery, made a reconnaissance on Tuesday and advanced ten miles into the Free State. They sighted a patrol of the enemy at Karrielaagte. The Boers fled, abandoning their rifles and ammunition.

News was received from London last night that Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, accepted on Saturday last the offer of Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner in London, to provide, distinct from the Canadian contingents, a force of at least 400 mounted men from Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, and to arm, equip and convey them to South Africa at his own expense. All will be expert marksmen, rough riders and scouts. It is estimated that this extraordinary offer of Lord Strathcona involves an expenditure of $1,000,000.

Great Britain now has 194,373 men, with 289 guns, in the field in South Africa, and, with the troops now at sea or preparing to sail, there will be an aggregate strength of 160,000 men, with 32,000 horses and 448 guns, on the scene in the course of a few weeks.

A Pretoria despatch, via Lorenzo Marquez, dated Friday, says everything points to a great battle within the next few days. Ladysmith had been firing rockets, the object of which was not known. A heliograph message from Ladysmith on the same date says the besiegers had been quiet for two days, but they could be seen in active movement on the hills. More Boer dead had been found at the base of Caesar's Camps.

A Durban cable says a Boer commando is in Sumban's County, Zululand, within a day's march of the sea, with wagons. It is believed to be waiting for supplies and ammunition, secretly landed near St. Lucia Bay.

A Cape Town despatch says five colonial scouts were captured on Monday.

There is a persistent rumor at Durban that Ladysmith has been relieved.

Sir Charles Warren's scouts have found no sign of the enemy at Grobler's Kloof, while Colenso is deserted. There are rumors that the Boers are preparing to leave Natal, discouraged by their failure to reduce Ladysmith.

The London Standard publishes a heliograph despatch from Ladysmith on Thursday via Weenen, stating that the Boers are fortifying positions north and west of Ladysmith, doubtless with a view of securing a safe line of retreat should their opposition to General Buller's line of advance fail. They may, however, be still contemplating another attack. It is known that the Boers are greatly depressed by their heavy losses. Prior to Saturday a week ago, they were perfectly confident that they could defeat Gen. White's garrison.

London, Jan. 15.—(4 a.m.)—Lord Roberts' enigmatical announcement, "No change in the situation," does nothing at all to allay public anxiety or to explain the mystery surrounding General Buller's movements on the Tugela, and, although there is a disposition to regard the despatch as disposing of Saturday's adverse rumors, the week has opened in a state of suspense almost equal to that of last week, because it is recognized that a failure of General Buller's present attempt would seal the fate of Ladysmith.

A Ray of Hope.

Presumably "no change in the situation" refers to previous despatches sent to the War Office, which have not yet been revealed to the public. Except the announcement of the seizure of Potgieter's Drift and of the advance of General Warren, there has been no news from the Tugela for a week. A ray of hope is in the fact that the same silence prevails from the Boer side.

Buller's Move Dangerous.

If the announcement of General Warren's movements be correct, it is evident that General Buller's forces are spread over a very wide front—perhaps 25 miles—and in the event of a sudden fall of the river his operations might be full of danger.

What Warren's Advance Means.

Sir Charles Warren's advance probably means an attempt to seize Hlangwane Hill, the main post of the Boers south of the Tugela. Upon the success or failure of these operations depends the whole future of the campaign. Until the result is known, Lord Roberts will be unable to decide how to dispose the two divisions and the reinforcements now arriving.

What Boer Reports Say.

The news from other points is of no great importance. Boer accounts tell of another sortie from Kimberley on Jan. 9, in the direction of Kamfersdam, with a brisk exchange of firing, but no result. A heavy detonation was heard on Jan. 8, within Kimberley.

Is Kimberley Being Bombarded?

A despatch to The Daily Mail from Modder River, dated Jan. 10, gives a rumor that Kimberley was being bombarded.

Bastard's Nek, mentioned in Lord Roberts' despatch as the locality of a reconnaissance, is northwest of Colesberg.

The Yeomanry.

Doubts are beginning to be raised whether it will be possible to raise anything like 10,000 yeomanry. Only a very small percentage of the applications satisfy the standard of riding and shooting.

Officers From Egypt.

A large number of officers from the Egyptian army have just left Cairo for South Africa to replace the killed and wounded.

BULLETIN FROM LORD ROBERTS.

War Office Says No Change in the Situation on Sunday Evening.

London, Jan. 15.—The War Office issued at midnight a despatch from Field Marshal Roberts, dated Cape Town, Sunday, Jan. 14, 8.30 p.m., saying:

"There is no change in the situation to-day."

The War Office simultaneously issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, Jan. 13, 3.30 p.m.:

"Methuen's cavalry reconnaissance returned on Jan. 11. Went 25 miles into Free State. Country clear of enemy, except patrols.

"All quiet at Modder River.

"French reconnoitered around the enemy's left flank on Jan. 10. Advanced from Slumger's Farm on Jan. 11 with cavalry and horse artillery to bombard Boer laager east of Colesberg Junction, but was unable to outflank the enemy.

"Reconnaissance of cavalry and mounted infantry pushed north of Bastard's Nek and examined country north of ridge.

"Gatacre reports no change.

"All well on Dec. 28 at Mafeking."

CANADIANS IN THE FREE STATE.

Under Col. Pilcher They Sighted a Boer Patrol—Boers Fled, Leaving Their Rifles.

London, Jan. 14.—Lloyds Weekly newspaper prints the following despatch, dated Belmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 10:

"Col. Pilcher, with 400 Canadians and Queenslanders and a battery of Royal Horse Artillery, made a reconnaissance yesterday and advanced 10 miles into the Free State.

"They sighted a patrol of the enemy at Karrielaagte. The Boers fled, abandoning their rifles and ammunition."

BRITISH IN THE FREE STATE.

Gen. Babington and Col. Pilcher Made an Examination Inland—Boers at Jacobsdal.

Modder River, Thursday, Jan. 11.—Gen. Babington, with two regiments of Lancasters, the Victorian Mounted Rifles and a battery of Horse Artillery, left here on the morning of Jan. 7 (Sunday), and crossed the Free State border Tuesday morning.

Simultaneously other movements were made. A column under Col. Pilcher went from Belmont to the south of Gen. Babington's route, while a portion of the garrisons of Klokfontein and Honey Nest Kloof, under Major Bryne, advanced toward Jacobsdal.

General Babington penetrated 12 miles and his scouts 20. They saw no signs of armed Boers. The farm houses were found empty, the occupants having had news of the advance and gone farther into the interior. The British bivouacked at Ramden. They burned three farm houses, the property of Lubbe, one of the Boer leaders. Yesterday they swept around southward, returning here to-day. Nothing was accomplished except a reconnaissance.

Col. Pilcher came into touch with Gen. Babington, and they returned to Belmont.

Major Bryne reconnoitered the hills for about four miles from Jacobsdal, and saw 700 Boers.

A GREAT BATTLE NEAR.

Ladysmith Quiet on Friday, But an Active Movement is on.

Pretoria, via Lorenzo Marquez, Friday, Jan. 12.—Everything points to a great battle within the next few days. Ladysmith, for the last two nights, has been firing rockets. The object is not known here.

Ladysmith on Friday.

Ladysmith, Friday, Jan. 12 (by heliograph).—The besiegers have been quiet for two days, but can be seen in active movement on the distant hills. We have perceived two small bodies galloping with two machine guns. The Boer heavy piece on Bulwana Hill has not been fired for two days. More Boer dead have been found at the base of Caesar's Camp. All is well here.

Modder River Poisoned.

London, Jan. 13.—Col. Arthur Paget, in writing home, says that he was seized with dysentery, as were many other officers, after Magersfontein, by drinking the waters of the Modder River, which had been polluted by dead Boers. Ten days at Wynberg Hospital set him up again, and he has returned to his command of the Scots Guards under Lord Methuen.

"ALL WILL GO WELL."

The Reassuring News Sent by The Daily Telegraph Man With Buller.

London, Jan. 15.—The special correspondent of The Daily Telegraph at Frere Camp, in a despatch dated Jan. 10, after describing the situation as already known, says: "Possibly you may not hear from me for the next two days or so, but, believe me, all will go well."

HAS LADYSMITH BEEN RELIEVED?

Persistent Rumors at Durban to That Effect, But There is No Confirmation.

Durban, Friday, Jan. 12.—The entire absence of news from Chievely, or Frere Camp, continues, but there is a persistent rumor here that Ladysmith has been relieved.

ARE BOERS TO LEAVE NATAL?

They Are Said to Be Discouraged by Their Failure at Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 15.—A despatch to The Daily Mail, dated Jan. 12, from Pietermaritzburg, says:

"Sir Charles Warren marched with 11,000 men eastward from Frere, by way of Weenen. His scouts found no sign of the enemy at Grobler's Kloof, while Colenso was ascertained to be deserted.

"There were rumors that the Boers are preparing to leave Natal, discouraged by their failure to reduce Ladysmith. All the colonials and irregulars have been placed under Gen. Warren's command.

Would Have Been Commander.

"Among the Free Staters killed in the attack on Ladysmith on Jan. 6 was Commandant DeVilliers, who, but for his well-known friendliness to England, would have been commander-in-chief of the Free State forces."

Every Inch Was Contested.

A special despatch from the Hoofd Laager at Ladysmith, dated Jan. 9, via Lorenzo Marquez, describing the assault on Jan. 6 upon Ladysmith, says: "The British made no attempt to hold the first line of breastworks, but made an exceedingly stubborn resistance at the next row. Every inch was stubbornly contested and conspicuous bravery was displayed on both sides.

Thunderstorm Stopped Them.

"After 10 o'clock the British artillery fire slackened and a terrible individual contest ensued among the riflemen for the possession of Plat-Rand Ridge. At noon a heavy thunderstorm interrupted the battle, lasting for two hours.

Fought Like Demons.

"Although the burghers succeeded in ultimately gaining possession of most of the British positions on the western side of Plat-Rand, they were finally obliged to retire from most of the ground they occupied. The British were most strongly entrenched, their redoubts being skilfully loopholed, and the combat was so close that rifles were frequently fired at arms length. It was a hand-to-hand encounter. The men on both sides fought like demons and the horror and bewilderment of the scene could scarcely be paralleled.

Operations Continued Sunday.

"The operations were continued the next day (Sunday) on a smaller scale, but it is reported that as a result, of one of the forlorn hopes, one gun and two ammunition wagons were captured."

The Berlin correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "Great Britain has bought 240 Krupp guns that were supplied about two years ago to one of the southern European states. These guns are not quick-firers, but will be used to replace the guns sent to South Africa from British home garrisons."

Hoffman a Rebel.

Cape Town, Jan. 12.—It is reported that Mr. Hoffman, a member of the Cape Assembly, who joined the Boers as a surgeon, is a prisoner at De Aar, and in all probability will be court-martialled.

Volunteer Engineer Corps.

London, Jan. 14.—The latest army order

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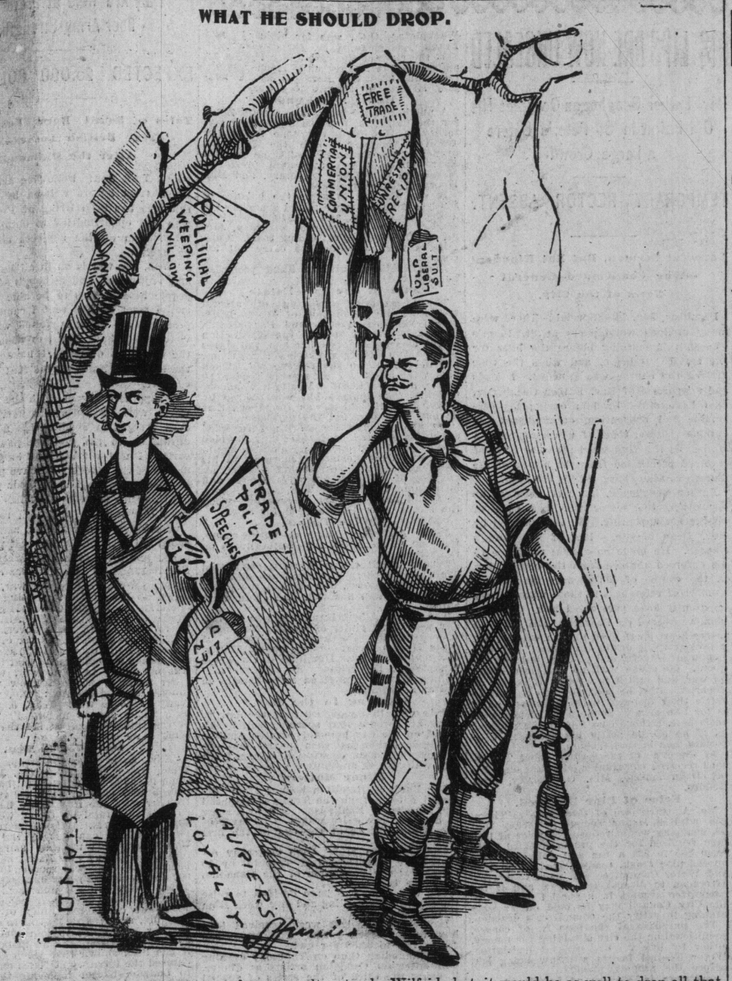

JACK CANUCK: I sincerely approve of your loyalty stand, Wilfrid, but it would be as well to drop all that trade policy guff while you are wearing stolen clothes.

RUSSIANS ARE ON THE MOVE

In Siberia, Close to the Frontier of British India—250,000 Men Assembled.

ALL PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

Seventy-Five Thousand Russians Have Been Sent to the Borders of Afghanistan.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—(Via Paris, Jan. 14.)—Seventy-five thousand Russian soldiers have left Tiflis, Transcaucasia, for Baku, on the western coast of the Caspian Sea. They will cross at once to Krasnovodsk, whence they will proceed to Kouschka, the frontier station on the borders of Afghanistan. They will soon advance to a point even nearer to Herat, the occupation of which town now depends only on events in Afghanistan and on the movements of British troops in India.

Big Army on Siberian Border.

Russia's preparations for war are all taken. In Siberia, as close to the frontier of British India as is possible, 250,000 men are now assembled. Gen. Yonoff, recently designated for the especially important command of the Russian forces in the semi-Reitschensk district, already has arrived at Kouschka.

Warships Are Assembling.

The Russian squadrons at Port Arthur and in the Persian Gulf are being increased daily.

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Annual meeting of Mission to Lepers, 3.30 p.m.

Toronto Church of England Sunday School Association, 8 p.m.

West York Liberals at Weston, 2 p.m.

Fight pictures at the Grand, 2 and 8 p.m.

Fanny Rice at the Toronto, 8 p.m.

Shea's, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

"Davy Crockett" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.

The Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.

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The Marquis of Dufferin, father of the Earl of Ava, has three other sons—Lord Terence Blackwood, who is now the Earl, and whose wife is a New York girl; Lord Basil and Lord Frederick, the latter a lieutenant in the Ninth Lancers. The living Earl of Ava has no son.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN MURDER

Walter Nooks Found Saturday Night With an Artery Severed Bleeding to Death.

HAD BEEN STRUCK WITH A BOTTLE

By a Drunken Comrade—Was Discovered Just in Time, Say the Doctors.

While P. C. Johnson of Agnes-street Police Station was patrolling Teraulay-street on Saturday night near Edward-street, his attention was directed to a lane by loud groans.

Appeared to Be Dying.

On investigating, he found Walter Nooks, who lives at 9 Walton-street, lying in the snow. Nooks was almost unconscious, and appeared to be dying.

Temporal Artery Severed.

The constable summoned the ambulance, and the injured man was removed to the Emergency Hospital. There it was found that Nooks was suffering from a large scalp wound just above the right ear. The instrument used had severed the temporal artery, and as a result he had lost a quantity of blood.

How It Happened.

Some hours afterwards Nooks recovered sufficiently to give a few facts as to how he came by the injuries. He had been met by a man, and the two became intoxicated. On Teraulay-street they had a fight, the stranger striking Nooks with a beer bottle. The stranger then made off.

Found Just in Time.

The physicians say that Nooks was just found in time, for in a short while longer he would have bled to death. Nooks is 36 years of age.

BLACK PLAGUE AT ADELAIDE.

The Dread Scourge Has Reached South Australia—Two Cases, One Fatal.

Adelaide, South Australia, Jan. 14.—The health authorities report two cases of bubonic plague here, one being fatal. The victim was a runaway sailor from the British barque Formosa.

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It is reported that in one despatch to the War Office General Methuen invited Lord Wolseley and the Prince of Wales to spend a fortnight at Modder River.

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It is also said that General Lord Wolseley had nothing to do with the appointment of Lord Roberts as chief in command.

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TARTE AFTER FITZPATRICK.

The Cabinet Boss Cracks the Whip About the Ears of the Solicitor-General

FOR PRO-BRITISH UTTERANCES.

The Editor Gives the Lawyer Some Pointers in Regard to Constitutional Usage.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—It had always been whispered in Ottawa that the relations between Hon. Mr. Tarte and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick were not as cordial as they might be, but the strongest believers in this rumor never supposed that the Minister of Public Works would go so far as to read the Solicitor-General a lesson in public. The following correspondence from Ottawa appears in La Patrie of Saturday:

"I have just read," begins Mr. Tarte, "a careful report of the speech delivered by Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick before one of your clubs. There is much in the speech to be commended, but I regret that the eminent advocate treated, with a lightness quite unexpected in a man of his weight, the role of Parliament in so grave a matter as the participation of this colony in the wars of the Empire. Of course those who accuse the Government of a crime in not calling Parliament together, go too far, but I hope that public men worthy of the name, that English-Canadians and French-Canadians, will never forget that Parliament is the most precious safeguard of their liberties. Our friends, the Irish, have no Parliament; they lost it long ago, and it will be a long time before they get it back. The French-Canadians, let us firmly hope, will never consent to be deprived of their constitutional prerogatives, the most important of which is parliamentary representation and parliamentary consultation. Surely to consult Parliament, that is to say, the representatives of the people who pay the taxes and who have the right to govern themselves, is not evidence of disloyalty. The minorities have the right, and we may add that it is their duty, to adhere strictly and firmly to the constitution that protects them."

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DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG—At his residence, East York, town line, on Friday, Jan. 12, Edward Armstrong, in his 86th year, a native of Cumberland, England.
Funeral 1 p.m. Tuesday, 16th, to St. Jude's Cemetery, Wexford.

GORING—At Dansville, New York, on the 13th inst., Rachel Goring, widow of the late Charles Goring, M.D., Demerara, British Guiana.
Funeral private.

HEYDON—At Winnipeg, Jan. 11th, 1900, Thomas D. Heydon, late traveler of Fair & Co., Brantford, Ont.
Funeral Wednesday morning, Jan. 17th, from Alliston, Ont.

McKINLAY—On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1900, at the residence of her son, Glen Grove Park, Eglinton, Sarah Ann, relict of the late Archibald McKinlay, in her 76th year. Funeral private.

SECOR—At 126 Ossington-avenue, on Jan. 14, Harold Gordon, infant son of Frank and Cornelia Secor.
Funeral private, Tuesday, Jan. 16.

SMITH—At 39 Farley-avenue, on Jan. 13, 1900, Elizabeth Smith, relict of the late Robert Smith.
Funeral Monday, at 3 p.m.
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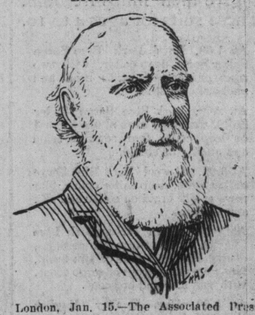

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The War Office regards Lord Strathcona's proposal as an extraordinary proof of colonial patriotism.

"THE CHINESE OF AFRICA"

Is What M. Guyot, Editor of Siecle of Paris, Calls the Boers—Britain Must Win.

Paris, Jan. 14.—M. Yves Guyot, former Cabinet Minister, and now editor of The Siecle, who is the only prominent writer in France, and perhaps on the Continent of Europe, who honestly takes the British side, still has the courage of his convictions, and in a forcible editorial in to-day's Siecle describes the Boers as the Chinese of Africa, and asks if the world can allow 50,000 or 100,000 Outlanders to be treated as pariahs by 30,000 Boers. M. Guyot contrasts Boer pigheaded exclusiveness with the true civilization of the United States, where the Puritans of New England and the Quakers of Pennsylvania opened wide their doors to Irish, Germans and other foreigners and accorded them the franchise.

M. Guyot asks whether President Kruger will consent honestly to give the franchise to the Outlanders. "If not, England's only course is to fight the war to the bitter end, and, in the interest of humanity, to establish lasting peace, liberty and equality in South Africa."

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Mostly Fair and Mild.

Observatory, Toronto, Jan. 14.—(8 p.m.)—There is nothing of particular importance on to-night's chart, and after the rapid movements of the past ten days conditions appear to be becoming more normal. In the Northwest Territories the weather is comparatively mild, and in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys moderately cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—46; Calgary, 12—36; Port Arthur, 14—18; Toronto, 32—36; Montreal, 8—20; Halifax, 24—32; Kamloops, 32—34; Qu'Appelle, 10—16; Parry Sound, 22—35; Ottawa, 12—22; Quebec, 8—20.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes—Moderate winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

Georgian Bay—Moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or slightly lower temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—For the most part fair and moderately cold, but a few light local snow falls.

Maritime—Moderate winds, for the most part fair, but a few light local snow falls, not much change in temperature.

Lake Superior—Fair, stationary or little higher temperature.

Manitoba—Fair, with higher temperature.

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