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BULLER'S TROOP REFUSED TO MARCH

No News to Be Given Out Until the Beleaguered Town Is Reached, and This May Happen To-Day, It Is Believed.

British Route Is by Way of Acton Homes—Ladysmith Heliographs That the Garrison Was Cheered by Hearing Buller's Guns Again on Saturday—That Flying Column in Zululand May Cut Off Boer Communications—Mafeking Well on Jan. 17—Boer Losses Were Heavy.

Altho the War Office gives out no news and General Buller has said that no definite news will be given out until Ladysmith has been relieved, news from different sources, would tend to show that the British are advancing via Acton Homes, and the route to Ladysmith is comparatively open from that point. The despatch also says that it was expected General Buller would reach Ladysmith to-night.

Lord Roberts reports that Mafeking was well on Jan. 17. London, Feb. 5.—(4.30 a.m.)—Altho there is no actual confirmation of the report that General Buller has succeeded in relieving Ladysmith, it is known that the War Office has received several South African despatches which have not yet been published, and, if the advance is an actual fact, the secret is being well kept.

News is Censored. There are newspaper despatches in plenty from Spearman's Camp up to Sunday, but there is no hint that an advance has been begun, and it is assumed in some quarters in the district of Honger's Post may be the only foundation for the statement that General Buller has started.

On the other hand, despatches that Ladysmith rather indicate that the advance is in operation by reporting heavy firing on Friday and Saturday from the direction of Portegies Drift and Olesoo.

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Various Rumors, But Only Rumors. Various rumors are current in some quarters around Ladysmith, and it is not unlikely that preparations are being made to resist General Buller, or for an attempt at re-attack upon the garrison in anticipation of his advance.

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THE TORONTO RAILROAD

Who Knows This Dead Man? What Manager Whyte Says Serious Fire in Goderich Drawing Room at Ottawa

Was Run Down by a Passenger Train at Strachan-Avenue Crossing Last Night. Ballasting Will be Pushed Across the Prairie in the Spring to a Large Extent. The Town's Organ Factory Was Damaged to the Extent of Probably \$25,000.

Work Will Be Begun as Soon as the Frost is Out of the Ground, the C. P. R. Men Say. Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Manager Whyte of the C. P. R. has returned from Montreal. To a reporter he stated that a great deal of ballasting of the line across the prairie would be done in the spring, entailing an expense of \$100,000. It is also the intention of the company to fill in a number of trestles, especially along the southwestern line. Masonry will also be placed several old bridges. In regard to the double track to Fort William, Mr. Whyte stated that the survey already made for the line would be revised for the work to be proceeded with. As to expansion work, Mr. Whyte said the McGregor-Varcoe line, which has been surveyed for a distance of 40 miles, will be constructed in the spring.

The New Hotel and Station. "What was decided about the new hotel and station?" asked the reporter. "We have decided about the new hotel and station," said Mr. Whyte. "The hotel will be a two-story building, and the station will be a large, modern structure. The hotel will be built on the site of the old hotel, and the station will be built on the site of the old station. The hotel will be built on the site of the old hotel, and the station will be built on the site of the old station."

Conflagration at St. Louis. One Fireman Killed and Eight Injured—Property Worth Over \$1,000,000 Burned. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 4.—Property estimated in value at between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 was destroyed to-day by a fire that burned over portions of three blocks and resulted in the death of one fireman and injury to eight others. One of the latter is probably fatally hurt.

The Alleged Counterfeiters. Mrs. Decker Arraigned in Hamilton and Remanded—Her Husband Charged with Counterfeiting. Hamilton, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anthony Decker, whose husband and son are under arrest on charges of counterfeiting, was arraigned before Magistrate Jett at the Police Court yesterday. Inspector Hogan was the complainant, and the charge against the prisoner was that she had in her possession a stone, plate or material for creating or printing counterfeit bank notes. Mrs. Decker pleaded not guilty. The magistrate decided that the prisoner should be held for trial. Her husband and son are also under arrest on charges of counterfeiting.

Dawson City's Latest Fire. Bank of Commerce, Numerous Business Houses, Saloons and Hotels Were Burned. Dawson, B. C., Feb. 4.—The steamer Tees arrived at 9 o'clock to-night, bringing the first details of the Dawson fire. Nine hotels and saloons were included in the burned district. The Bank of Commerce, the largest business house in Dawson, was also burned, with a loss aggregating half a million. To-night's arrivals came from Vancouver, B. C., and report the trail open in the mountains. A wreck occurred on Jan. 29, a wreck occurred on the trail between Skagway and John Phillips, and several other accidents have occurred. A reward of \$100 has been offered for the recovery of the body of the missing messenger, Clayton, dead or alive.

China is More Civilized. Empress Dowager Has Abandoned Her Resolute Opposition to the Toronto of Public Demonstrations. London, Feb. 5.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The changed attitude of the Empress Dowager towards the Toronto of Public Demonstrations is a sign of a more liberal and progressive government. The Empress Dowager has abandoned her resolute opposition to the Toronto of Public Demonstrations, and has allowed the Toronto of Public Demonstrations to be held in the city. This is a sign of a more liberal and progressive government."

Death of Thomas Flynn. The Former Grand Trunk Officer and Later Private Detective Died at Cobourg. Cobourg, Ont., Feb. 4.—The death is announced of Thomas Flynn, who for a number of years was connected with the Grand Trunk Railway as conductor, and who died at his home in Cobourg. Flynn was a well-known figure in the community, and his death is a great loss to the city.

Lord Strathcona's Horse. Col. Rutten, D.O.C., Has 200 Applications Already for the Col. Steel Gun West. Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Col. Rutten, D.O.C., reports that he has already received about 200 applications for places on Strathcona's horse. Col. Mackie's appointment as recruiting officer is practically assured.

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Drawing Room at Ottawa. About Five Hundred People Presented to Their Excellencies. LAST SATURDAY EVENING. Laurier Government Went Brag Down Estimates to Pay Men While in South Africa. ARE TO LET GREAT BRITAIN PAY. Opposition, It is Said, Will Advocate Canada's Paying All the Expenses of the Contingents.

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