

RELIEF GUNS HEARD.

Welcome Sound Reaches Belegued Ladysmith.

Buller Only Twelve Miles Away and Warren Six Behind Him—Two or Three Days' Fighting Predicted Before Fate of Town is Settled—Buller Steadily Improving His Position—What Boers Say of the Crossing of the River—Mail's Correspondent Dies at Ladysmith.

BULLER'S POSITION GROWS STEADILY STRONGER.

London, 20th, 4.30 a. m.—Every hour that Gen. Buller delays his combined attack makes his position stronger. Transports continue to arrive at Durban, and fresh troops are being sent up the line to reinforce those in front of Colenso.

BOER LOSSES GROW.

London, Jan. 19.—General Buller has telegraphed the war office from Spearman's camp, under date of last evening, as follows: "Lord Dundonald, with a body of mounted troops, came into action this afternoon with a force of Boers west of Acton Holmes. After the fight he occupied several kopjes, which he still holds. Field Cornet Heilbrun and twenty Boers were killed and fifteen taken prisoners. Two British soldiers killed and two wounded."

LADYSMITH HEARS RELIEF GUNS.

Ladysmith, Wednesday, Jan. 17, via Spearman's Camp, Jan. 19.—Everything is quiet. The position is unchanged and there is very little bombardment. The welcome sound of the guns of the relief column was heard yesterday from Colenso and Springfield. The heat is intense, but there is no increase of sickness.

BOER ACCOUNTS OF THE PASSAGE OF THE TUGELA.

London, Jan. 20.—The Boer accounts of the passage of the Tugela River are given in two despatches from Commandant Viljoen's camp, on the Upper Tugela, via Lourenzo Marques, Jan. 18.

MUCH HAS BEEN GAINED.

Dundonald's Success Gives Control of Easy Entrance to Ladysmith.

GERMAN BARQUE WITH FLOUR SEIZED.

Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, Jan. 18.—The German barque Marie from Australia, with a cargo of flour for the Transvaal, has been taken as a prize by the British third class cruiser Pelorus, near the island of Inyati, Delagoa Bay, and has been sent to Durban with a prize crew on board.

BULLER AND WARREN HEARD FROM.

London, Jan. 20.—A Durban special dated Thursday night, says: "It is reported here that Lord Dundonald has smashed a Boer convoy. General Buller is said to be within 12 miles of Ladysmith and Gen. Warren to be about six miles to the rear."

RUMORED RELIEF.

London, Jan. 19.—It was rumored on the stock exchange this morning that after eighteen hours' fighting Ladysmith had been relieved and that General Warren had been killed. Nothing was obtainable however, tending to verify or rebut, and it has no appreciable effect on stocks.

SOLDIERS' SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

London, Jan. 19.—A special service was held in St. Paul's cathedral this evening at which 800 city of London volunteers—the second contingent to attend such a service—were present. Lord Mayor Nevill and the sheriffs of London with the Duke of Connaught, were also in attendance.

TO MOBILIZE EIGHTH DIVISION.

London, Jan. 19.—Formal orders have been issued to mobilize the eighth division of the British army.

TO ENROLL SMITHS, SADDLERS, ETC.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A militia order issued today says: "It is notified that the imperial war office are preparing to accept qualified shoemakers, saddlers, and wheelers for service in South Africa at imperial rates of pay. Any men desirous of being enrolled as qualified artificers of above trades should apply at once to officers from the city."

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CANADIAN SOLDIERS AT WORK.

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Grand Welcome Given Them at Ottawa. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Ottawa gave such an enthusiastic reception today to the Northwest troops as no body of men ever got in this city before. Every body turned out to greet them. The whole city was bubbling over with loyalty and patriotism. Mayor Fayerherst issued a proclamation making a public holiday from 10 a. m. to 2.30 p. m. The public schools were also a holiday and the printing bureau and other institutions in the city gave their workmen the afternoon to go out and see one of the finest battalions that was ever raised in Canada.

TIMES ON PENIANISM.

London, Jan. 20.—The caption "Revival of Fenian Activity" the Times this morning gives extracts from a secret circular and other details of conferences held last September in the United States between the Croninites and the Anti-Croninites. It gives also a long secret circular from the Croninites, dated, November 20, of last year, to the officers and members of the organization, urging that it be an opportunity to take advantage of England's difficulties at the Transvaal, the first object being to smash the Anglo-American understanding, leaving England without a friend in the world.

EXPECTING BATTLE HOURLY.

Spearman's Camp, Friday evening, Jan. 19.—Sir Charles Warren and Lord Dundonald are continuing a cautious advance, hourly expecting battle. There has been slight artillery firing here, at Ladysmith and Chieveley.

OFFICERS BETTING ON RELIEF.

London, Jan. 20.—The Times has the following despatch, dated Thursday, from Pietermaritzburg: "General Buller's wagon train is nine miles in length and embraces 400 wagons and 5,000 animals. As some of the drifits are narrow and muddy, only one wagon is able to cross at a time. The officers are betting two to one that Ladysmith will be relieved tomorrow."

WORD FROM MEHUEEN.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Thursday, Jan. 18.—General Methuen, who is in robust health, personally directed another strong reconnaissance yesterday. The Highlanders succeeded in driving the Boers from the crush river bank by long range volleys. The Boer fire was effective.

London, Jan. 19, 4.29 p. m.—The war office has made public despatches from Field Marshal Lord Roberts dated today, recording the scouting movements in Cape Colony, including the ambushing of the Boers on the 15th and 16th inst. The Boer force consisted of 14,000 men and 14,000 oxen. The Boer deserter states that the enemy suffered severely in attacking French's advanced post on January 15. Seventy Boers are still unaccounted for."

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REPORTS LOSS OF U. S. WARSHIP.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Under date of "U. S. S. Late Charleston, U. S. Naval Academy, P. L. Nov. 28, 1898, Captain George W. Pigan writes to the Navy Department, reporting the loss of the U. S. S. Charleston, under his command, at 6.30 a. m., Nov. 28, 1898, by grounding on a sunken and uncharted reef about ten miles to the eastward of the north end of Kamigami Island.

SOMETHING IN THE WIND.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19.—As the result of a cipher telegram received by the naval commander at Esquimaux, messengers were sent to hurriedly summon the officers of the torpedo destroyer Virago. Steam was got up quickly and the ship put to sea. She is said to be patrolling Georgia straits. Rush messengers were also sent to fortifications.

THE NEW YORK POISONING CASE.

New York, Jan. 19.—The unexpected happened today in the trial of Roland B. Molnau for the murder of Mrs. Adams. The prosecution did not rest its side of the case as predicted by Assistant District Attorney Osborne yesterday. Court adjourned until Monday.

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RETALIATION SOUGHT. AMERICANS WANT A PROHIBITIVE DUTY ON CANADIAN LUMBER. Michigan Men Say Ontario's Export Duty on Sawm Logs Has Closed so of the Largest American Saw Mills.—They Want Duty and Lots.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Gage listened to arguments yesterday from Senators McMillan and Burrows and Representatives Crump and Fordney, Michigan, proposing to place a prohibitive duty on Canadian lumber as a retaliatory measure. The proposition is made at the request of large lumbermill owners of Michigan, whose mills have been practically closed by the operations of the Ontario provincial statute forbidding the exportation of logs from that province into the United States. Secretary Gage replied that he did not believe the government was warranted in taking the proposed step. To begin with he could not see that the law justified it, and he intimated that the United States could not afford to take an action which would almost certainly lead to a tariff war with the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Gage promised, however, to consider the matter further. He will probably lay the matter before the president and the cabinet.

The mill men claim that the great sawmills at Lake Huron ports have been closed for two years because by the terms of an order issued by the Ontario Council, Canadian sawlogs had to be sawed in Canadian mills. This order was issued in retaliation for the adoption of the Dingley tariff law, which imposed a tax of \$2 per 100 feet on Canadian lumber. Inasmuch as the Michigan lumber manufacturers are dependent exclusively on Canadian forests for their supply of sawlogs, the order of the Ontario Council practically put an end to the sawmill industry and tied up millions of dollars of capital and threw 3,000 laboring men out of work.

Now the Michigan sawmill owners are demanding the application of retaliatory measures as provided by the Dingley bill. They want taxes placed on all Canadian products, and they are claiming that Secretary of the Treasury Gage is in entire sympathy with their plans. Mr. Gage told Senator McMillan that if Secretary of State Hay would notify the Treasury Department that there was no international business of importance pending between the United States and Great Britain he would order the collector of customs to apply retaliatory duties on Canadian goods. Secretary McMillan has already issued an inquiry statement to the effect that the Joint High Commission on the Alaskan boundary had not been discharged and might meet again. Senator McMillan has information from other sources which satisfies him that the commission will not be called together for at least five years. He will demand of Secretary Hay, therefore, an exact statement of pending negotiations, and if he fails to obtain it he will bring the matter to the attention of the Senate through a resolution of inquiry.

Senator McMillan says that if there is no secret alliance between Great Britain and the United States the secretary of state will find no difficulty in enabling the Treasury Department to enforce retaliatory measures. If the Michigan senator has his way, and he says he will, a condition of affairs tantamount to a state of war between the United States and the Dominion will be in vogue. It is believed that the retaliatory measures which Secretary Gage contemplates putting into effect would bring an end to the commerce between the two countries, which aggregated \$140,000,000 a year. Senator McMillan will demand a final answer from Secretary Hay on Monday.

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