

BULLER'S HARD TASK.

Correspondent of the Morning Post Describes the Situation at the Tugela River.

Contends That Gen. Buller Should Immediately be Reinforced With Another Division.

It is Expected That in Two Weeks Great Britain Will Have 213,000 Men, and 452 Guns in South Africa.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The war office announced last night that nothing had been received from South Africa for publication, and there is nothing new from other sources.

The Spearman's Camp correspondent of the Telegraph, in a despatch dated Jan. 30, records a strong cavalry reconnaissance in the neighborhood of Hlonger's Spruit, which may have formed the basis of the report.

The Telegraph's correspondent at Queenstown, Cape Colony, predicts an early advance of the colonial division under command of Gen. Buller.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 2, 4.30 a. m.—Mr. Wyndham's remarkable declaration in the house of commons that Great Britain will have in a fortnight 180,000 regulars in South Africa, 7,000 Canadian and Australian and 26,000 South African volunteers, is received with wonderment.

The general tone of the morning papers is that his figures will astonish the country.

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THE KEY TO THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Speersmunt, dated Jan. 30, states that Gen. Buller read the Queen's message of thanks to the men of the divisions of Gen. Clery and Waver.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Speersmunt, dated Jan. 30, confirms the previous report that Gen. Buller told the men in an address, after the reading of the Queen's message, that he held the key to the situation, and that he expected to be in Ladysmith in a week.

THE SPION KOP WOUNDED. DURBAN, Jan. 29.—The men who were wounded in the battle of Spion Kop, and who are now in hospital, are being treated in the best manner possible.

SHORT OF SUPPLIES AT STORMBERG. STERKSTROOM, Cape Colony, Feb. 1.—A banner who has arrived here brought a letter from Alwal North, in which it is announced that the Boers have re-opened the line to Burghersdorp, as their supplies were short at Stormberg.

THE WAR DEBATE. LONDON, Feb. 2.—Not the least important of yesterday's incidents in connection with the war was the resumption of the debate in the house of commons on the opposition amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech.

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PARLIAMENT.

Speech from the Throne as Delivered by Lord Minto.

Laurier at the Instance of His Friend Bourassa Adjourns Consideration of Address Till Monday.

Sir Charles Tupper Received With Loud Cheers from His Supporters as He Entered the Commons Chamber.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—What will probably be the last session of the eighth parliament of Canada opened this afternoon with the usual ceremonies.

There seemed to be a larger attendance than usual of members of the commons, the conservative benches being well filled.

When it had subsided some one called out "What about Minto?" and the opposition bent forth a paean of triumph.

On returning from the senate chamber Messrs. Archambault, Gould, Bourassa and Geo. H. Williams elected since last session, were introduced, took their seats amid cheers from the right.

The opposition laughed broadly and cheered ironically when Mr. Bourassa came in. The member for Labelle blushed and smiled, and then escaped to the back benches.

Later on, after routine business had been disposed of, Mr. Bourassa, evidently by pre-arrangement, for Sir Wilfrid turned round to give him the nod, suggested that all the correspondence to and from Canada's participation in the Transvaal war should be brought down before the address is disposed of.

The premier assented to this, and said that under the circumstances he would ask the house to defer the consideration of the address until Monday, when the papers would be brought down, and in the meantime would furnish a copy to Sir Charles Tupper for his private information.

There is considerable diversity of opinion as to the meaning of the following paragraph in the speech: "A bill will be submitted for your approval making provision for the cost of equipping and paying the Canadian contingents."

The government proposes to pay the entire cost of the contingents, but this is erroneous. The bill will simply deal with the cost of equipment and paying the men until landed at Cape Town.

The government will ask for an appropriation to revise and consolidate the dominion statutes. The last revision was in 1886.

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HOPEWELL HILL NEWS.

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