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CONFLICTING REPORTS.

British Reported to Have Advanced and Carried a Ridge.

Another Report States No Advance Has Been Made and Shelling is Continuing—Boers in Bad Shape at Modder River—Strathcona Horse News.

ACTIVITY IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 25, 4.15 a. m.—The resemblance in Pall Mall outside the War office and those privileged to wait in the lobby...

Reinforcements. Nobody here seems to know, not even the War office, what Lord Roberts has done with his large reinforcements...

Casualties. The British losses up to date in killed, wounded and captured, according to General Buller's last list, total 8,216 men.

THE RIDGE CARRIED.

Spearman's Camp, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5.30 p. m.—The British 14th artillery and howitzers shelled the enemy route on the crest of the ridge this morning.

NO ADVANCE TUESDAY.

London, Jan. 25.—A despatch to the Times from Spearman's Camp, dated Tuesday 9.30 p. m., says: "The Boers today had more guns and are prepared to fight almost interminably, having entrenched their ridge, which stretches in almost unbroken line from the Drakenstein many miles eastward."

WARREN'S TUESDAY FIGHT.

London, Jan. 25.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following despatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Jan. 23, 9.30 p. m.: "On Monday, Sir Charles Warren's force cannonaded and fuzilled the Boer positions west of Spion Kop, near the Acton House road."

BOERS IN BAD SHAPE AT MODDER RIVER.

London, Jan. 25.—A correspondent of the Times at Modder River, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "The reports of deserters agree that the situation of the Boers at Magersfontein is becoming unbearable because the camp is insupportable; interior fever is spreading and vegetables are wanting. On the other hand the health of the British is satisfactory although the ground has been exhausted by the long encampment and the trees have been cut down by insect root and dust storms."

SEQUEL TO YESTERDAY'S DESPATCHES.

London, Jan. 25, 12.30 a. m.—Shortly after 12 o'clock the War Office announced that nothing further in the way of despatches would be given out during the night.

A SECRETARY BUYING ARMS.

London, Jan. 24, 5.54 p. m.—The secretary of the British South African Company has given a curious denial of a statement that the company is purchasing large quantities of rifles and saddlery for prompt delivery in South Africa.

HAVE CEASED ATTACKING; NOW ANNOYING.

Kimberley, Jan. 23.—The bombardments have ceased, but the Boers are persistently engaged in sniping. "Long Cecil" is doing excellent work and Mr. Cecil Rhodes has personally fired several shells from the gun.

GERMANS SEE BRITISH IN DANGER.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—German press tacticians are almost unanimously of the opinion that the situation of the British forces around Ladysmith is desperate. The Berlin Tagblatt prints a Brussels despatch, claiming that Sir Charles Warren has been signally defeated.

MASONIC CONTRIBUTION.

London, Jan. 24.—Grand chapter of 'Loyal Arch Masons of Canada assembled here today and voted \$500 to the national patriotic fund.

SHUTTING OFF MERCENARIES.

London, Jan. 25.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Wednesday says: "This morning all passengers booked for the Transvaal were notified by government order with the exception of the members of the Russian ambulance corps, who proceeded by special train."

CONTRABAND CARGO TAKEN.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—The German Bark Hans Wagner stopped on December 19 in South Africa waters by the British gunboat Fearless and ordered to go to Port Elizabeth to unload, after leaving the contraband specified by the British authorities, has proceeded on her way to Delagoa Bay, being the last of the seized German vessels to be released.

STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Recruiting for Lord Strathcona's mounted force, for service in South Africa, will commence in Manitoba. British Columbia and the Mounted Police posts in the Northwest Territories about the 1st of February. Applicants must be good shots, good horsemen, unmarried and between 22 and 40 years of age. The height must not be less than 5 feet 6 inches, chest measurement not less than 34 inches.

SPECIAL COURSE MEN.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Lieut. A. L. Webster, 68th Battalion, is added to the list of those selected to undergo a course of instruction in staff duties. Officers presenting themselves for instruction at No. 4 regimental depot R. C. R. I. were examined by the board and allotted as follows: Adjutant-General, 2nd Battalion; Lieut. Coleman, 70th Battalion; 2nd Lieut. Ogenham, 82nd Battalion; 2nd Lieut. Wilson, 84th Battalion; 2nd Lieut. Johnston, 87th Battalion. Cadet class, 2nd Lieut. Allen, 71st Battalion.

WAINWRIGHT GIVEN A SWORD. Washington, Jan. 24.—Commander Richard Wainwright, who was in charge of the Gloucester (the yacht Corsair converted into cruiser) at the battle of Santiago, was presented a sword of honor and a silver service by a committee representing the citizens of the District of Columbia in the Columbia Theatre today.

SON OF A GOVERNOR.

Victoria, Jan. 24.—"Bunch" Macintosh, son of ex-Lieutenant-Governor Macintosh of the Northwest territory, his father, hunted as a private with the British Columbia Mounted Scouts for the Transvaal.

THE WAR.—See editorial on 4th page.

Floral Tribute from the Queen.

London, Jan. 25.—The remains of John Ruskin were interred at Coniston this afternoon amidst universal signs of sadness and with a ceremony typically rural. The coffin was hid beneath a mass of blooms, including a floral tribute from the queen. The body was laid in a grave lined with white tiles and close, according to Mr. Ruskin's desire, to the last resting place of the three Misses Bevers, to whom he had addressed his famous Broadwood letters. All parts of the country were represented at the graveside. A memorial service was held in Westminster Abbey this morning and was largely attended.

French Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Jan. 25.—In the chamber of deputies today M. Lasio, anti-Semite, presented his high court prosecution, but the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, refused to accept it and asked for its postponement for a month. M. Lasio then wanted to discontinue the prosecution, but the government by the chamber agreeing to a postponement for a month, while M. Lasio was in the midst of the carnival, and that is not a season to assassinate ministers.

Strikers Get an Advance.

Clinton, Mass., Jan. 25.—The strike of 80 weavers at the Clinton Woolen Co's works, which has been in progress for two weeks, has been settled and the weavers will return to work on Monday. It is understood that an advance of six mills a yard on woollen goods has been granted by the managers.

Amunition of Other Days.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25.—The schooner Hume sailed from St. Helena for Boston today with a cargo of obsolete cannon ball to be sold there as old iron. The balls have been stored in the St. Helena magazine for years, and on account of their age there is no sign of their being improved.

Separate Cars for Whites and Negroes.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 25.—The bill providing for separate cars for whites and negroes on the railways in this state passed the Senate today without a dissenting voice, and as it came from the House, the governor's approval, which will make it a law, is considered a foregone conclusion.

Another Wreck at Newfoundland.

St. John's, N. F., Jan. 25.—A wrecked vessel, the Fox Tail Point, Bay St. George, is believed to be a large American sailing vessel, probably lumber laden from the Gaspé coast. There is no sign of the crew and it is feared they have perished amid the ice laden waters adjacent. Full particulars are looked for tonight.

PHOTOGRAPHER BURNED OUT.

Norway, Me., Jan. 25.—The photographer studio and the insurance store, Mr. G. Pike was burned this afternoon. The loss is heavy and the insurance small. Mr. Pike quit today after working through his photographic work for the Grand Truck Road.

FISHERMEN FROM LA HAVRE.

Boston, Jan. 24.—Schr Hattie A. Hickman, from La Havre, reports the loss of two of her crew who had strayed away from the vessel while trawling. The men, however, had been picked up and landed at Liverpool, N. B.

BRYAN BANQUETTED.

New York, Jan. 24.—Col. W. J. Bryan was banquetted by the Robert Davis Association at its club house in Jersey City today after which he delivered a political speech before a large crowd in St. Mary's hall. The dinner was informal and no speeches were made.

A HUNDRED THOUSAND FOR PEACE.

Brussels, Jan. 24.—Nearly 100,000 signatures have been appended to the address promoted by M. Lejeune and other members of the Universal Peace Society, asking President McKinley to mediate, which will be forwarded to Washington in the course of a fortnight.

FREE COMBINATION OFFER NO MONEY WANTED. In order to introduce our... we are giving away...

BORDER NEWS.

St. Andrews, Jan. 23.—A case involving some interesting features was before Judge Cockburn in the probate court, St. Andrews, on Tuesday. In the year 1875, Fred. L. Marks, of St. David, was united in marriage with Miss Oona Murphy. A year of wedded bliss followed and then the husband began roaming. He first went to Ontario, in California, afterward to Ontario and Bridgeport in the same state. The last letter he wrote to his wife was from Bridgeport in 1878. Since then Mrs. Marks has failed to locate her missing husband, though she has tried very hard to do so. Believing him to be dead, she applied for the probate of his will, which was granted by the court. The application was resisted by Frank Hall, one of the next of kin. Hall, in a paper presented to the court, said he was prepared to prove that Marks was alive in 1900, as he had a letter from him. The point was raised that Hall, being one of the next of kin, should have been mentioned in the applicant's petition, the law being very positive on this point. Judge Cockburn considered the objection fatal to the petition and therefore dismissed it, with costs to the applicant. W. C. H. Grimmer appeared for Mrs. Oona Marks and M. Macdonald and T. A. Mills for Hall.

TO CONTEST A WILL.

Boston, Jan. 24.—The will of the late Robert B. Brigham, the millionaire restaurant keeper, who left about \$2,000,000 for a home for incurables, will be contested by Mrs. Frances G. Brigham. She filed an appearance in the Suffolk Probate court today, through her New York and Boston counsel, to oppose the will which was to come tomorrow for allowance if no objection was made to it. "Mrs. Brigham claims to be the lawful widow of R. B. Brigham and her husband died this afternoon. Whether or not she is his widow depends upon the validity of an alleged decree of divorce rendered in 1883 upon a non-contested hearing. "An attempt will be made to present the facts to the court."

HON. CHARLES W. WALTON DEAD.

Portland, Me., Jan. 24.—Hon. Charles W. Walton, one of the best known citizens of this state, died suddenly at his home in this city tonight at the age of 80 years. The cause of his death was heart failure. He was born in Mendon, Me. He served in the national house of representatives, and Mrs. L. M. Crawford, who lives in New Jersey.

BONES OF THE REVOLUTION.

New York, Jan. 24.—The bleached bones of about a dozen soldiers were unearthed today at the Brooklyn Navy Yard by two laborers while they were engaged in digging a foundation for a warehouse. The bones were found in a trench, and it is believed that they are the remains of the soldiers who were killed at Fort Greene along with the bones of the Revolutionary War. The bones were discovered today along with the bones of the Revolutionary War. The bones were discovered today along with the bones of the Revolutionary War.

CROSS CHAIN AND RING FOR BISHOP CASEY.

Quebec, Jan. 24.—(By Duquet, a well known jeweler in this city, has just completed a magnificent cross, chain and ring for Bishop Casey, of St. John, N. B. The cross weighs six tiny ounces, every link is artistically chased. The cross is of gold with four pearls and diamonds in the centre. The ring admits of its being changed to a watch chain and it can be made to fit the finger by a very simple adjustment. It is of solid gold and the four small diamonds are set in the centre of the first water. The case in which these jewels are sequestered is also a very pretty piece of workmanship.

A JUROR ILL.

New York, Jan. 24.—The condition of Manheim Brown, who is juror No. 10 in the Molmeux murder case and whose illness from rheumatism today caused the postponement of the trial, at a late hour tonight was reported as improved. His nurse said it was not certain whether the patient would be sufficiently recovered to attend court tomorrow but Mr. Brown sent out word that he would report for duty if it was possible.

FRENCHMEN WOUNDED IN A DUEL.

Paris, Jan. 25.—A duel was fought yesterday at the Village of Maisons Laiffite between the well known sportsman, M. Jacques De Brumond, and a young club man named Perier, partner in the champagne firm of Perier, Freres, and Co. The duel was fought at a distance of 100 paces. Both men were pinked in the same way. M. De Brumond was dangerously and M. Perier slightly wounded.

THE AMER GETTING GAY.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—The Afghan Amer, according to a despatch from St. Petersburg, has ordered all roads leading from Herat to Kishik, in Transcaucasia to be guarded and at the same time, the frontier garrisons have been reinforced.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—The ice drivers of the Capital Ice Company, there being about thirty of them, are out on strike for higher wages. Carleton County Council today made a grant of \$100 to the concert fund of the second Canadian contingent. The funeral of Charles H. Menzies, actor, who died here on Monday, took place this afternoon when the remains were laid in Beechwood cemetery. One hundred thousand dollars will be spent in Ottawa next year in the construction of a new route from the city to Kildare Hall by the Ottawa Improvement Commission. Rumor now is that the late Hon. George Dryden was so averse to litigation in connection with the estate of his son, John Bryson, ex-M. P., that he has made handsome bequests to his widow and other heirs of John Bryson to take effect in event of their losing the suit with George Bryson. If this be true the heirs of the late John Bryson, will not lose anything, no matter how the pending lawsuit goes.

TO ESTABLISH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The question of establishing a department of the government to be known as the department of commerce with a cabinet officer at its head, was discussed at considerable length by the senate committee on commerce today. The discussion was based upon a very complete report on the subject prepared by Senator Nelson. The committee adjourned without taking action. The bill regularly before the committee in a written report went fully into the reasons why the proposed department should be established. It drew upon the necessity for special measures in the manufacturing interests with a view to the extension of our foreign trade.

DEATH OF ARTHUR HOLLAND.

Chatham, Jan. 24.—The very sad and sudden death of Mr. Arthur Holland, of Toronto, took place this morning in a hospital of Hotel Dieu of pneumonia and jaundice. He was taken ill at Newcastle a week ago. His son arrived on Monday night but his wife did not get here until three hours after his death. The deceased was 49 years old and represented the firms in Toronto and Nova Scotia. He had many warm friends in Chatham who sympathize with the bereaved family. His remains will leave for Toronto by express tonight.

JURY DISAGREED.

Dorchester, Jan. 24.—The case of the Queen vs. Stevenson and Bray on charges of conspiracy and obtaining money under false pretences, was brought to a close tonight. The judge's address was rather against the accused. The jury after an absence of over three hours were unable to agree and were then discharged. Stevenson and Bray were admitted to bail on the order of the next assizes of court.

CHATHAM PILOTAGE LAPOUBLE MAY BE SETTLED.

Chatham, Jan. 25.—The committee consisting of Alderman George Watt, W. Loggie and M. S. Hoekes, appointed by the town council interviewed the pilotage commissioners last week and the pilotage on Monday night and have arranged to meet the commissioners on Wednesday when they feel sure the pilotage difficulty will be finally and satisfactorily settled.

TWINS ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 24.—James and Henry Pierce, brothers, were arrested tonight, charged with the murder of George B. Eyre, a well known young man of this city, who mysteriously disappeared on Dec. 21 and whose body was found in the Delaware river last Sunday.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Bile, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. Small Pills. Small Dose. Small Price.

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Substitution

See you get Carter's. Ask for Carter's. Insist and demand. Carter's Little Liver Pills.

THE FIGARO-CASTELLANE CONTOVERSY.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The Figaro published this morning a fresh cablegram from Comte Boni De Castellane to M. De Rodas, its editor, in which it appends the following: "Sprung with our feet the results, we find but one thing in this document. M. De Castellane energetically refuses any intervention of the inspector of finances in his adventure. We are now enlightened respecting his desire for light. "He seems moreover, to reproach us for the outlay of the 208 francs which his despatch cost him. This is already the commencement of confession. "There cannot fail to be surprises that fall in money matters. This is the second time he asks us for 100,000 francs. It needs but little to induce him to demand that we reimburse to him his 208 francs. Decidedly he cannot have grown richer just recently. "The Figaro also prints a cartoon entitled 'The Arrival at New York.' This represents a customs officer searching a passenger. The officer says: 'What is in your suitcase, M. Le Comte?' "The passenger replies: 'This is money I am taking to my brothers-in-law.' "The cartoon is by Herman Paul."

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