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BOERS CLAIM A VICTORY WON.

Say the British Abandoned the Kopje at Molen's Drift Thursday Morning, and Retired Over the Tugela.

British War Officials are Dumbfounded—English Say Position was Difficult to Maintain—Gen. Buller Gives No Notice of Forward or Backward Movement—Was Bringing Up Artillery Wednesday—Boer Report is Not Denied—News Awaited with Eagerness—Few Boers were on the Captured Kopje—They Had Assembled Elsewhere—Macdonald's Retirement Disappointing—Was Only a Sortie—Col. Plumer Beaten—Boers Report British Repulse at Chieveley.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Feb. 8.—The British who were in possession of the kopje at Molen's Drift abandoned it after a bombardment by Boer cannon this morning, and retired across the Tugela river to their former position.

A desultory cannonade is proceeding on the Tugela this morning, but otherwise everything is quiet.

BRITISH ARE DUMBFOUNDED.

London, Feb. 9, 6:40 p. m.—Up to the present time the war office has evidently heard nothing of Gen. Buller's retirement as described in the dispatch from Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Feb. 8. When shown the Boer dispatch the officials appeared utterly dumbfounded. Apparently they had not the least suspicion of the possibility of such an outcome of the operations.

At 10 p. m.—It is said on reliable authority that Gen. Buller's dispatch announcing Monday's and Tuesday's movements was particularly hopeful. It described the position gained as effective, so the news of another retirement is exceedingly bitter to the British and thought it comes from Boer sources there is little disposition to disbelieve it.

The news spread rapidly and naturally disappointment was visible on all faces throughout the long silence from the Tugela had already aroused apprehension that Gen. Buller might have found it impossible to go forward, in which case he would have no option but to retreat the river.

POSITION WAS DIFFICULT.

London, Feb. 9, 2:35 p. m.—There is still no news of Gen. Buller's doing today or yesterday. A dispatch, dated Free Camp, Thursday, Feb. 8, and probably written with the advanced line of Wednesday, Feb. 7, and sent to Free by runner, says:

"The force of the enemy are on both flanks and continue to render our position extremely difficult to maintain."

Beyond the fact that Gen. Buller devoted Wednesday to bringing more artillery and troops across the Tugela nothing is known of his movements, but that he badly needed reinforcements is evident from the foregoing from Free. It is still more patent that it is impossible for him to advance until the artillery has been enabled to take up forward positions for the purpose of supporting the Boer guns on both flanks. Of the length of time occupied in this operation depends the duration of the Boer's maintenance of the defensive. It is reasonable to suppose that the guns and relief reinforcements were in position yesterday and the important advance is now progressing or about to be commenced preliminary to the actual movement of the troops in progress.

AWAITING THE NEWS.

In the meanwhile news is awaited with great eagerness, not unminged with anxiety. Almost all the critics now point out that the mere pushing through to Ladysmith without securing a decisive victory on the way there would only add danger to what is already a critical situation.

Another Free Camp dispatch says a Boer plumer asserts that the burghers expected Gen. Buller to cross at Skiet's Drift, and that thousands of Boers were being sent to Doorn Kloof to oppose such a passage, while on the captured hill there were only a few hundred Johannesburgers.

This tends to increase the anxiety of those who believe that Gen. Buller has scarcely begun the serious part of his advance, though encouragement is

gleaned from the news that the heavy naval guns, after repeated attempts, during which the miles rolled down the Tugela, caused considerable excitement in the House of Commons, where the government leader, Mr. Balfour, had just announced that there was no news from South Africa.

BOERS REPULSED.

A war office dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Thursday, Feb. 8, confirms the reports that Gen. Buller has repulsed the Boers at Gen. Hoek and Brind river, and that security of both outposts is established.

In regard to Gen. Macdonald's operations, Lord Roberts does not mention the former's retirement to the Modder river. He said:

"Macdonald was dispatched to prevent the Boers blocking the main drift at Koodoosberg, and successfully established himself at Koodoosberg in spite of the determined efforts of the Boers to dislodge him. At Macdonald's request Babington was sent with reinforcements Wednesday, Feb. 7. Babington threatened the Boers north of Koodoosberg, while another force drove off the Boers southward."

The dispatch concludes with the statement:

"The enemy has now evacuated its position and none is in sight."

The hill, however, succeeded in reaching the summit of Swartz Kop, whence they are doing excellent practice.

WAS ONLY A SORTIE.

Gen. Hector Macdonald's retirement from Koodoosberg has created considerable excitement. But the operation was apparently only intended as a sortie, and its success or failure could scarcely have resulted in any material effect on the campaign. The dispatch from Koodoosberg Drift does not say whether Gen. Babington finally joined Gen. Macdonald, but the word "combined" seems to indicate that he did so.

To the daily rumor of the relief of Ladysmith was added last evening the report that Lord Roberts had positive information to that effect and that he had communicated it to various members of the House of Lords during yesterday's session. Lord Roberts today said he had no news of the nature mentioned, and that he did not go to the House of Lords yesterday.

A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved is again current today, but the war office authorities say they have no confirmation of the report.

Military attaches will leave tomorrow. Their destination is not given, but presumably they will join Lord Roberts, whose whereabouts have not yet been made public.

It was said today that one of the first steps to increase the home army would be the raising of 37 new horse and field batteries with barracks on Salisbury Plain, and the addition of batteries to numerous regiments which at present are without them.

A parliamentary paper issued this afternoon, estimates that £13,000,000 (£13,000,000 additional) will be required for the year expenses for the year ending March 31.

BOERS DRIVE BACK BRITISH.

Head Laager, Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—An armored train yesterday made a sortie from Chieveley towards Colenso and landed 2,000 British troops on the right of the Boer position. The Boers immediately crossed the river and made an attack with rifles and artillery, forcing the withdrawal of both the train and the troops to Chieveley.

The fighting on the Tugela river lasted until 8:30 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) evening. Particulars are lacking. Fighting at Colenso and along the upper Tugela has been proceeding since 5 o'clock this morning.

COL PLUMER DEFEATED.

Pretoria, Monday, Feb. 6.—Col. Plumer's forces on Feb. 2, attacked the Boer position near Ramona, and after heavy fighting including an endeavor to take the place by storm, the British were repulsed.

Their loss is unknown. No Boers were injured.

ON POLYGAMOUS POSTMASTERS.

Committee Preparing Report—Letter From Attorney Putnam on the Graham Case—Evidence Doubtful—Bill to Relieve United States Marshals in Utah.

SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Representative Ladd, chairman of the House postoffice committee, today received a letter from Graham C. Putnam, county attorney of Salt Lake, in which he says that there is now on file in the district court of that county a charge against John C. Graham, of unlawful cohabitation. This charge was filed by Attorney Putnam on Nov. 11th, 1899, and he expects to have the case tried at the next term of court.

The committee, on hearing the letter read, instructed Ladd to appoint a subcommittee, and directed them to draft

a report and submit the same to the full committee.

Representatives McPherson of Ohio and Griggs of Georgia were then named as the committee.

Senator Platt today introduced a bill providing that marshals and clerks of the United States court prior to Utah's admission shall be held accountable only for fees earned in United States cases, in accordance with the decision of the attorney general. On the passage of this bill they are relieved from making further reports and emoluments, and are relieved from further liabilities.

The bill also instructs proper officials



PICTORIAL PHASES OF THE CRISIS IN FRANKFORT.

of the treasury to settle unadjusted accounts with these people at once.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The investigation of charges as to the polygamous status of certain federal appointees was practically concluded today by the House committee on postoffices and post roads.

A letter was received from the United States district attorney at Salt Lake City stating that indictment had been found against one of the postmaster's appointees, but doubt was expressed as to whether the evidence to sustain the indictment would be brought within the statute of limitation.

A sub-committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Brownlow, McPherson and Griggs, to draft the report, which will later be submitted to the full committee. It will mainly be a recital of facts developed at the hearing, concerning the protests made and the legal proceedings against the parties.

It is expected the report will be unanimous as there is no division of opinion on the facts submitted to the committee for inquiry.

MUTINY IS SERIOUS.

Uprising of Soudanese Against British Causes Great Anxiety.

London, Feb. 9.—A special dispatch from Cairo says:

"The mutiny of Soudanese troops at Khartoum has assumed serious proportions, and is causing great anxiety."

Killed a Robber.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—A lone robber, well dressed, with money in his pockets, and with a ribbed silk mask to cover his features, was shot and killed in Woerner's Park Pavilion, 1835 West Madison, late last night by Frank Barum, an Oak Park lawyer, and Edward Sommerfeldt, the bartender. Besides Sommerfeldt and Barum there was only one other person in the saloon when the robber entered.

The robber commanded them to throw up their hands. Resistance was offered. The robber fired twice at his victims, one of the bullets taking effect in Sommerfeldt's arm. Barum then managed to wrench the revolver from the robber. Sommerfeldt, who had a knife, had shot the robber and both he and Barum fired several shots at the robber, who fell dead at their feet. The police were notified and the body was removed to the morgue. In the pockets of the dead man were found \$165. Barum and Sommerfeldt were not arrested.

Deaths from Plague.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Three deaths from the plague occurred since the last advices from Honolulu, a Chinese dying on January 26, a native woman dying on the 27th, and a Japanese on the 28th. The wife of the Japanese also showed symptoms of the disease. There were a few suspects and no positive cases up to the time of the sailing of the Alameda. The health officials on February 3 stated that all the detention camps were free from sickness of any kind, and the doctors were under the impression that the plague had about run its course.

Consul Hay All Right.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay today received a cablegram from Adolbert S. Hay, U. S. consul at Pretoria, stating that he had received his exequatur Wednesday, and that matters were very satisfactory. This official by disposes of the apprehension that existed in some quarters that the Boer government might decline to receive Mr. Hay because of the failure of Col. O'Brien to receive recognition from our government as diplomatic representative of the Transvaal.

Gen. Lawton's Funeral.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton was buried today in the National cemetery at Arlington. The services at the grave were preceded by services at the Church of the Covenant in this city, where President Strycker of Hamilton college, New York, delivered a funeral oration that has seldom been equalled in beauty of expression, nor could it have been more perfect accord with the spirit of the solemn occasion that called it forth. Never in the history of the capital has there been a more representative gathering of the nation's honored dead. No mark of military pomp and ceremony that the regulations could provide was wanting.

Dredger Given Up as Lost.

London, Feb. 9.—The new Russian steam dredger Devolant which left the Clyde Dec. 31, for Odessa, is overdue and has been given up as lost. It is surmised that she foundered in the channel. There were on board nine persons.

not his individual notes, but were given by firms in which he was interested. The committee adjourned until tomorrow before the witness had concluded.

Suicides After His Crime.

Dixie, Wash., Feb. 9.—Benjamin Royce, a well-to-do farmer near here, was shot to death last night by his grandson, Frank Royce, who afterwards cremated the body and then committed suicide.

Found Dead in a River Bottom.

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 9.—Interest in the identification of the remains of a man found in the river bottom, three miles below the city, in December, 1897, has been revived. C. B. Barnes, of El Monte, has identified a photograph of the dead man as that of Mrs. Rodson of Mankato, Kas. Barnes had known "Jodson" since boyhood.

NO NEW CASES.

Report of Plague at Honolulu—7,400 Persons in Quarantine.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The steamer Alameda arrived here today from Australia ports via Asia, Samoa and Honolulu. The Alameda was ordered to quarantine by Dr. Kinyon, State quarantine officer, reports that up to Feb. 2 there had been no new cases of the plague at Honolulu since Jan. 25. There are 7,400 Japanese and Chinese in quarantine at Honolulu and three detention camps have been established. The Alameda did not dock at Honolulu but lay off that port for six hours. The vessel carried 135 tons of freight consigned to Honolulu but this was not landed.

REVOLT IN MARTINIQUE.

Mob of 1,200 Prevents Harvesting of Sugar Cane.

French West Indies Disturbed by Fighting—Movement is Extending—Twenty-three Casualties.

Fort De France, Martinique, via Haytian cable, Feb. 9.—A mob of about 1,200 has, since last Monday, been preventing the harvesting of sugar cane. The movement is extending and troops have been sent in all directions. An infantry post of twenty-five men was attacked and fired on its assailants, killing nine men and wounding fourteen.

In the commune of Le Francois two incendiary fires have occurred on plantations.

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

They are Charged With Complicity in the Murder of Gov. Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—Two men suspected of complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel, were arrested in a boarding house today. Their names are Elias Jones, of Whitley county, and Gottschalk, of Nelson county. The men are said to have slept in the executive building for a time and they will be kept in confinement until something more definite is known of their whereabouts at the time of the assassination. Both strongly deny any knowledge of the murder.

Big Coopership Fire.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—A special to the Tribune from Escanaba, Mich., says: The National Coopership and Woodenshire company's plant was totally destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this (Thursday) morning. The origin of the fire is not known, although it is supposed to have started in or near the engine room. The loss is estimated at \$250,000; insurance not known.

ATTITUDE OF TEACHERS.

Arrangements to be Completed This Afternoon for Test Suit.

Some of them Are Willing to Accept Half Pay—A Mass Meeting at High School.

The public school principals and teachers are holding a mass meeting at the High school this afternoon to take definite action on the half pay proposition and arranged for bringing a test suit to determine their rights.

A committee consisting of Principals Cross, of the Wasatch, F. D. Keeler, of the Webster and Miss Quailworth, of the Washington, will present resolutions.

The checks were all made out and signed today and will be tendered the teachers by Clerk Moreton this afternoon.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Four Score Years Registered by Mrs. Elizabeth Pixon.

The eightieth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Elizabeth Pixon was celebrated in the Taylorsville ward meeting house yesterday morning and afternoon, when a host of friends, numbering over three hundred, gathered to pay honor to the aged lady on account of a long and useful life which had seen the accomplishment of much good. During the day there were short speeches and instrumental and vocal music, most of the latter being furnished by grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mrs. Pixon.

During the noon hour a fine luncheon was served to the guests, and prominent among the good things with which the table was filled was a huge birthday cake. Among those present were Bishop Heber Bennett, Wm. Pant, W. H. Hinch, Samuel Bateman, Archibald Frame, Mrs. Pixon, Mrs. Mary Rawlins, Mrs. Margaret Spencer and those from this city were Mrs. E. B. Wells, Mrs. Zina D. H. Young, Philip Margetta, Mrs. Mulhall and Geo. McGuffee and wife.

ROBO BREAKS AWAY.

Exciting Chase, but the Officer Landed on the Runaway.

Officer Lincoln had an exciting time with a hobo named Clarence Winston last night. Winston was arrested for vagrancy and was being marched to the city jail when the excitement began. Just as officer and prisoner were entering the station Winston probably had visions of Kibb's bean soup, or something of other for he made a sudden dash for liberty, running west on First Street. Officer Lincoln took after him and a lively race was on. The hobo coast was so rapid for the hobo though, and when Commercial street was reached the officer landed a sharp blow on the offender's neck and the trouble was over.

GENERAL MEETING OF REPUBLICANS.

Probably Will be Held at Frankfort Tomorrow to Consider the Peace Agreement Adopted at Louisville.

Kentucky Situation Unchanged Today—Tomorrow May Bring Decisive Results—Gov. Taylor Urged Not to Capitulate—Impression Among Republicans That the Agreement Was a Complete Surrender—Signers Say They Have Not Turned the Party Over to the Enemy—Gov. Taylor Looking for Advice—Legislators at London and Louisville—Case in Court Postponed to Tuesday Next—Democratic Legislators Assured of Protection.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—It is likely that a general meeting of Republicans will be held here tomorrow to consider the peace agreement as adopted at Louisville.

For the last week Gov. Taylor has been receiving telegrams by the hundred from all parts of the State urging him to stand firm and not to surrender anything. The impression has become general among Republicans who were not a party to the agreement, that the agreement was a complete surrender to the Democrats. The gentlemen who have signed for the Republicans do not so consider it, and have said all the time when the text of the agreement was published in full, it would be understood by the balance of the party that they had not delivered the party over to the enemy.

Gov. Taylor has been in a very difficult position owing to the pressure brought to bear on him from outside sources, and he has not thought it wise to make any statement regarding his intention until he could convince his party that anything he might do would be for the good of the party.

He has, therefore, sent a large number of telegrams to gentlemen who have for the last five days showered him with advice to be in Frankfort by Saturday morning. His intentions are unknown, and he will say nothing regarding them. It is understood, however, from a source a little less authoritative than the governor himself, that he desires to hear the objections they have to the agreement.

There was no change in the situation here today. Gov. Taylor spent the night at the home of a friend in Frankfort, having left the executive building for the first time since the Goebel assassination.

It was late in the morning when he reached his office, and he then declined to make any statement.

Mr. Fairleigh and Judge Barr, of Louisville, two of the Republican parties to the Louisville conference, arrived this morning. They will hold a conference with Senator Blackburn and also with Gov. Taylor.

Mr. Fairleigh said he understood the peace agreement was to be considered.

TO ARREST ABSENT MEMBERS.

London, Ky., Feb. 9.—Representative William S. Lewis, of Leslie county, a prominent member of the legislature, was summoned to Frankfort today by Gov. Taylor.

The house convened at 10:16 o'clock. The roll call showed that seven members of the thirty-eight in town were absent.

Miss Eliza Parker was unanimously elected enrolling clerk, and the house went into executive session.

It is understood that warrants for the arrest of enough absent Democratic members of both houses to constitute a quorum will be issued today. Senator Cox said today:

"We will certainly have a quorum in the senate and a quorum in the house. Further than that I can't say."

In executive joint sessions resolutions were adopted stating that W. S. Taylor was elected governor, John Marshall lieutenant-governor, Caleb H. Powers secretary of state, and the other Republican incumbents were elected to office, and that the results of that election should not be disregarded by compromise. The senate continued in secret session, but the house adjourned.

DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 9.—The Democratic legislature met again today in pursuance of the plans adopted early in the week. In the senate, twenty members, one more than a quorum, were present. Resolutions of respect to the memory of Gov. Goebel were adopted, and the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

In the house, repeated roll calls failed to disclose more than forty-nine members, two less than a quorum.

A recess was taken until three o'clock the Democratic managers asserting that enough members to transact business are now in the city.

The early hours of the morning were spent in hustling to secure the attendance of a quorum in both houses. The publication that warrants had been sworn out at Frankfort for the arrest of enough Democratic members to make a quorum for the legislature in session in London caused quite a flurry for a while, but the morning passed without any interference with the liberty of Democratic law makers.

NO APPEARANCE IN COURT.

Georgetown, Ky., Feb. 9.—Gov. Taylor was not represented when Judge Cantrill today called up the injunction proceedings brought last week by the Democrats to stop Gov. Taylor from interfering with the sessions of the legislature at Frankfort. On request of Judge Pryor, for the plaintiffs, the hearing was postponed until next Tuesday.

NO ARRESTS.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 9.—Gov. Beckham made the following statement today:

"No member of the legislature who comes to Louisville need fear arrest. I shall not allow members of the general assembly to be arrested."

Gov. Beckham said he was fully prepared to protect the legislature and to arrest any persons who interfered with its members.

INTRODUCED FREE COINAGE BILL.

Senator Jones of Arkansas Presents a Measure as a Substitute to the Pending Currency Bill—Free Coinage Without Specifying 16 to 1 Ratio.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Jones of Arkansas today introduced a free silver coinage substitute for the pending currency bill. The substitute provides that "from and after the passage of this act the mints of the United States shall be open to the coinage of silver, and there shall be coined dollars of the weight of 412½ grains Troy of standard silver 9-10 fine as, provided by the act of January 18, 1837, and upon the same terms and subject to the limitations and provisions of law regulating the coinage and legal tender quality of gold."

The substitute also provides that whenever the silver coins shall be received into the treasury certificates may be issued for them in the manner now prescribed by law.

DEATH OF ALBERT P. DEWEY.

Well Known Pioneer Passes Away at His Idaho Ranch.

Was a Member of the First Police Force in Salt Lake City—Remains Will Arrive Tonight.

Word was received here last night of the death of Albert P. Dewey, widely known throughout Utah as "Pete," at Gray's Lake, Idaho, on February 7th. He had been ill but a short time.

The body is expected in on this evening's train and Joseph E. Taylor will take charge of the remains.

Mr. Dewey was a native of New England, and came to Utah with the pioneers in September, 1847. He soon became a prominent man in the community, serving first as a member of the city's first police force. He was a member of the Nauvoo Legion, and when the Indian war broke out in Utah he went with the militiamen to take part in the fighting, and distinguished himself by many acts of bravery. Of late years he had been engaged in farming and cattle raising, and in 1888 removed to Gray's Lake, Idaho. He paid frequent visits to Salt Lake, however, where his widow and members of the family reside.

The deceased was a distant relation of Admiral Dewey.

Notice of the funeral will be given in tomorrow's "News."

POST OFFICE DISCONTINUED.

A special from Washington to the "News" announces that the postoffice at Lake Shore, Utah county, has been ordered discontinued, and the mail will go to Benjamin.

Can They Now be Admitted in Full Citizenship?

The Question Raised to Judge Hiles's Court This Morning—It is to Be Passed Upon Later.

A very interesting case is soon to come up in the district court. It will be remembered that in 1889 the applications of several Hawaiians for admission to citizenship came up and was passed upon by the courts, the decision being that they were not eligible to citizenship, as they belonged to a prohibited race. Since that time, the republic of Hawaii has been annexed to the United States, so that when Geo. Wm. Lam, of Tooele, a native of Hawaii, applied to Judge Hiles for citizenship, his honor opined that the applicant was eligible, but wished to look the matter up thoroughly before passing upon it. The case will come up in a short time.