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THE WAR IN AFRICA.

Costs of British Isles.

not be sent to South Africa.

ships, if such a course shall be deter- made to succor Gen White. mined upon, would be of the utmost to cause the cabinet prolonged discussion of this matter and the infer-18 busy in South Africa

One thing is certain. Ten thousand men, all ready to go to South Africa, are detained for reasons of which the public has no knowledge

There is talk of 47 militia battalions being embodied These are all ing interest in Ladysmith's dilemma. of the militia not previously warned

was adopted calling for the immediate formation of a home defense force

or Saturday to consider the situation. Public spirits are at very low ebb. When the nation had almost resign ed itself to the fall of Ladysmith there comes from all quarters today an indication that Gen Buller will make another attempt to relieve the besieged are in contact with the Boer army place.

If the Daily Mail's report of Gen Buller's statement that be hoped to be in Ladvemith within a week could be implicitly relied on, news of further serious fighting would be expected shortly. But the papers are loath to believe what the St James Gazette characterizes as "nowarrantable boasting," if true. Moreover, the war Further Security Needed for office throws cold water on the dispatch this afteanoon by issuing a statement that it has no news confirmatory of London Jan, 31, 4 a. m.-It is such a move as Gen Beller's reported now known that the cabinet devoted speech indicates. Yet, today's dismuch of its discussions on Saturday patches from Ladysmith and Cape to the mobilization of the fleet. Town give a strong impression that until further security to the home there is something more than a rumor coast has been obtained by naval pre- in all these reports. So, while all parations, the Eight division shall definite opinion must await further news, it does not seem at all unlikely

The mobilization of reserve war- that another desperate effort will be The possibility of Gen Baller making

importance There is nothing in the another dash appears to depend greatly intelligence possessed by the public on the exact position of Gen Lyttle ton's brigade. Beyond the understanding it is on the north side of the ence is that the fleet may be mobil. Tugela river, everything is a matter of ized as a general warning to other supposition It will easily be seen that countries to keep their hands off the if Gen Lyttleton still holds the drifts Transvaal question, or the ministry on the north side Gen Baller retains may have definite knowledge that the the openings and might attempt another neutral powers purpose to take some advance by way of Potgieters or some advantages elsewhere while England neighboring drift. But the vagueness regarding the position of Gen Lyttleton resolves all this into the purest surmise From the other columns there is not much news of any kind, and it would require something of overwheiming importance to detract from the absorb

However, there are interesting cable A sharp lookout is being kept on vol dispatches telling the story of Spion unteers for the various South African kop Winston Churchill says that Capt Thorneyeroft, who replaced the wounded Gen Woodgate, is the hither "Three suspicious characters were to unnamed offiser who gave the order to retire, and fully justifies him in so ment Monday Two were unmistak. doiog Churchill save the Boer losses ably of Boer origin The third, were greater than those of the British A dispatch from the Associated Press representative at Spearman's farm, The indications are that the relief dated Thursday, Jan 25, describing of Ladysmith has been abandoned the fight and retirement from Spion "We filed down sadly but in nerfect the Free State is in progress In order The King's Royal Rifles' coloaddition to Gen Keily Kenny's move- nel was struck down at the moment a ment, Gen Brabant, chief of the beliograph message ordering the retire-Cape Colonials, has arrived at Strerks- ment was handed him The enemy is bolding thanksgiving services tonight. "The surgeons, who ascended the fontein to Kimberley The Boers are wounded. The scene at the top was a United States was glad to get rid of " apparently making a special effort to fearful and terrible witness of the destructiveness of the artillery. All day our stretcher bearers were busy carrying down men "

votes. Instead of this, a resolution troops who have not yet been in action. in addition to those at rea. Why so many have not yet been engaged is Lord Salisbury bas called another explained by the lack of land transcabinet conneil, which will meet Friday portation and the organization of sup plies, to which Lord Roberts' is devoting experience and Lord Kitchener bis genius for details It seems as though the weight of these masses must destroy the equilibrium which now holds the British forces stationary wherever they

will not explain adequately, why when generals at the front request reinforce ment, they got them in rather small numbers. Knowledge is slowly pene that a collision was expected there trating to London that large garrisons This intelligence bears out other must be kept in Cape Colony to hold signs that Gen Buller purposed a dowo the Cape Dutch, who, as every- fresh attack one knows, outsumber the British residents 3 to 2

the list of the British casualties at Spion kop by announcing the names of renewal of the assaults unless Gen 215 missing men of various regiments, Boller has been heavily reinforced, including 137 members of the Lan- and there is nothing to indicate that cashire Fusileers.

s maturing another attempt to reach Ladysmith.

A letter appears to day from a Hapoverian officer, formerly of the Twenty-second German infantry, but now among the military advisers of the Boers, which says that nearly 10,000 Referring to the military situation at Ladysmith, the officer says :

tion, on a cycle of heights, like Sedan. we cannot be brushed aside except by a relief column outnumbering us two to one "

Owing to the discovery that cotton khaki is insufficient protection for troops sleeping on the South African plains, the government is starting to reclothe the forces in the field with woolen khaki and has slready ordered 95 000 suits in Glasgow alone

leave Pretoria with other British Town mentions a rumor that Gen clergymen, has arrived in London French has captured 800 Boers, With reference to Charles E Macrum, where and when not being announcthe former United States consul at ed. Pretoria, Canon Farmer said to a representative of the Associated Press : the militia ballot act will be put in squabble for that position His plan men I saw before leaving. I told him Roberts, the commander in chief of tween the two houses to secure the be was taking the wrong side and did the British forces in South Africa, best business men not understand American feeling His has cabled for 99,000 additional men. chief care seemed to be for his personal which it is added, the government ed the amendment was adopted by safety, and I think it was chiefly on has promised to give him, sending 25 to 11 that account that he left in the midst 50,000 militia and volunteers, and of the crisis He is not a strong man 40 000 militia reserves and President Kruger may bave taken advantage of this volunteers, they are like Mr Biake. mostly burghers who would have been obliged to fight any way Mr Maerum told me there were 5 000 Americans in hill, were allowed to remove our the Transvaal, most of whom the Pretoria. Canon Farmer added, was provisioned for two years In the absence of exciting war news the nation and the newspapers have bad time to discover the utter lack of relation existing between the feeling of the people and the temper of the gov-London, Feb 1 - Accounts of the ernment. as demonstrated in parlia battle of Spoin kop continue to filter ment, where, instead of relieving the in All testify to the terrific Boer grave anxiety of the country by the fire Several estimates that the total declaration of measures it is proposed losses of Gen Buller' turning move to take in behalf of the national safety, ment will amount approximately to ministers continue to demonstrate their 1,500 When reinforcements arrived inability to grasp the situation by the troops were much cramped on heating the air with recriminations, the top of Spion kop Preparations self accusatory defense and bickerings were made below to secure the as to the degree of responsibility atposition, guns were on the way and tachable to the respective departments engineers had been ordered up to of the government The disgust, almost despair, noticeable on all sides, is voiced by the ultra ministerial "The heart of the empire seems paralvzed, while its extremities are in full vigor. Thus far only one statesman in the front rank has struck the right note and that is Lord Roseberry."

MOVEMENT OF BOERS AND OTHER SIGNS

Indicate Another Advance by Buller -- Free State Invasion.

London, Feb 3, 4 10 a. m.-Helio grams flashed from Ladysmith three Lack of transports and organization days ago say that the Boer invest ment lines then were thinning and that the besiegers were moving in force toward the Tugela, indicating

The war office reveals nothing of

what has happened in Natal With The war office this evening completes out exception the military critics regard with dismay the prospect of a this is the case Lord Kitcheper bas It is generally supposed Gen. Buller been traveling from army to army in French, by instructions, is now in Cape town consulting with Lord Roberts Large engineering conforms and warehouses are being directors by the Governor. built, and a permanent railway bridge

"BOBS" WANTS MORE MEN

London, Feb 2 .- Dispatches from several points in South Africa merely | and take their oath ten days after the tell of desultory shell firing and the Cason Farmer, who was forced to movements of patrols, though Cape by having separate elections he

The General Assembly.

Columbia, Jap 31 -On Tuesday the house adopted Mr Parton's resolution locking to a constitutional amendment by which bonded cities could under take city water works, by a vote of 104 to 10. exempting certain cities

Mr Bacot secured the passage of the bill repealing the amendment to the primary law, by which in Charleston it was required that voters in the primary should have registration certificates, which prerequisite is not required elsewhere in the State in State and county primaries.

The resolution allowing a suit to be brought against the State by the Carolina National Bank for the recovery of the value of two notes, endorsed by Col Neal, as superintendent, was adopt ed after considerable discussion.

SENATE

The Appelt local option bill was kilied in the Senate today by a vote of 25 to 12

Another bill of importance was discussed and also rejected. It refernorthern Cape Colony, and Gen red to the manner of assessing property for taxation

The night session opened with the further consideration of the Graydon structions are proceeding at Modder dispensary bill The Mayfield sub river, suggesting that Lord Methu stitute was taken up, the pending en's fortified camp has been selected motion being an amendment to it trained European soldiers, including as the base from which to invade the by Senator Henderson providing for quite 300 officers, are among the Boers. Free State. Numerous sidings, plat- the appointment of the board of

Senator Archer offered an amend-"Owing to the strength of our posi- is well.advanced German stategists ment that the Senate elect one mem assert that the topography of the ber of the board of directors, who country would make invasion easier shall be chairman, and the House to from Kimberley and the district elect two, all of whom must northward than from the more rugged be men of good moral char region of Sterkstroom or Colesberg acter They shall serve for two years and shall receive the per diem and mileage of members of the Legislature, to be paid out of dis peusary funds, and they shall meet approval of the Act He said that thought there would not be so much chance of political influence being brought to bear. The election of a chairman by the Senate would cer

went to its third reading as follows : That whenever any swine shall die

from any natural couse whatever the owner of owners of such dead swine, upon notice thereof, shall immediate. ly burn or bury, or cause to be burned or buried, such dead swine, and when buried it shall be put not less than three feet from the surface of the earth

That the owner or owners of any dead swine who shall violate the provisions of the preceding shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not more than one hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than thirty days.

The committee on railroads reported unfavorably on the petition of of H R Thomas to investigate the railroad commission. The committee reported that it had inquired into the matter and found no occasion for the investigation asked for. The committee found nothing in the charges.

Mr Jones had a bill to repeal the cotton seed license bill for Clarendon County He could not see why Sumter and Orangeburg were eternally fighting the bill, Clarendon wanted to run its own affairs.

Mr Fairey said he has been here four years and this was the fifth time he had spoken against the bill. Orangeburg did not want Clarendon to have a wide open policy as to seed cotton

Mr Wilson, of Sumter, thought it useless to always be killing the same bill He opposed this bill because of the interests of his people

Mr Wilson said he had letters from Clarendon thanking him for opposing the bill The bill was killed by a decisive vote.

SENATE

The senate has at last embodied its ideas of what the dispensary law should be in a bill to be sent to the house. There are some details yet to be arranged, but the main features have been disposed of so far as the sepate is concerned

It has been remarked that the debate has been characterized throughout by the best spirit and nothing spiteful or calculated to offend any one has been said or done. As it now stands the proposed law is like this :

regiments. The Daily Chronicle says :

rejected by headquarters in one regiwhose English was fauity, had been a German officer "

for the present and that a concentra | kop, says: tion of the British for an invasion of troom

The natives report that three Boer guns have been removed from Spyreduce the place quickly The Kim berley garrison was safe last Sunday

BELIEVE BRITISH ARE WHIP-PED.

Berlin, Jan 30 - Acording to private reports received here the Cape Dutch are still joining the Boer forces

The German press express the belief that Great Britian has about reached the end of her military resources and would do well to acknowledge defeat and to conclude peace.

The Kruz Zsituog, which attributes her reverses largely to the absence of compulsory military service, says:

"Among the most interesting results of the South African campaign is the catastrophe "

The Deutsche Tagez Z itung says it is evident that not only Geo Warren, but Gen Buller's whole force has been defeated on the Tugela This it calls "the begining of the end "

Loss Greater Than Any Brit-1sh Force Has Suffered Since 1811.

porth of the Tugels The Daily and then fell Chronicle estimates that the total exceeds 2.000

Spain, in 1811

The Atlantic Coast Lumber Company pay naval officers to hold themselves in Alt are now there, except about 18,has purchased the Georgetown and readiness for service Tois, with the 000 that are affoat Beyond compari-Western Railread from Georgetewn to my vindiestion by you fact that able scamen, not thorougly son, this is the largest force Great Lanes, and have also purchased two experienced, have been withdrawn from Britain has ever put into the field. At the channel squadron, is taken to indi the end of the Crimean war she had steamers to ply between Georgetown sebate I now consider it complete, and insist on retiring. I would have made cate the early mobilization of the scraped together 80,000 men. Wel-A man at Bridgeport, Conn, looking this insistance sooner but for the fact reserve fleet, especially "A" division lington at Waterloo had 25,000. At a meeting of the army and navy Roughly speaking, only 80,000 men at the srowd at the station platform to that owing to the uncertainty as to the members of the house of commons yes- are at the front. Ten thousand others meet Mr Bryan, said : "A man who action of the general assembly you terday a resolution expressing absolute have been lost and 10,000 are shut up can get them out like this in January is could not sooner supply my place with a dangerous proposition to fool with in a competent man. confidence in whatever the government at Ladysmith. thought necessary commaaded only two Excluding these, there are 70,000 November." J. B DOUTHIT.

FUOD FOR SHELLS.

strengthen the entrenchments

Coi Thorneycroft was not aware of nations is weighed in war's balance, and this when he ordered the retirement, organ. The Globe, which says : England is already in the midst of and he actually met the artillery comnig up

> Gen Woodgate was wounded about 2 o'clock in the afternoon Even then he protested that he was all right and had to be held down on the stretcher

It is reported that the Boer com their wounded

London, Feb 1 4 a. m - The casters while firing from the prone North Atlantic ocean to Portugal and ing. I beg to say that my resignation supplemental lists of casualties fill two position, had his head taken clean off terminating near the northern end of columns in poppariel type to the morn- by a sheil. To the amazement of his the Read Sea at sunset. ing papers, making 1 300 reported comrades the headiess trunk quietly thus far in Gen Baller's operations rose, stood upright a few seconds

London, Feb 2, 4 30 a m .- Mr The 40 per cept loss of Spion kop is Wyndham's remarkable declaration in greater than any British force ever the house of commons today that Great suffered, except possibly at Albuera, Britain will have in a fortnight a total of 213 000 troops in South Africa, with

There will be a total eolipse of the mander at first insisted on the release Prof Bigelow the path of the shadow of some Boer prisoners before he will begin at sunrise over the Pacific would permit the English to collect ocean just west of Mexico, extend thence northeast over the Southern A curious incident is related of the States from New Orleans to Norfolk, fighting on Jan 24 One of the Lan crossing the middle portions of the

> A five new city bail is the latest gift of Charles Breadway Rouse, the blind millionaire of New York, to his native town, Winchester, Va. It will be one of the handsomest structures of its kind in the State It will cost about \$50,000, of which Mr Rouse gave \$30 000

The admirality has warned all balf 542 guns, is received with wonderment.

Sensational rumors are current that tainly obviate the usual political "Mr Macrum was one of the last force Feb 14th, and that Gen Lord would create a friendly rivalry be-

will be mobilized forthwith. It is reported that it had killed Mr Hy "In regard to Blake's so-called even asserted today, that the cabinet drick's insurance bill and also the has specially deait with these mat | bill relative to township boards of

The Gazette this evening says it is the queen's intention to confer the Victoria cross on Capts Congreve and Reed, Lieut Roberts and Corporal Nurse for their attempts to save the guns at the battle of Colenso.

THE MAFEKING REPORT.

Lorenzo Marques, Feb 1 - A dis patch from Gaberones, dated Jan 23, describing a reconnoissance of some Rhodesians captured two Transvaal flags and drove off the Boer outposts

DOUTHIT RESIGNS.

Having Been Vindicated by

State Liquor Commissioner J B Douthit has resigned his position, the resignation to take effect immediately. His election was confirmed only a few days ago by the senate by a vote of 19 to 16, and it seems that he was waiting sun May 28th, 1900. According to for this vindication only His letter of resignation is as follows :

To the Honorable State Board of Control :

I hereby tender my resignation of office of State commissioner, and ask that it be accepted af your next meet would have been handed you as soon as

I was vindicated by your board but for the request of some of your members that I continue until your meeting in January. At that time I reluciantly consented to continue until your Febru ary meeting, but my private affaira demanded my attention and I now ask that you accept my resignation

Since my vindication by the senate I cannot consent to serve you longer, as you know I have only fought for persocal viadication, and my resignation has been at your command ever since

And since my confirmation by the

The yeas and nays being demand-

Columbia, Jan 31 -- When the It is also said that the volunteers house met this morning the senate assessors

At the instance of Dr Wyche a number of claims on which favorable reports were made were taken up and passed without the formality of printing and going on the calendar Reports that were unfavorable or divided went over on the calendar.

The house took up its third reading bills. There had to be a yea and nay vote on the joint resolution to provide for the constitutional amendment relative to bonding ce tain of Col Plumer's forces around the cities and towns On the yes and Boer laager southward, seems to nay vote 96 members voted for the dispose of the story that Mafeking final passage of the resolution, and has been relieved On that date the Messrs Gamble and Ragsdale voted against the resolution Eighty three votes were necessary for the passage of the resolution, so with the 96 votes the resolution goes to the senate for agreement

There was a brief discussion on Mr Robinson's little bill to recognize teachers' certificates in the various counties. It finally went through, as did all the bills down for the third reading

Mr Prince of Anderson called up his prohibition bill

Mr Magill wanted to recommit the bill for a definite report' This was voted down

Mr DeBruhl moved to indefinitely postpone the bill and said there was no use to discuss the matter as it had been thoroughly discussed last year

A yea and nay vote was called for by Mr Williams, which resulted: Yeas 79, nays 26

The bill was ordered to its third reading. without any amendment, and gives all towns local boards of assessors.

Mr Fairey of Orangeburg again brought up his bill relative to the burning of dead swipe He argued that the bili was of much importance He read from the national bureau in support of his bill The only way to prevent the spread of the diseases of hogs is to burn or destroy the hogs

The present board is abolished and a board to be elected separately by senate and house, is to constitute a board of directors. The man of good moral character, to be elected by the senate, is to be chairman, and the two to be elected by the house are the other members They are to get the pay of members of the legislature.

The commissioper is to be elected by the general assembly ; is to serve two years; is to receive \$3,000 salary. He is to give a \$75,000 bond, in three surety companies, each bond to be \$25,000, and is to have general control of the management of the State dispensarv.

County boards are to be elected by the State board, as at present, with the xception that it is to be done by and with the consent of the senate

County dispensers are to be elected by county boards.

Constables at present serving and to be appointed are to give a bond of \$500 for the faithful performance of their duty.

The State board of directors are still to fix the prefit to be made by the State and by the county dispensaries on liquor sold.

An unfavorable report was made on the house bill reducing the fertilizer tax.

Another Move in Carter Case.

Washington, Feb 1.-The papers in the case of Capt Carter were received at the supreme court today The application for a writ of certiorari will have to be made Monday The petition for a writ of certiorari is present. ed by Abraham J Rose

The twenty third annual meeting of the South Carolina Young Men's Christian association will convene at Greenwood on Feb 8, 9, 10 and 11. All Christian men of the State are invited In towns where there are no associations, young men, by bringing letters from their pastors, will receive the same courtesies us. ually extended to delegates.

The lovees on both sides of the Mississippi are of sufficient extent that if they were built in a single straight line they would be about 1,300 miles long, or long coough to stretch the The house refused to kill the bill greater part of the distance between by an overwhelming vote The bill New Ocleans and New York.



the Senate He Does Not Want the Place Longer.

before returning to Gaberones