

LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

A Persistent Rumor to That Effect.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

Buller's Stirring Speech.--No Turning Back.

Paris Deputies.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The first attempt of the present session was made by the chamber of deputies to overturn the cabinet today, the miners' strike being used for the purpose. However, what was intended to be a pitched battle, proved to be only a light skirmish, in which Waldeck Rousseau, the premier and Millancino, the minister of commerce, showed admirable tactics. So decided was this success that it ought to carry the ministry safely through to the opening of the exposition; after which it will, in all probability, be out of danger. Henri Maret said yesterday afternoon: "There is every evidence that the country has the utmost confidence in the present ministry; and even if, through some unforeseen parliamentary mischance, it should happen that the ministry should fall thereby I should not believe its defeat was approved by the people at large. This cabinet has met the workingmen's agitation in a calm and fair spirit of investigation, which, in my opinion, captivated the laborers. I believe Waldeck Rousseau's cabinet have even longer life than any of the recent cabinets from the very fact that it is composed of several theoretically opposed elements, which constitute its strength."

Dowager Frederick III.

Berlin Jan. 19.—It is not expected that the dowager Frederick of Schleswig Holstein, mother of the German empress, who is now ill at Dresden, will live through the night. The Hamburgerischer correspondent confirms the news that the empress Frederick, the mother of the Kaiser is seriously ill, suffering from kidney disease.

New Plan to Raise the Maine.

Washington, Jan. 19.—A new plan for raising and floating the battleship Maine has been submitted to the navy department. The promoter of the scheme is a man named Beach of Los Angeles, Cal. The navy department declined a week or two ago to have anything to do with the proposition and Mr. Beach has issued a circular to the public in which he outlines his plans. The conclusion is that he expects to raise the Maine through the agency of liquid air, provided he can induce congress to confer the

necessary authority, making the nominal appropriation of 1 dollar. Beach claims to be backed by a wealthy syndicate. Through a large New York firm of patent attorneys he has applied to the patent office for a patent to protect his scheme of raising the Maine. If the government wishes to buy the ship after she is towed to the United States, it can do so, Mr. Beach says.

BULLER'S SPEECH.

The Troops in Good Spirits.

London, Jan. 19.—Before beginning the westward movement across Tugela Buller issued a spirited appeal to his forces, saying as follows:

"We are going to relieve our comrades at Ladysmith. There should be no turning back. He then proceeded to advise his men, when they changed in regard to the conditions under which they should receive surrender from the enemy; they also warned them of the treachery of the Boers in using the white flag. The order was received enthusiastically by every camp. The actual movement forward began last Wednesday. Lord Dundonald's mounted brigade with the fifth brigade under General Hart, comprising Dublin, Connaughts, Inniskilling, and border mounted regiments proceeded northwestwardly from Springfield to a position previously thoroughly reconnoitered a few miles outside of here. Dundonald passed a target erected by the Boers. The force advanced in skirmishing order. The Boers had evidently been firing up on them from the adjacent hills as the main column advanced. Dundonald was notified the fifth brigade had taken possession of the guard. The British transport extended for several miles and the column advanced unopposed to Mount Alice facing the enemy. The Boers had been at Potgieters the previous day, but the body of South African horsemen swam the stream under heavy fire. The Boers were evidently surprised at the appearance of the British. Their camp was seen at Tugela heights, but the enemy quickly struck camp and cleared off to the mountains. General Buller took up quarters in the pleasantly situated farm house belonging to Martinez Pretorius, who disappeared on Friday. A heavy ex-

losion was heard subsequently and it was found that the Boers had destroyed the bridge under construction seven miles away. The march was very trying, but the troops are now encamped amid very pleasant surroundings and their health is excellent and all are confident that the very near future will bring new successes to the British arms."

General Warren Killed.

London, Jan. 19.—It is rumored on stock exchange that after eighteen hours of hard fighting Ladysmith was relieved and that General Warren was killed; nothing however could be obtained to verify this rumor. It had no appreciative effect on the stock exchange. General Buller telegraphed the war office under date of last evening that Lord Dundonald, with a body of mounted troops, came into action in the afternoon with a force of Boers west of camp and secured several copies which which he is still holding. Cornet Helbrun was killed. Twenty burghers were also killed and fifteen prisoners taken. Two British were killed and two wounded.

Has Ladysmith Been Relieved?

London, Jan. 18.—There is a persistent rumor that Ladysmith has been relieved. This report had reached the war office by midnight, coupled with a statement of decisive English victory. The officials professed that they had received no further dispatches than those given out but intimated that perhaps the second rumor might be true, but placed no confidence in the first report.

Touching Scene.

Stockholm, Jan. 19.—There was a touching scene in the Swedish Riksdag today, when king Oscar, in opening that body, with tears in his eyes, kissed the heir presumptive to the throne, the grandson of prince Gustaf Adolph, and introduced him to the deputies. The deputies themselves, were many of them also deeply affected, at the display of feeling show by the king.

THE TRAMP AND HIS WAYS.

The Star Reporter Does Not Like Them.

It is astonishing to note the impertinence with which two well known "bums" accost every American and English speaking person on Gante and San Francisco streets, and, if refused a dime or quarter, proceed to insult one. Is there no way by which they can be arrested and put to work? They are becoming more and more of a nuisance every day. The other day a gentleman was heard to ask one of these "meandering Mikes" if he was offered a position would he take it. He asked what it was and was told that most any time a position as fireman could be obtained on one of the many railroads centering here. He saucily remarked that he could do better living off the community. The gentleman turned away and casually told a friend that if there was a way to arrest that fellow he would have it done. If the new English speak-

ing people who assist these people would desist it would have a tendency to break them up.

One accosted a reporter the other evening and was very abruptly told that he had no money. The tramp sneeringly replied that, if he was broke, he (the tramp) was not and actually drew from his pocket fifty cents, two quarters, and offered him one. Such insulting actions, are shown every night by them as they pursue their business with the public.

CUAUTLA EXCURSION.

An Ideal Town a Winter Resort.

The special excursion to Cuautla, inaugurated last Saturday by the Interoceanic railway, opened with a crowd of as jolly people as ever set out to have a good time. The fact that Mr. C. F. Melick was at the head would, in any case have assured the success of the excursion. The accommodations furnished were the best and the attention given by the company to the tourists was everything that could be desired.

Cuautla is an ideal place for a winter excursion, and the scenery along the Cuautla branch of the National, is as delightful as any in the republic; and this is saying great deal for it.

The country in the vicinity of Cuautla has long been a favorite winter residence for the upper class Mexicans, many of whom are at the present time, residing on their ranches, or living in their winter cottages in that district.

Had that Interoceanic spent one half the money on the advertising of Cuautla that some of the Mexican roads have on other winter or summer resorts; there is no doubt that Cuautla would now be in the forefront of Mexican pleasure resorts. For it has all the attractions that one appreciates so much in this land of sunshine.

The special report of the Star who was on the Saturday excursion, will give the readers of the Star some of his impressions of the city and valley of Cuautla in forthcoming issues of the Star.

THE STAR.

Owing to a combination of circumstances, due principally to our removal to a new printing house, the Star has not been issued during the past four days. We have been told repeatedly on the streets that the man whose special business is to attend to other peoples' affairs, had got up on the house-top and declaimed, in the Mark-Antony style that he loves so well, that he had eclipsed the Star. And he did it with much of that heroic old Roman father-of-a-family air that we have to admire him. We are sorry to have disappointed the gentleman. We would like to quit just to oblige him; but we cannot see our way to doing so just now.

We take pleasure in informing him and the public generally, that our affairs are all right and that we are trying to look after them without any circumblocution.

Cricket.

There will be a meeting of the cricketers of the city on the 30th inst. to arrange certain matters, which were not completed at the last meeting.

KISMET ENCHRE CLUB.

Met at the Home of Miss Bennett.

The Kismet Enchre club, which has just about completed its first year of existence, held its monthly meeting last night at the home of Miss Rosalind Bennett, Puente de Alvarado. This club has been very popular among the young people; and frequent applications have been made for admittance; but it has been considered advisable not to depart from the original plan of limiting its membership to four tables, with the option allowed the hostess of the evening of placing an extra table.

The young lady members of the club meet every Thursday afternoon at the home of some one member of the club, and on the third Thursday of each month the regular monthly reunion takes place, at which the gentlemen are present.

The monthly dues are devoted exclusively to the purchase of prizes for the lady and gentleman winning at each meeting.

A dainty lunch was served at 12 o'clock last night and from that time on the hour was passed pleasantly with conversation and music, until one.

The tally cards were delicate pen and water-color sketches by Mr. Harry Bennett; and the prizes were won by Miss Sallie De Gress and Dr. Whittle.

Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Whittle, Mrs. Thos. N. Nixon, and Miss Mary Nixon, Dr. McAdoo, Harry Caldwell, Harry Bennet, Miss Olive Jennings, Miss Sallie De Gress, Miss Aurora Galan, Miss Sternkuhl, Miss Rosa Bennett, Miss Louise Phelps, Messrs. Shaw, Chamberlain, Geo. McLellan and Frank Mohler.

Mr. J. Bakey, of the British legation, is suffering from a very bad cold.

Colonel and Mrs. J. E. Bennett, who have been spending the past two weeks in Cuautla, on pleasure bent, return to the city today.

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