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The Journal Secures a Summary of the Taylor Committee's Report, Which Holds That the Polygamist Is Ineligible.

POLY-GAMIST ROBERTS will not be seated if the report of the Taylor Investigating Committee is adopted by the House. The committee will say that facts have been brought to its notice proving that Brigham H. Roberts has been a polygamist since 1885, and that he is at the present time living in polygamy.

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THE FULL HAND IN THE HOUSE.



Henderson, Richardson, Grosvenor, Bailey and Dalzell.

WE MEN MUST RETREAT--IF HE CAN.

(Continued from First Page.)

"NO REVERSE CAN ALTER THE END,"
GERALD BALFOUR TELLS GLASGOW.
LONDON, Dec. 20.—Gerald Balfour, Secretary of State for Ireland, announced the Government's firm policy, in a speech to-night at Glasgow: "It would be idle to deny that the events of the last week have caused deep disappointment and that the situation is one of gravity. Even if Methuen should be unable to push his way to Kimberley, if Buller should not relieve Ladysmith or should we have to face a serious revolt of the Dutch farmers in North Cape Colony, the British Government and people will not move a hair's-breadth from their resolve to carry the war to a successful conclusion. "No reverse can possibly alter the end of the war, for Britain has power and resources to effect her settled purpose. Adversity is a stern teacher, but its lessons are most effective. Britain underestimated her adversary, although she did not underestimate Boer courage; but in desperate valor and gallantry British soldiers are more than a match for Boers. Britain underestimated the Boer military capacity and tactics, but the Government is now ready to rise to the height of the emergency."

BRITAIN RECRUITING TROOPS IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Despite repeated British denials, it seems to be a fact that British agents are busy in many of the rural districts of Germany hiring veterans for service in South Africa. Several well authenticated cases have been reported this week, but the following incident seems conclusive: The District Court of Hamburg has ordered the arrest of a British agent named York for hiring German peasants for military service, which, under the imperial laws, is a criminal offence. There is nothing, however, to interfere with the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were entrenched along a series of low-lying hills immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers, also, were in greater strength than anticipated. It becomes clearer also that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were entrenched along a series of low-lying hills immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers, also, were in greater strength than anticipated. It becomes clearer also that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing the disposition of the Boer forces.

BOER SHELL BORE A FUNNY LETTER.

London, Dec. 20.—The latest news from Mafeking, dated December 16, has just been received. It says a desultory bombardment was continuing, and that the shrapnel was engaged in a smart duel mornings and evenings. The dispatch also describes a novel method of sending a message, adopted by some Boer on December 4. A five-pounder shell fired into the town that day did not explode. It was opened and found to contain a letter as follows: "Dear Powell (Colonel Baden-Powell)—Excuse my messenger. No other means of communicating. Please tell Mrs. Powell and family all well. Don't drink

WARLIKE MOVES AT ESCUIMAUT, B. C.

Victoria, Dec. 20.—Sentries have been doubled at the Esquimaut Navy Yard and Great Dock. The British is commanding the yard and is manned and extensive defences are under way. The British is commanding the yard and is manned and extensive defences are under way. The British is commanding the yard and is manned and extensive defences are under way.

LIBERTY FOR ALL OUR COLONIES SAYS MORGAN.

Veteran Senator Offers a Resolution Guaranteeing Self-Government to the People of Our New Possessions.

Hoar for the New England Anti-Expansionists Introduces a Resolution Relinquishing American Sovereignty.

"The American People Have No Right to Take from Any Other People the Birthright of Freedom," It Declares.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The new possessions of the United States were brought prominently to the attention of the Senate to-day. Mr. Morgan offered a joint resolution, "That, in pursuance of Section 4, Article IV, of the Constitution, the United States will guarantee to the people of Puerto Rico, and the Pacific Islands, and all other States, and peoples within its sovereign jurisdiction and control, a republican form of government and will protect them against invasion."

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FIRST SAMOAN GLASH ENDS IN VICTORY FOR TREATY.

Senator Bacon Opposes Its Ratification, but the Foreign Relations Committee Reports It Favorably.

Georgian Insists That the People of Tutuila Island Should Be Permitted to Vote for American Sovereignty.

Morgan Tells Him the Islanders Know Nothing of the Ballot, and That They Will Be Satisfied with Justice.

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