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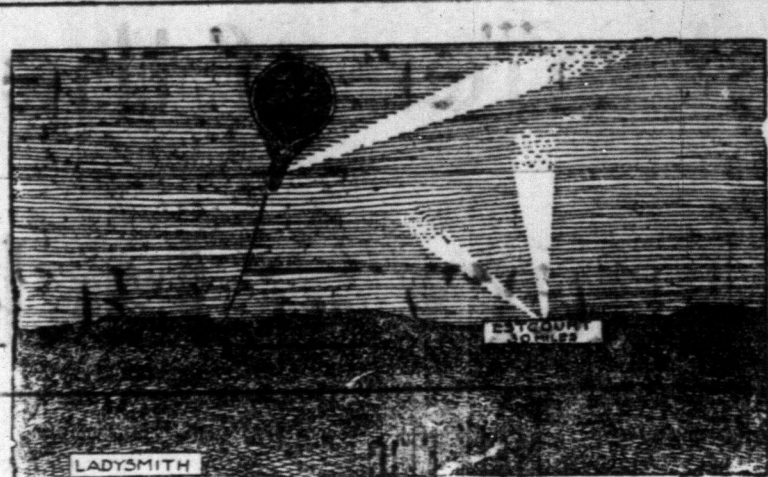
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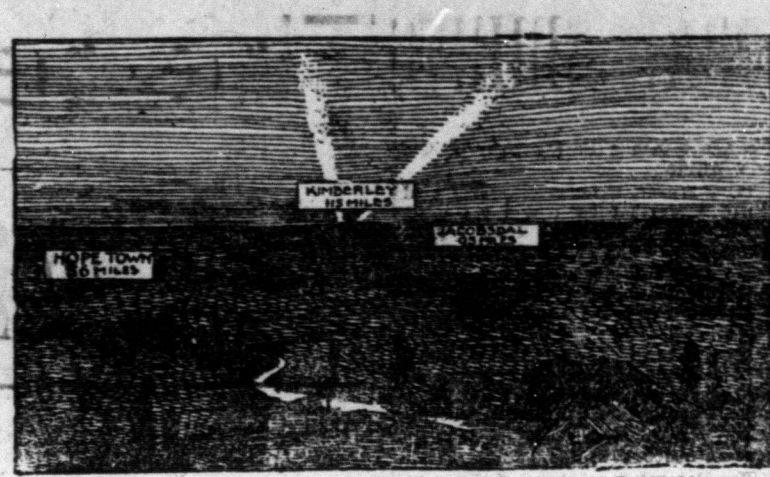
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WHEN SHELLS FLY.

The Residents of Ladysmith have to Dodge.

Look After my Cat Shouted a Wounded Professor and Then He Died.

London, Friday, Dec. 2.—George W. Stevens, war correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a despatch to that paper, covers events in Ladysmith from Nov. 10 to Nov. 20. He says:—
"The siege is degenerating into a farce. The sole hardship is the monotony, which has been broken only by our reconnaissance and one night alarm."

"On Nov. 14 a reconnaissance westward revealed the fact that the Boers were weak. It is stated that 4,000 were disclosed. I believe the number is fewer."

"Our guns silenced the enemy's, which reopened our retirement, with a loss of one wounded. The Boer loss is reported to have been forty. This is probably an exaggeration."

"On Nov. 15, at 12:30 o'clock, a dozen shells fell in Ladysmith, and rifle fire was heard. The troops tumbled out with the exception of one 'midshipman' who said he had the middle watch, and did not see why he should be awakened. Nothing followed."

"On November 17 there was a long and loud bombardment."

"Yesterday a railway guard was killed, and three civilians and two natives were wounded. The wounded are doing well."

"The Boers have mostly gone, leaving only a few known for remaining. The force known as Joubert's Transvaalers have marched south. The Free Staters have also gone in that direction."

"A few houses have been hit lately. The smoking-room of the Royal hotel has been smashed. The same morning a shell burst under a room in which several officers, including Col. Rhodes, were about to breakfast. A plank of the floor was blown up and stuck in the ceiling. Nobody was hurt, and the officers were at breakfast five minutes later."

"The health of the officers is excellent, though they are suffering from want of exercise."

"The latest eccentricity of the enemy was manifested at 7:30 when they fired three rounds from a howitzer. The second shot pierced the roof of the Royal hotel, ricocheted off a wall, flew out the front door, and kicked up a paving-stone without bursting. Mr. Smith, a naturalist, who was preparing a book on the entomology of Natal, was standing in the doorway. He was hurled into the street, and both his legs were torn off. He said, 'Look after my cat,' and died."

"The same afternoon a shell fell among some Gordon Highlanders who were playing football, and powdered a hole in the ground. The men continued their game, but afterwards, finding that they offered too good a target, they substituted mule polo for football."

"At 12:30 o'clock on the morning of November 19 I awoke and found the enemy firing a salvo of twenty guns. Though the fire was distributed evenly in the camp, it sounded as if each shell was coming into one's bed. We rushed to the assault of the Boer's, but they were not there. It was a false alarm, but their time was three-quarters of an hour late, and they merely intended to wind up the week in good style."

"Sunday (Nov. 19) there is the usual Sunday truce. On November 20 there was some languid shelling. No damage was done except to a church, the porch of which was smashed by a shot from the enemy's 'Long Tom.'"

THE WARNINGS.
I was milking in the meadow when I heard the lambs keening.
Sweet slept the little birds of May—the young lambs on the lea.
Upon the crag of Slievenamore the round, gold moon was leaning.
She parted from the hillside as the lambs keened to me.

I was weaving by the window when I heard the deathwatch beating.
The silence started tingling like the wind within a tree.
High and fair through cloud and air the silver moon was beating.
But the night began to darken as the death-watch beat for me.

I was sleeping on my pillow when I heard the dead man calling.
The dead man who lies drowned at the bottom of the sea;
Westward through gloom and gray I saw the dim moon falling.
Now I must rise and go to him, the dead who cries on me.

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Our lives are albums written through With good or ill, with false or true; And as the blessed angels turn The pages of our years, God grant they read the good with smiles And blot the ill with tears.

—Whittier.

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"They have several bright ways of doing things," he began. "Perhaps I need tell of but one to make their intelligence plain. Now, if a badger has vermin, do you know how he goes about it to rid himself of them?"

"Scratches 'em off," said the proprietor.

"No, sir, Mr. Badger isn't fool enough for that. He just goes to some stream, then he stands on the bank and reaches around with his mouth and pulls a little tuft of hair out of his tail. Now listen closely. With that bunch of hair in his mouth he turns around and backs slowly down into the river. The vermin naturally crawl to keep out of the water and begin to wend their way toward his neck, and as he dips himself down deeper into the water they hasten to his nose and then out on to the bunch of hair which he holds in his mouth. When Mr. Badger finds that they are all out on that little tuft, he opens his mouth and lets the current drift it down stream. Then he crawls out on land again, shakes himself and laughs, while he listens to the vermin floating away, singing 'A Life on the Ocean Wave.'—Denver Times.

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