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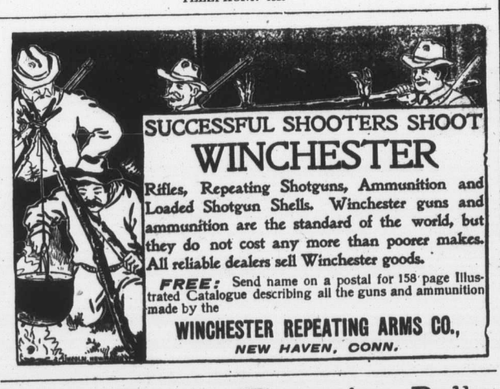

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GEN. JOUBERT MOVES SOUTH.

Will Prevent a Junction of British Forces If He Can.

All Quiet at Ladysmith, Where It Is Believed the Number of the Enemy Investing the Town Is Only Small—Boer Casualties Confirmed—British Are to Invest in Three Columns—Starving Boers Foraging for Food.

London, Nov. 21.—(5 a.m.)—The reports of the heavy fighting at Ladysmith last Wednesday have not been confirmed. On the contrary the most reliable advices from Estcourt indicate that there was nothing more than a desultory cannonade. Probably the rumor of a serious engagement grew out of the fact that the Boers threw a few harmless shells late Tuesday night, leading to the supposition than an attack was imminent. Nothing, however, happened Wednesday.

Beyond the fact that the Boers are daily receiving fresh reinforcements and supplies, there is practically nothing new from the front.

Boer Invasion Continues.

The Boer invasion of Cape Colony continues steadily and rapidly. There are 1300 Boers at Colesburg, and news has reached East London that Lady Grey, near Aliwal North has been deserted by the British and is now in the hands of the enemy.

British Prisoners at Pretoria.

A Pretoria despatch announces the arrival there among the British prisoners of Major Haldane, Lieut. Brockie and Lieut. Hallway. It also declares that the British on Sunday made two unsuccessful attempts to oust the Rustenburg commando from a position near Mafeking, and that severe fighting took place.

From Delagoa Bay come reports of the arrival of more German officers and artillerymen, who have volunteered to serve with the Transvaal forces.

More Troops Ordered From India.

The War Office semi-officially asserts that all news received from Africa has been published, with the exception of demands for the renewal of stores, war material and the like. There is an unconfirmed rumor that more troops have been ordered from India to the Cape.

The Operations on Both Sides.

The plan of operations on both sides is slowly unfolding itself. Gen. Joubert is evidently moving south to prevent, if possible, the junction of the British relieving force with the forces at Estcourt and Ladysmith, while on the Orange River border the Boers are believed to be concentrating at Donkerpoort to oppose Gen. Buller's advances. It is said that 6000 Boers have already laagered at Donkerpoort.

A Three-Fold Advance.

The English plan seems to be a three-fold advance—from Durban to Ladysmith, from Orange River to Kimberley and from East London by way of Queenstown to Burghersdorp. Gen. Buller has wired the commanding officer at Queenstown announcing the despatch of Gen. Gatacre, with the 1st Battalion of the Seventh Brigade to East London. This was the place from which it was originally intended that Gen. Gatacre's column should start. Thus, it is possible that Gen. Buller's first plans have suffered less modification than some have supposed.

Gen. Gatacre will be able to keep the Boers on the Orange border sufficiently occupied to preserve Gen. Methuen from undue molestation, especially if rumors from various sources are well founded, that describe the Free State burghers as in no wise enthusiastic for fighting.

Buller's Headquarters.

It has been reported that Gen. Buller will take up his quarters at De Aar. This seems doubtful. De Aar, where a vast amount of stores has been collected, is the base for Gen. Methuen's advances, and Gen. Buller may have been there for a day or so. It is believed, however, that he still has his headquarters at Cape Town.

Although Kimberley is supposed to be the objective of General Methuen, many military critics are of the opinion that his advance will be not toward Kimberley but across the Orange Free State, in order to secure complete command of the Orange River.

Debarkation of Troops.

The debarkation of troops at Cape Town is proceeding in the most satisfactory manner. One thousand eight hundred and fifty railway carriages have been collected there for the conveyance of troops northward, and there is talk of suspending the suburban traffic so as to accelerate military work.

JOUBERT CHANGES.

Goes South From Ladysmith to Prevent the Junction of the British Forces.

London, Nov. 21.—The Standard publishes the following from Ladysmith, dated Sunday, Nov. 19: "The arrival of the relief column at Estcourt has completely modified the plans of the enemy, and Gen. Joubert has moved to the south in an effort to prevent the junction of the two British forces."

To Meet Methuen's Forces.

Hope Town, Cape Colony, Nov. 16.—Yesterday the Boers occupied Camp Bell in West Griqualand.

Latest From Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, Thursday, Nov. 16.—(By runner to Estcourt.)—All well here, with nothing important to report. We are amply supplied with ammunition and confident of our ability to hold out. Information from outside is very scarce, but it is believed here that the Boers now investing the town are only a small force. The heavy weather continues and the rain is hampering the Boer operations severely.

6,000 BOERS ARE STARVING.

They Are Now Busy Foraging Toward Greytown.

Pietermaritzburg, Nov. 20.—A party of British heliographers, cut off by the Boers outside Estcourt, contrived to escape to New Hanover, on the Grey Town line, and arrived here to-day. They report that 6000 Boers, driven by starvation, are foraging toward Grey Town. No alarm is felt, but it may require a division of the relieving column to annihilate them.

HEAVY FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH.

On Nov. 9, 15 and 16 Boers Met With Great Losses.

London, Nov. 20.—A special from Estcourt, dated Nov. 20, says a report has reached there of a battle at Ladysmith Wednesday, Nov. 15, lasting from daybreak until 2 in the afternoon. Many Boers are said to have been killed, and many are reported to have been taken prisoners.

The British losses are reported to be much less.

Another battle is said to have occurred Thursday. It is described as the heaviest yet fought. The Boer dead number hundreds, while the British losses were comparatively small.

300 Killed; 500 Captured.

Estcourt, Nov. 20.—A despatch from Ladysmith tells of brilliant British victories with comparatively slight loss on our side, and heavy slaughter of the enemy. Ladysmith is full of wounded and captured Boers. It is reported that in the fighting on Nov. 9 the enemy lost 300 killed and 500 in captured.

BOERS MAY FALL BACK.

Transvaal Government Shipping Supplies to Pietermaritzburg.

Cape Town, Nov. 20.—It is believed here that the Boers, after losing a decisive battle in Natal, will abandon the invasion and flee with all haste to the Zoutpansberg region, northeast of Pretoria, whence, owing to the rocky, wooded and almost inaccessible nature of the passes, it will be extremely difficult to dislodge them. Information has been received here confirming this view. It is learned that the Transvaal Government is transporting vast stores of provisions and ammunition to the Pietersburg district. Pietersburg, 200 miles northeast of Pretoria, is the northern terminus of the Pretoria & Pietersburg Railway.

WAS IT YANKEE BEEF?

"Embalmed Beef" Alleged to Have Been Relabeled and Sold to the British Admiralty.

London, Nov. 21.—The Daily Chronicle, in its "war diary," says this morning: "Hitherto we have hesitated to speak of the quality of the tinned meats supplied to our troops, much of which has had to be thrown overboard; but we have made enquiries in quarters not likely to be influenced by there rumor, and we find there are suspicions that some of the meats supplied to the Government for use on British transports was meat which had been rejected by the United States during the hostilities in Cuba, where it was picturesquely known as "embalmed beef," and re-labeled with the mark of the current year. Whatever blunder there may have been must be laid not at the door of the War Office but at the door of the Admiralty, which has undertaken to feed the troops. Not a single complaint has come to hand regarding the quality of the War Office stores."

The Estcourt Enemy Located.

Escourt, Natal, Nov. 20.—(4.45 p.m.)—Major Bethuen's patrols have located the enemy on the northwest, about 10 miles off. The Boers would not be drawn.

Fighting is reported at the Mooi River.

The Boers are doing more losting than fighting, and all their parties south of Ladysmith are foraging on the farms.

The Boers are trying hard to influence and conciliate the Natal Kaffirs.

Basutos Will Be Quiet.

Maseru, Monday, Nov. 13.—Since the interview between Sir Godfrey Lagden, British Resident Commissioner in Basutoland, and the Basuto chiefs, the natives are more quiet. Chief Joel's attitude is due to intrigues of Field Cornet Raumenbach.

Sir Godfrey Lagden and Chief Lerothodi are in perfect agreement as to the importance of quietly defeating Field Cornet Raumenbach's intrigues.

Chocolate for Her Brave Boys.

London, Nov. 20.—At the Marquis of Lansdowne's suggestion the Queen has decided that her Christmas present to the troops in South Africa is to take the form of a tin of chocolate for each man.

IS THIS ANOTHER MURDER?

George Howeson Arrested at Norman on Such a Charge.

Rat Portage, Nov. 21.—A man named George Howeson, or Houston, a tailor, was arrested at Norman Sunday evening on a charge of murdering John Quinn, merchant tailor, with whom he had been lately employed in Norman. Quinn and Howeson came to Rat Portage on Friday evening, and were around town together until they left for home. They were seen by Conductor Kay at the same place, a short distance west of the Main-street crossing soon after, and they were apparently quarrelling at the time, and that was the last seen of Quinn and Howeson cannot account for his disappearance. The prisoner has told several different stories as to where he left Quinn, and it was this fact that led to his arrest.

A Big Warship Launched.

Glasgow, Nov. 21.—The Sutlej, the first of the four new armored cruisers of the Cressy class now building for the British Government was launched at the Clydebank yards of John Brown & Co. Saturday. The Sutlej is a vessel of 12,000 tons displacement. Its engines, fed by 30 Belleville boilers, are from the works of the Clydebank Company and are capable of developing 21,000 indicated horse-power. The armor belt is of six-inch Krupp steel and the vessel will carry two 8.2-inch, twelve 6-inch and seventeen smaller quick-firing guns.

The Robsons Were Drowned.

St. Thomas, Ont., Nov. 21. — It turns out that the fears of the loss of Capt. Ralph Robson and his brother, John, from the wreck of the schooner Maple Leaf, as reported Sunday, were but too well grounded. The two men were drowned, and the two surviving members of his crew, David Adams, and J. A. McIntosh, had a terrible experience. The storm struck them some twenty-five miles north of Cleveland on Friday night. Captain Robson was engaged to be married on Wednesday to Miss Clara Foster of Leamington.

Banquet to Mr. Latchford.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—At a meeting of Ottawa citizens last night it was decided to give a banquet to Hon. Frank Latchford. It is to be of a non-partisan character. P. D. Ross of the Evening Journal was selected to preside. The banquet will take place at the Russell House on Dec. 12.

Jane O'Reilly at the Assizes yesterday was awarded $23 damagee against Patrick Hickey for breach of promise.

Serious Floods in Greece.

Athens, Nov. 21.—The lower parts of Athens and Piraeus, the port of Athens, were flooded, as the result of the heavy rains yesterday and last night. Several Houses have fallen, and furniture, goods and cattle have been swept away. There has been some loss of life, and railway communication is interrupted.

Death of Lady Salisbury.

London, Nov. 21.—Lady Salisbury, wife of the Premier, who suffered a second stroke of paralysis in July last, died yesterday. She was a daughter of the late Hon. Sir Ed. Hall Anderson, a baron of the Court of Exchequer, and was married to the Marquis of Salisbury in 1857.

England Regrets His Death.

London, Nov. 21.—The death of Sir William Dawson has caused a widespread feeling of regret among British scientists. The Times says that by Sir William Dawson's death Canada loses a distinguished geologist and naturalist.

Burglars Stole Church Money.

St. John, N.B., Nov. 21.—Expert burglers entered Trinity Church last night, blew open an old iron safe and stole the Sunday contributions, amounting to $50. A valuable silver communion service, presented to the church by George III., was not disturbed.

Accidents Number 270.

Toronto, Ont., November 21.—Many more accidents are happening in Ontario factories this year than last. Already 270 have been reported, as against 180 last year.

SEVEN AMERICANS WOUNDED.

A Force Sent Out From Imus and Bacoor Met With a Reverse.

Manila, Nov. 21.—Two columns, one from Imus, and the other from Bacoor, converged on the Seapote bridge, where they found a deserted Filipino camp.

Two troops of the 4th Cavalry, four companies of the 4th Infantry and two guns of Capt. Riley's battery proceeded to Annaboo, south of Imus, and came upon the enemy entrenched at that point. They scattered the Filipinos, but, as the latter were subsequently reinforced, the Americans returned to Imus under fire, seven of our men being wounded. Our scouts found 15 dead insurgents at Annaboo.

Madrid, Nov. 21.—An official despatch from Manila says that 800 Spanish prisoners have been sent to the Province of Panay, and that the Americans have consented that a vessel with food and clothing shall be sent to get them.

WHY ARE CANADIANS LEFT.

Officers Want to Go to War But Applications Are "Queered."

Imperial Government Has Given Permission for Sixteen to Go to the Front for Educational Purposes, but for Some Reason Canada Fails to Take Advantage of the Chance—Major Dobell.

Montreal, Nov. 21.—A Star special cable from London says:

The War Office and the Colonial Office are being besieged with applications from colonists, including Canadians, some of whom have come specially to England, from Canada, asking for opportunity to serve in South Africa.

The invariable official reply is that, recognizing the importance of officers of the colonial forces acquiring experience in the field, the Imperial Government has given permission for two additional officers to accompany each colonial unit of 125 for instructional purposes. This gives Canada 16 extra officers.

The other colonies have sent their officers. Canada alone, so I learn officially, has failed to take advantage of this splendid educational opportunity. Why, nobody here can understand.

Major Drummond, Lord Minto's military secretary, is the only one from Canada, and he is not, of course, a Canadian. To the surprise of officials here, General Hutton last week cabled to one Canadian applicant here that there was no appointment available.

Supplies From Canada.

Halifax, Nov. 21.—Negotiations are being conducted which will probably result in a number of steamers leaving here for Cape Town with supplies. Overtures have been made to owners of steamships and in one case, that of the Tiber, the offer is said to have been accepted.

$10,000 Will Be Subscribed.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 21.—A public meeting was held here yesterday to promote subscriptions to the British South African war fund. It is expected that $10,000 will be subscribed. Addresses were delivered by Governor McCallum, Bishop Jones and Bishop Howley.

MAJOR DOBELL CAN'T GO.

War Office Declines to Allow Him to Leave Hongkong.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—The War Office has refused to sanction the appointment of Major Dobell, son of Hon. R. R. Dobell, as a special service officer attached to the Canadian contingent for South Africa. Major Dobell is with his regiment in Hongkong.

Nothing is known here of the statement that the battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment now en route to South Africa will not be sent to the front and the militia authorities discredit it. Such a matter would rest with General Buller, and it is thought no decision will be made until he has seen the men comprising the contingent.

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

American Citizens of British Nativity Cable $1,000 to London.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 21.—At an enthusiastic meeting of American citizens born on British soil, held in the rotunda of the Hotel Spokane last night, $1,000 was subscribed to the Mansion House fund for the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the Transvaal war, and that sum was cabled across the Atlantic. The gathering was marked by the recitation of the "Charge of the Light Brigade," and the hearty singing of "God Save the Queen" and the "Maple Leaf."

The meeting resulted in the formation of a permanent British Benevolent Association.

BRYAN WILL BE THE MAN.

Silver, Imperialism and Trusts Will Be the Main Issues.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—The Democratic national campaign for 1900 was practically inaugurated yesterday, when the members of the National Democratic Executive Committee met in secret session at the Sherman House.

Senator Jones, the chairman, voiced the sentiments of all the committeemen present when he said that silver, imperialism and trusts would be the main issues, and that Bryan, without any doubt, would be the nominee. Senator Jones would not discuss the relative importance of the three future planks, saying that this depended entirely upon the action of the country in which the matter was up for discussion.

Broke His Neck By a Fall.

Toronto, Nov. 21.—The new residence in course of construction for Mrs. E. A. Massey was the scene yesterday morning of a fatal accident. Timothy Martin and William Mason, builders' laborers, were standing on a scaffold, when one of the supports gave way and they fell to the ground, a distance of 25 feet. Martin alighted on his head on a plank, which covered a drain, directly under where he was working. His neck was broken, death being instantaneous. Mason alighted on a heap of earth, and escaped with a severe shaking up.

Goddard Still the Favorite.

Toronto, Nov. 21.—Jack McCormick arrived here yesterday from Philadelphia to finish up training for Saturday night's international contest with Joe Goddard of Australia. Goddard is still a slight favorite among the betting fraternity.

The Porte's Queer Demand.

Constantinople, Nov. 21—The Porte has addressed notes to the powers re-demanding the suppression of the foreign post-offices in Turkey. It is not believed the demand will be acceded to.

Robbed on His Way Home.

Forest, Ont., Nov. 21.—Mr. James Stubbs of the Port Frank celery farm was in town on Saturday disposing of a load of celery, and on his way home after night was held up by two masked men near the Jura school house, Bosanquet, and relieved of fifteen dollars and then allowed to proceed on his way. There is no trace of the highwaymen.

AN INSURGENT REVIVAL.

A Brush Near Imus—Filipinos Fired and Skipped Out.

Manila, Nov. 21.—There has been a revival of insurgent activity south of Manila, particularly in Cavite Province. At Imus yesterday the Filipinos fired a smooth bore cannon, but this was soon silenced by the American artillery. In the course of the morning Major Cowles, with a battalion of the 4th Infantry and two guns, scattered the enemy from the districts around Imus and in the direction of Perez das Marinas. The Americans could not pursue the retreating insurgents, because their ammunition was exhausted. The Filipinos were under the command of General Mariano Trias. Spies report that the insurgents are coming into Cavite Province from Calamba, in Laguna Province, and the other southerly provinces. The insurgents have smooth bores and two modern cannon. Firing was in progress during the afternoon, and it is reported that there are more insurgents in the vicinity of Imus than ever before.

AGRICULTURAL UNION.

Annual Meeting at Guelph on Dec. 6th—Guelph Fat Stock Show.

Toronto, Nov. 21.—The program is to hand for the next annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, which is to be held at the Agricultural College, Guelph starting Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, and closing Friday afternoon, Dec. 8.

The speakers who have been engaged to address the meeting are: George T. Powell, New York State; Hon. John Dryden, Hon. Charles Drury, Prof. James W. Robertson, Prof. C. C. James, John I. Hobson, Nelson Monteith, M.P.P., G. C. Creelman, B.S.A., etc.

As the college was established in 1874, the quarter-century anniversary of the institution will be celebrated in a special way at the time of the union meeting.

A good opportunity will be afforded those in attendance at the union meeting to visit the Guelph Fat Stock Show, which is to be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of December.

WENT OVER THE FALLS.

Stranger Drove to Prospect Point and Walked Into the Rapids.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Nov. 21.—A middle-aged, well-dressed man engaged a hack here yesterday afternoon and was driven to Prospect Point, overlooking the Falls. Arriving there he brushed past a number of people and deliberately walked into the rapids, passing over the Falls almost immediately. There is no clue to his identity.

CASTRO HAS A FOOTING NOW.

The Revolutionary Government Recognized by Uncle Sam.

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 21.—The United States Government has officially recognized the de facto Government headed by General Cipriano Castro, the victorious revolutionary leader.

RAILROAD'S RIGHT OF WAY.

A Decision Adverse to the Claims of the Northern Pacific.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 21.—Judge Prather, on Saturday rendered an oral decision at Spokane against the Northern Pacific, of a claim to 200 feet on each side of the track as its permanent right of way. The case involves millions of dollars. The claim of the company rests on the contention that, once granted 200 feet on each side of its track through the public domain as right of way, no part of this property may ever be taken up. The decision of the court is that except for a strip of land actually needed for the railroad's right of way, the public can acquire full title to the remainder by adverse possession. The railroad company will appeal.

MARINE MATTERS.

The date of the Provincial bye-elections will be decided on Monday afternoon, when the Cabinet meets.

The schooner Rattler is now 88 days out of Kodiak, Alaska, and it is feared that she has gone down.

The storms of the last six days have caused extensive damage to shipping in the region of St. John's, Nfld.

The Elder-Dempster SS. Merrimac, Captain Evans, from Quebec Oct. 26, for Belfast, is now 10 days overdue, and considerable anxiety is commencing to be felt in commercial circles for her safety.

The Anchor Line steamer Conestoga ran into the crib outside Chicago harbor during a fog early Thursday morning and stove a hole in the bow. The captain ordered all steam on and ran for shore. The vessel got in far enough to ground before sinking, and no one was lost, but the cargo was damaged $100,000 worth.

UNCLASSIFIED.

There was a brilliant display of November meteors between 2 and 5 o'clock Thursday morning at Berlin.

Canada consumed 2,000,000 bunches of Jamaican bananas and 600,000 barrels of oranges from the same place last year.

Frank Love, Q.C., London, has received the appointment to the Police Magistrate's bench, rendered vacant by the death of E. J. Parke.

Two new cases of bubonic plague and three deaths from the disease were reported to the health authorities at Oporto on Thursday.

The earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway system from 8th to 11th November, 1899, $580,128; 1898, $521,683; increase, $58,445.

A meteor fell on the farm of Casper Accola at Barboo, Wis., on Thursday night, tearing up the earth and burying itself to the distance of several feet.

Emperor William, the Empress and two of their sons, Auguste William and Oscar, left Potsdam at 8 o'clock Friday morning for Kiel, on their way to England.

R. L. Clute, Q.C., Toronto, has been appointed commissioner by the Dominion Government to investigate certain grievances of the miners in the Slocan, B.C., district.

The entire whaling fleet with the exception of the steam barques Balena, Grampus, Narwhal and Fearless, which will winter in the Arctic, have now reached San Francisco, Cal.

The Provincial Board of Health met on Friday at the Parliament Buildings. Dr. Bryce presented a report, showing that there are now 45 cases of smallpox in Essex County.