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## FIGHTING

### Great Battle in Progress in Natal Between the Boers and British.

#### Gen. White's Column Reported to Have Taken the Aggressive.

#### Mafeking is Being Stormed by the Boers, But is Holding Out.

#### Armored Train Captured and Fifteen British Troops Killed.

#### Free State Forces Invading Natal in Two Columns of 12,000 Men

#### English Cabinet Meeting—Canada Will Equip a Regiment to Send to the Cape—Manchester Troops Arrive.

London, Oct. 13.—The chief war interest has been transferred to the western border of the Transvaal, around Mafeking, where Colonel Baden Powell is in command, has been isolated since Thursday. A Capetown despatch says the Boers are attacking Mafeking, but have been repulsed several times.

It is admitted if the Boers make a strong attack on Vryburg it cannot be withstood.

Other despatches received here record the skill of the Boers in derailing an armor train near Vryburg and then shelling it. They must have had accurate information of the movements of the train.

Two seven pounders on the train, intended to strengthen the defenses of Mafeking, were captured by the Boers. It is reported in Capetown that all men in charge of the train, except the engineer, were captured.

Edinburgh, Oct. 13.—The Scotsburg today publishes a statement to the effect that the Boers have gone through Van Reenan's pass with eleven guns and a battle is now raging. It adds that General White, commander of the British forces at Natal, has twelve guns, and is confident of success.

London, Oct. 14.—A despatch from Lady Smith, Natal, to the Telegraph says a strong column under General White proceeded before daybreak Friday toward Acton Homes, which is fifteen miles from Lady Smith.

#### THE INVASION OF NATAL.

London, Oct. 13.—The great battle reported between General White and the Boers brings the war center back to Natal. It is known that White's defensive plans did not preclude his taking the offensive when the situation demanded.

It is clear that a great double invasion of Natal is being made by 12,000 Free State Boers over Tintwa Pass and a greater force of Boers through Van Reenan's Pass, who will co-operate with the Boers descending from Laign's Nek, the object being to get the British between two fires. The British have the choice of retiring towards the Natal coast or first engaging the invaders from the Free State, and then facing the enemy from Laign's Nek.

#### FRANCE AND RUSSIA WATCHING.

Paris, Oct. 13.—The Russian foreign minister, Muravieff, who is visiting here, will delay his departure, owing to the situation in South Africa. The Russian ambassador and President Loubet will give dinners in his honor. Rumors are afloat in political circles here that France and Russia are keenly watching the progress of the war in South Africa and will take advantage of developments there.

#### ARMORED TRAIN CAPTURED.

London, Oct. 13.—The Evening News has the following despatch from Capetown: "An armored train has been destroyed south of Mafeking, and fifteen British soldiers killed. The Boers shelled the wreckage after the train was derailed."

"Apart from the destruction of the armored train, the most notable change in the position of affairs is the presence of the Boers at Mariboro, 40 miles

south of Mafeking, it seems to indicate they are endeavoring to get Colonel Baden Howell between two fires. The gravity of the Boer advance is better estimated when it is realized they will thereby cut the railway and telegraph communication on the north, isolating several British positions, which must be speedily relieved.

Despite the optimistic reports of the ability of Mafeking to repel the attack, the greatest anxiety prevails here regarding the situation, as it is known the redoubtable commandant, Cronje, who captured the Jameson raiders, is the strongest command in the field, with the exception of Commandant Jaubert's force. Cronje's troops number between 9,000 and 10,000 men.

#### REFUGEES SAFE.

Vryburg Oct. 13.—A train from Mafeking with 300 women and children passed Vryburg on the way to Kimberly. All on board were well. An official despatch received at Colonial office says: "An armored train was destroyed near Kraipan station while on the way to Mafeking with guns." This disposes of the fear that many women and children were involved in the disaster.

#### KAFFER ENCAMPMENT.

Lorenzo Marquez, Oct. 10.—Ten thousand Kaffirs from the Rand were brought here by train and are now encamped about six miles outside of town. Steamers are being chartered to take them to Limpopo district.

#### WARNING TO BE READY.

Capetown, Oct. 13.—A despatch from Coleburg, just south of the Orange river, announces that the town was warned to be in readiness for an attack yesterday. The attack did not occur. The inhabitants, according to the despatch, "are wavering and uncertain whether to greet the Boers with cold lead or hot coffee."

#### WAR EXPENSES.

London, Oct. 13.—The government has already expended 5,000,000 pounds (about \$25,000,000) in naval and military preparations, the orders placed with contractors alone this week amounting to 600,000 pounds (about \$3,000,000).

#### CABINET MEETING.

The cabinet met at noon today. Public interest in the decisions is very keen. Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain, with other popular favorites, were cheered as they arrived. Although the latest phase of the situation in South Africa was considered, the principal business was to arrange respecting the text of the queen's speech on the reassembling of parliament next Tuesday. The cabinet adjourned at 2 o'clock.

#### CANADA WILL SEND TROOPS.

Montreal, Oct. 13.—The Canadian government has definitely decided to send a contingent of a thousand men to aid England in the Transvaal at Canada's own expense. The men will be picked marksmen.

## THE NEW ORLEANS TO BE GOT READY IN SIX DAYS

#### Navy Department Reject Recommendation for Repairs.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The navy department today rejected the recommendation forwarded from New York to the navy department for certain work on the machinery of the cruiser New Orleans, which would delay its departure for Manila. The rejection was based on a telegram from Admiral Rodgers, one of the members of the board sent to investigate the repairs needed. The telegram stated that all essential work on the cruiser could be completed in six days.

## TO BE INSPECTED BY SHAFTER.

Washington, October 13.—Secretary Root this morning informed General Shafter that six of the additional volunteer regiments have been ordered to report to him for embarkation for Manila. Shafter has been instructed to have each regiment thoroughly instructed on arrival and see that it is fully equipped.

## NO YACHT RACE.

New York, Oct. 13.—There was no wind, and a heavy fog obscured the bay this morning. It was still thick and windless when the hour arrived for the Columbia and Shamrock to race, and the contest was declared off for the sixth time. The yachts will try again tomorrow.

## THE FEVER IN KEY WEST.

Key West, Oct. 13.—There were seventeen new cases and no deaths today.



## Why So Many Wear Glasses?

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## IMPORTANCE OF NICARAGUA CANAL

#### DISCUSSED AT CLOSING SESSION OF INDUSTRIAL CONVENTION.

#### Resolution Passed to Encourage Congressional Action.

#### A Speech on the Subject by Senator Morgan—Association Made Permanent and to Hold Semi-Annual Conventions.

Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 13.—After passing a resolution urging every southern senator and member of congress to assist Senator Morgan in the work of inducing congress to build the Nicaragua canal, the Southern Industrial convention adjourned this evening sine die. Morgan, in an address on the subject of the canal, said:

"Hitherto the people of the United States have not appreciated the importance of this canal. During the recent war, when one of our battleships had to go around the Horn, the people generally realized its importance. It is predicted that the canal will be built within six years.

The following recommendations were adopted by the convention: That the association be made permanent and hold meetings each sixth month in the various cities of the south; that industrial and immigration bureaus be established in every southern state to assist in building up the different states, and that the race problem be entirely separated from politics.

## OVATION TO M'KINLEY AT FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

#### Honors Shared With State Regiment Just Returned.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 13.—President McKinley received the greatest ovation of his northwestern trip in this city tonight. The president's party shared the honors with the First regiment, North Dakota volunteers, who had just returned from Manila.

It was planned to have a parade in which the volunteers were to participate, but as the presidential party was late in arriving it was abandoned.

McKinley delivered an address, lauding the loyalty of Americans and advocating the upholding of the flag. The presidential train subsequently left for Aberdeen.

The president made several speeches at various cities and towns in Minnesota en route here.

## JEFFRIES STRAINS A TENDON.

Asbury Park, N. J., Oct. 13.—Jeffries strained a tendon of his arm while training today, and the injury is of such a serious nature that he says the fight with Sharkey will have to be postponed.

## A RACE ROW THREATENED.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 13.—There is trouble at Waterloo tonight, caused by the whipping of a negro by white men yesterday. Communication with the town is interrupted. The sheriff of Laurens and a number of deputies have gone to the scene, the negroes having threatened to retaliate on the whites.

## COLLISION OF TROLLEY CARS.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 13.—By a collision today of trolley cars on the Syracuse Lakeside & Baldwinville trolley line, twenty persons were painfully injured, several seriously.

## MONTREAT ASSOCIATION.

#### Work on the New Road Has Been Completed.

Weston R. Giles, manager of the Montreat association has notified the members of the executive committee of that association that the road work which the committee had ordered done

some time ago had been completed and suggested that the committee arrange for some additional work. A number of paths through the mountains, from which the beautiful scenery may be viewed, will now be made, and the park grounds which lie between the river and the new association road, will be put in attractive condition.

J. H. Tucker of Asheville, is a member of the committee and will go to Montreat the first of next week to give his attention to the proposed improvements.

## ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S FLAG HAULED DOWN

#### Departs for Boston to Take Charge of Navy Yard.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 13.—Admiral Sampson hauled down his flag as commander of North Atlantic squadron this evening and left for Philadelphia, en route for Boston, where he will raise his flag as commander of the Boston navy yard.

The admiral came ashore in his gig, which was rowed by his officers. On reaching the pier the officers gave three cheers for their senior, which was repeated when he boarded the steamer bound for Philadelphia. From Philadelphia he goes to New York. Captain Sigbee is in temporary command of the squadron.

## AN APPEAL FROM CUBA FOR CIVIL GOVERNMENT

#### La Lucha Says Military Government is Hopeful to Cubans.

Havana, Oct. 13.—La Lucha in an editorial today appeals to Washington to establish a civil government here. It says that four hundred years of military government under Spanish rule has made the people hate such a government. It says the time is now favorable for the establishment of a civil government. The paper says that American troops can remain to guarantee order.

## THESE BANK ROBBERS ALL FARED BADLY.

#### One Was Shot Dead, One Was Captured and the Third Killed Himself.

Knoxville, Oct. 13.—Masked robbers entered the bank at Sevierville this morning and attempted to rob the vault. There were three men in the gang, all of them having gone from this city during the night.

The president, William McMahon, threw his loose money into the safe and seized a gun. His first shot killed the leader of the robbers, George Thurman. Citizens hearing the shooting arrived at the bank. The assistant cashier, John Marshall, rushed out at a side door and shot two of the robbers' horses.

Cal Derrick one of the robbers, was arrested after being wounded. Will Derrick got on one horse and rode a mile, pursued by a posse. On being surrounded by the men, he fled into a barn, where he committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The affair has caused great excitement. Sevierville is about forty miles from this city.

## A YOUNG MAN ASSASSINATED.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 13.—Edward P. Royle, a prominent young man of Union Springs, Ala., was assassinated last night while walking home. He was fired on from a clump of willows on the road side. Three balls penetrated his abdomen. The assassination has caused tremendous excitement.

## ONE NEW CASE AT JACKSON.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 13.—One case of yellow fever was reported today at West Jackson.

## DEWEY'S GIFT.

After nearly fifty years, George Dewey is again upon the old campus and treading these venerable halls possessed of little more of accumulated wealth than when he left. His gift to his college far surpasses the value of endowments and buildings. It is the example for all time of the Norwich student, who, without influence or assistance, by his steadfastness, pluck and genius, became the hero of the American navy and the conqueror of a new world for his country.

This day is an influence in breaking the spell of gross materialism, which binds the closing year of the nineteenth century. It opens for the twentieth nobler aims and higher ideals. The ingenious youth can see that comfort, happiness and fame are possible in art and letters, in the service of humanity and the service of the country. We are to become broader and more liberal in our associations. Wealth is to find that it is honored by artists, statesmen, jurists, men and women of letters, educators and officers of the army and navy being invited to participate in the social opportunities which money gives. The pleasures of the fortunate are to be enormously enriched by the presence of achievement and genius from many departments under hospitable roofs. The characteristic of our time is the equal struggle for social position and material gain. There is, unfortunately, a wide spread belief that society recognizes only people of large incomes and lavish expenditures. Let the barriers of exclusiveness be lowered for the worthy and cultured, for those distinguished in public life and the professors, for talent which adds to the improvement, enjoyment

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## AN ADDRESS BY DEPEW

#### At Yesterday's Ceremonies at the New Hall of Norwich University.

#### Admiral Dewey Laid the Corner Stone.

#### He Was Eulogized by the New York Senator.

#### The Notable Career of the Hero of Manila From Boyhood.

#### DEPEW SPEAKS OF THE DUTY OF THE NATION IN THE PHILIPPINES—A LARGE MILITARY AND CIVIL PARADE AT NORTHFIELD.

Northfield, Vt., Oct. 13.—Admiral Dewey laid the cornerstone of the memorial hall of Norwich university here today. There was a large military and civil parade, and the city was gaily decorated, and there were crowds of visitors. When the admiral laid the stone he said: "I pronounce this stone carefully and truly laid." After the ceremonies Dewey left for Boston.

The speech of the day at the laying of the cornerstone was delivered by Senator Chauncey M. Depew, who spoke as follows:

The greetings and applause which accompanied Admiral Dewey around the world, the welcome and triumphal processions of his fellow countrymen, the imposing ceremonies at the national capital and the capital of his native state, have their fitting close at the university where the foundations of his fame were laid. He returns from his victories to his Alma Mater and lays his laurels upon her shrine. Here precept and example, teaching and tradition, made the man. The home-coming of the alumnus during commencement days to the university is always an interesting incident in his life, but when he comes back crowned with glory and honor to acknowledge his debt, the old college has fresh inspirations for her sons.

Forty-five years ago a young man graduated from here and entered the naval academy at Annapolis. At this institution he had found the bent of his mind and decided upon his career. The allurements of commerce and fortune did not tempt him. The pathways of the professions and industrial preferment which attract the most of the youth of America had no charms for young Dewey. To win his way in the service of his country was his ambition. The period of his active life is the most wonderful half century in the history of the world. It is the era of invention, of discovery, of the utilization of the forces of nature to the service of mankind. The rapid evolution and development of the arts and industries have piled up gigantic fortunes for the able, far sighted and adventurous. The contention and competition for great wealth have absorbed the best talent and the vital energies of the people. The hot race for money has drawn the strongest from every walk in life. To get rich has seemed to foreign and domestic observers the sole teachings of our schools, and its reward of luxury and power the most satisfactory attainments.

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