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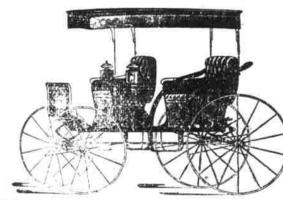
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A BATTLE AT BELMONT

Destreicher's, Methune Drives the Boers From a Strong Position After Hard Fighting.

> Many Killed and Wounded and Forty-one Prisoners.

British Loss 58 Killed, 128 Wounded and 18 Missing.

REPORTS THAT THE BOERS KEEP UP A DESULTORY BOMBARDMENT OF KIMBERLY ENEMY DRIVEN BACK BY A SORTIE.

London, Nov. 28.-The war office posted a despatch from General Methune, dated Belmont, the 23d (today) saying he attacked the enemy at daybreak in a strong position, which he carried successfully. The enemy he says, fought with courage and skill, but the victory for the British was complete.

Many Boers were killed and wounded and forty prisoners were taken, together wiih a large amount of horses and

Methuen says he also destroyed a large amount of ammunition.

He adds that the British loss was ment. three officers and fifty-five men killed, twenty-two officers and one hundred and twenty-eight men wounded and eighteen missing.

KIMBERLY BOMBARDMENT. London, Nov. 23 .- The war office re-

ceived a despatch from General Buller, dated the 23d (today), stating that Long. Kimberly reports that the Boers maintained a desultory bombardment of the town on the 13th, 14th and 15th, and that their fire was indifferent. He says that on the morning of the 16th a sortie was made to Carter's farm and there was an artillery engagement in which two British were wounded. In a sortie from Bulpriten on the 16th the British, he reports, drove the enemy back to the edge of Alexander's fountain. 'He says the enemy is reported to be concentrating south of Kimberly. BULLER IN NATAL.

Cape Town, Nov 23.-General Buller has gone to Natal. He is expected to return shortly.

METHUNE'S VICTORY.

London, Nov. 23 .- The sharp blow that General Methune's column dealt the Boers at Belmont temporarily shifts the centre of war interest from Natal. Methume's victory is the first British success of consequence since the battle of Elandslaagte. The British loss in killed, however, exceeds that of any previous single engagement except that outside of Lady Smith, which involved the Nicholson's Nek MUCH YET TO BE LEARNED.

There is clearly much to be learned yet regarding the value of Methune's victory. It is not known whether the

British remained in possession of the captured position. The destruction of ammunition suggests that they did not, and the missing men is a possible further indication of their inability to hold the position.

#### FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF MONITOR PASSAIC.

is Blowing.

Norfolk, Nov. 23 .- A heavy gale prevails off the coast tonight and fears are expressed for the safetly of the old monitor Passaic, which is being towed from Pensacola to Philadelphia to be sold for junk. The tug towing her coaled here last night and proceeded with her in tow. A particularly heavy sea is running and the monitor if she has not passed the storm zone is believed to be with her crew, in the greatest peril. It is feared she may founder. It is hoped, however, she has taken refuge in some harbor.

#### CHAMBERLAIN VISITS WILLIAM.

London, Nov. 23.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain had an interview with Emperor William and the German miniter of foreign affairs at Windsor Castle today. There is much speculation as to the object of Chamberlain's visit.

### CUBANS IN NEED OF AID

Havana, Nov. 23.—The workmen's club of Puerto Principe have petitioned the civil governor to furnish work for two thousand men to save their families from starvation. The veterans association decided to postpone a proposed entertainment for Friday on ac-Agent for Ruffled Net and Lace Cur- count of the death of vice-President Hobart.

## LADIES ASKED TO CO-OPERATE.

BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NA-TIONAL PARK ASSOCIA-TION YESTERDAY

MORNING.

Appointments Made on Three Standing Committees.

Delegates Visited the Biltmore Estate and the Normal and Collegiate Institute During the Morning-Fortysix Charter Members Sign By-Laws the First Night.

The National Park convention has come and gone, and like Caesar, "veni, vidi, vici," or at least got the park movement so thoroughly under way that its success is simply a matter of continuing in the same energetic way. The delegates have returned to their homes, and all have pledged their earnest support in every way. There were forty-six charter members of the association who signed the by-laws Wednesday night, almost all of them from out of town, which shows a remarkable interest in the Appalachian National. Park association.

The delegates took the drive over the Biltmore estate yesterday morning, and their praise of what they saw was genuine and unstinted. On their return they visited the Normal and Collegiate Institute, and were greatly pleased at the appearance of everything there. A few of the delegates went direct to Biltmore to catch the train, while the rest took trains later in the day.

THE DRIVE

LADIES ASKED TO HELP. Before the drive the board of direc-

fors held a meeting and made additions to several committees. They also passed a resolution asking the ladies of the country to participate and lend their aid and influence in the park move-

STANDING COMMITTEES. The following are the appointments for the different standing committees,

that were announced: The committee on membership: L. P. McLoud, chairman, E. R. Pinckney. H. Claybrook James, Dr. A. H Porter, B. H. Cosby, H. C. Eccles, S. C. Welch,

T. W. Patton, Fred A. Hull, M D. The committee on ways and means: W. B. Gwyn, chairman, Moses H. Crane, Greensboro, N. C., S. Wittkowsky Charlotte, N. C., P Garlington,

Spartamburg, S. C., J. F. Hayes, Sap-

The committee on petitions and memorials: M V. Richards, Washington, D. C., chairman; E. P. McKissick, Asheville; N. C., Charles McNamee, N. C. J. A Holmes, N. C., J. F. Hayes, N. C., Pleasant V. Stovall, Ga., N. G. Gonzales, S. C., Geo. H. Smathers, N. C. Hon. J S. Carr, N. C., S. P. Ravenell, N. C.; Frank Loughran, N. C.; A. M. Waddell, N. .C: Josephus Daniels, N. C. H. S. Harkins.

The publishers of the "Forester have asked Dr. Ambler, the secretary, for a report of the convention, which issue of thatpaper.

#### NORTH CAROLINA SENATORS

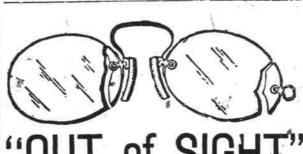
To Attend Funeral of the Vice-President.

Senator Pritchard and Senator Butler left vesterday to attend the funeral of Vice President Hobart. Senator Butler regretted that he could not visit the Normal and Collegiate school yesterday with the other delegates who came here to attend the park convention but as he had been chosen a pall bearer of the vice president it was necessary for him to leave early during the afternoon. Senator Pritchard will return to Marshall Monday.

**OUESTION OF SUBMARINE BOATS.** 

Washington, Nov. 23 .- No direct recommendation for the construction of submarine torpedo boats will be contained in the secretary of the navy's annual report, but the secretary will call attention to a favorable view of the THURE BRANDT MASSAGE FOR She Has Put to Sea and a Fierce Gale recent test of the submarine boat H in land expressed by the naval board of inspetcion, and leave it to congress to adopt the policy to be pursued in regard to the adoption of such boats.

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# NEAR ILOILO

Four Americans Killed and 25 Wounded by the Insurgents.

Wounded in Minor Others Engagements.

ANGUINALDO'S PURSUIT.

Said to be Fleeing Northward Along the West Coast.

THIS REPORT GIVES GRATIFICA TION TO WAR DEPARTMENT OF-FICIALS-BOLOMEN SURPRISE EIGHTEENTH REGIMENT AND SOME WERE WOUNDED.

Manila, Nov. 23.—General Otis has received advises from Iloilo that in a fight north of that place two days ago with the insurgents four Americans were killed and twenty-five wounded. Among the wounded are three officers. Colonel Carpenter's command and General Huches' advanced three days before into the enemy's territory around Hoilo for the purpose of clearing the country of rebels. Small detachments were encountered and dispersed. Twelve Americans were wounded near Paria. The Eighteenth regiment were surprised by Bolomen concealed in the shrubbery and a number of them were severely wounded. A quantity of supplies and arms were captured:

AGUINALDO'S FIGHT. Washington, Nov. 23 .- Nothing was received from General Otis today concerning the operations in Luzon. Press despatches saying that Aguinaldo is supposed to be making for Ilocos caused much gratification to the war department officials. It is believed that South Hocos is meant. This information indicates that Againaldo is sticking closely to the west coast and has not struck eastward toward Bayombong. There is a good road trail following the west coast to the very northermost end of the island, and

#### WHY SCHLEY WAS SENT TO SOUTH AMERICA.

Aguinaldo has evidently found it to his

advantage to keep this.

Washington, Nov. 23.-Secretary Long said today it was ridiculous to say that the bureau of navigation was responsible for withholding permission to Scley to visit South African waters. He declared that the instructions directing Schley not to proceed to African waters until further orders was will be sent, for use in next month's due to an agreement between the state and navy departments. It was decided for diplomatic reasons that the South Atlantic squadron should remain in South American waters, so that if any change in the South African situation should occur necessitating the presence of the cquadron it would be within reach of the depart-

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#### **COEBEL LOSES THE** LOUISVILLE CONTEST.

Votes of Jefferson County Will be Counted as Cast.

Louisville, Nov. 23.—The local election commissioners today refused to throw out the vote of Louisville and Jefferson county, which gave Taylor, republican, for governor, 3,401 plurality, and decided to certify to the state board all the evidence in the contest.

Despite repeated defeats in various contests Goebel and his friends wear a confident air and claim enough counties will be thrown out to give Goebel a safe majority.

#### M'COY AND MAHER

WILL NOT FIGHT.

The "Kid" Needed a Doctor's Care at His Home at White Plains.

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 23 .- Mc-Coy and Maher will not fight for the \$20,000 purse at Coney Island on December 11. McCoy is a very sick man and on advice of the phycisian who is attending him at his home here, he has abondoned training for the match with Maher. McCoy was seen at home this evening. He appeared to be broken up. He seemed to feel badly over his inability to meet Maher and said that as soon as he got well Maher would be the first man he would meet. McCoy's physician says his patient has debilitated his nervous system by past continuous severe training and that he has advised him to retire from the ring for

#### MILES TALKS OF BOER WAR.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 23.-General Miles arrived here today from Galveston on his tour of inspection of the forts of the Pacific and Gulf coasts. Gen. Miles declined to talk about the Philippines but was outspoken about the Boer war. He says that while the Brit ish have the advantage of numbers the Boers offset this by knowledge of the country, and Miles thinks the British will have a great deal of trouble in transportation and supplies for the army because of the destructive native

#### WHEELER'S PHILIPPINE VIEWS.

Boston, Nov. 23.-General Wheeler has written a letter to W. C. Kinsley, of the G. A. R. post here, in which he says he is pleased with the Philippines and thinks its climate to be far better than the average. He declares that to desert the Philippines now would be to subject them to confiscation. He says that Atkinson and his followers have done a great deal to encourage

#### THE COLOMBIA REVOLUTION.

Colon, Nov. 23.-Tumaca Port, in the southwestern part of Columbia, has been closed to foreign commerce. It is reported the city has been captured by government forces. The conscription to obtain men to

suppress the revolution is very rigid.

#### THE VICTIMS OF THE MAINE.

Washington, Nov. 23.-Preliminary sailing orders for the Texas to go to Havana to take on board the bodies of the victims of the Maine were issued today. She will proceed there after participating in the celebration at Brunswick, Ga. Final orders for her to proceed to Havana will be issued Decem-

#### MET DEATH AT HANDS OF MOB.

Jackson, Ga., Nov. 23 .- It is defimet death at the hands of a mob. The Dewey accepted the invitation. negro was frightened away from Mc-Clure's house by the appearance of Mc-Clure who was just in time to rescue

#### POSTAL RATES TO PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Nov. 23 .- The postmasto Rico, Gwam and the Philippines or between these islands and the United pansion and free silver. States shall be subject to United States domestic classification and rates of postage.

#### THE NATIONAL PARK.

We have in North Carolina the most massive and most beautiful mountains in adding to our usual holiday line an east of the Rockies, and the finest hard wood forests on the continent, and of course we hope to see this proposed national park include the noblest of these mountains and the wildest of these intervening gorges But this is more than a local problem. It will interest as large a portion of the country as any of the national parks now in existence; it will preserve the headwaters of some of our most important streams. Let our sister states aid us in securing this great park, which will be theirs as well as ours, and their citizens can come and fish with us along the mountain brooks. Later, if other parks are desired North Carolina will aid in their establishment, the more of them the better. Let us at all events, preserve several samples of these splendid forests, so that the succeeding generations can at least see in imagination, the glorious heritage which their fathers destroyed.-Charlotte Observer.

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# **EXPLOSION** IN NEW YORK

Sixteen Men Blown High in Air at Canal Street and Broadway.

A By-Stander Killed and Seven Persons Wounded.

GAS LEAK IN A SUBWAY.

Surprising Escape of the Men Working in the Excavation.

STRANGE ACCIDENT IN A CROWDED PARK OF THE CITY THAT THREW THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD INTO A PANIC.

New York, Nov. 23 .- One man was killed and seven more or less injure1 by an explosion of gas, which had leaked into a subway from a broken gas pipe, at the corner of Canal street and Broadway this afternoon. Sixteen laborers were at work in the excavation, engaged in opening a subway for the purpose of changing the motive power at that point. One of them carried u lighted lamp, which ignited the escan-

ing gas, and caused the explosion. The noise was terrific and caused a panic in the neighborhood. People fle.1 in all directions and several of them were thrown down by the force of the

WINDOWS SHATTERED.

Windows in a number of buildings in the vicinity were shattered. That hundreds were not killed is little less than miraculous, as the point where the explosion occurred is one of the busiest in the city and is more or less crowded by pedestrians at all hours of the day.

REMARKABLE ESCAPES. The explosion tore up the street for several yards. How the men working in the excavation escaped will never be known. All were thrown high in the air and some of them found themselves forty feet away. The man killed was Charles O'Neil, starter of one of the surface roads. A plank over the excavation was thrown high in the air and fell on his head, crushing the skull.

#### GEN. WOOD'S PLAN FOR

WITHDRAWING TROOPS Santiago, Nov. 22.-General Wood will sail for the United States tomorrow. It is believed he is summoned to Washington to consult in regard to his recommendations for the withdrawal of the American troops from Cuba and the substitution of several regiments of natives under an American of. ficer. Wood's scheme if adopted will save the United States much money

#### and many lives. A PRESENT TO DEWEY.

Washington, Nov. 23 .- A delegation of citizens from Wheeling today presented Admiral and Mrs. Dewey with a handsome jardiniere as a wedding gift. The delegation also invited the couple to be the guests of the city on February 22, the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet commemorative of Fort nitely stated today that the negro who Henry, upon the site of which the city attempted an assault upon the person now stands and where the last battle of Mrs McClure Monday morning has of the revolutionary war was fought.

#### KNIGHTS OF LABOR AGAINST M'KINLEY.

Boston, Nov. 23.-The Knights of Labor convention today resolved to compass the defeat of McKinley because they declared he was the enemy of labor, inasmuch as he made no effort ter general has ordered that all mail to redress the wrongs existing in Cuba matter between the United States, Por- and Wardner, Idaho. The convention also resolved to denounce trusts, ex-

#### THE STATE OF TRADE

The state of trade has warranted us additional lot of gold and silver articles in more expensive goods than we have carried before in several years. We hope this change will meet with the approval of the public and desire the pleasure of showing you our holiday stock which will be ready about the first of December. In the meantime we wish to again call your attention to the silver novelties we are closing out at

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