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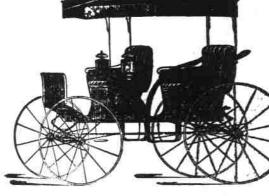
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To the Theatregoers BATTLE LASTED

Fighting at Modder River One of the Hardest in Annals of British Army.

Fears That the Casualties Were Very Heavy.

British Troops Fired Upon and One Soldier Killed.

CHAMBERLAIN DECLARES IN A SPEECH THAT THE WAR WAS INEVITABLE-NO SETTLEMENT THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SUPREMACY OF ENGLAND.

London, Nov. 29 .- Speaking at Leicester today Secretary Chamberlain declared the war in South Africa was inevitable from the beginning, unless England was willing to abandon her subjects to the mercy of the Boers and accept Kruger's claim that the Transvaal should be treated as an independent state. If such a solution had been accepted England would have the United States. They had an exlost South Africa, weakened her control and remdered her ridicuolus. He believed no settlement of the war would be tolerated which did not previde England's supremacy, which was the only guarantee for settled peace and the just treatment of all races. EXPECTING NEWS OF HEAVY CASUALTIES.

London, Thursday, Nov. 30 .- Not a single item of official news has reached here from South Africa since the receipt of official despatches which arrived yesterday (Wednesday) morning, Richmond was towed here today by the meager account of the battle of Modder off Point Lookout with her shaft brokriver forms the sole topic of comment en. Her passengers were landed here. in the press and public. It is universally assumed that when the casualty and the propeller canted against the list comes it will be terribly heavy, stern post, threatening for a time to the whole tenor of Methuen's despatch | tear her stern out. pointing to a heavy loss. The fact that General Pole Carew had the assistance of Sappers in getting his party across the river indicates the pontooning or construction of a military

TROOPS ATTACKED BY WOMEN London, Nov. 29 .- A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Enslin says that on Sunday a patrol of the Ninth lancers rode up to a farm. A number of women outside the house directed a heavy fire against the troops, killing

TEN HOUR BATTLE. London, Nov. 29.-The war office has

eceived the following today: "Cape Town, Tuesday, Nov. 28. General Methuen reports: 'Modder River, Tuesday, Nov. 28.—Reconnoitered at 5 a. m. the enemy's position on the river Modder and found them strongly entrenched and concealed. No means of outflanking, the river being full. Action commenced with artillery, mounted infantry and cavalry at 5:39. Guard on right, Ninth brigade on left, attacked the position in a widely extended formation at 6:30 and supported by the artillery found itself in front of the whole Boer force, eight thousand strong, with two Marge guns, four Krupps. The naval brigade rendered great assistance from the railway. After desperate hard fighting, which lasted ten hours, our men, without waer or food, and in the burning sun, made the enemy quit their position. General Pole Carew, who was successful in getting a small party across the river, was gallantly assisted by 300

REPORT ON THE TROUBLE AT FORT PINCCOLD

Sappers. I speak in terms of high

praise for the conduct of all who en-

gaged in one of the hardest and most

trying fights in the annuals of the Brit-

ish army. If I can mention one arm

particularly it is the two batteries of

artillery."

Citizens and Soldiers Likely to be Arrested and Tried,

Austin, Tex., Nov. 29.-Adjutant General Scurry has completed his investigation of the recent trouble at Fort Ringgold. He made a full report to the governor today. The testimony of citizens clearly shows that the negro soldiers had been running things with a high hand at Rio Grande City. They insulted ladies in the streets. The conflict was precipitated by the gambling element in revenge for a raid by drunken soldiers on one of the gambling dens. The testimony shows that the citizens began the attack on the fort. It is said that Scurry will different styles of Racine Hosiery for urge the withdrawal of the colored soldiers. It is probable that a number of citizens and soldiers will be arrested and tried for participation in the recent conflict.

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VIGAN CAPTURED BY MEN FROM BATTLESHIP ORECON

TEN HOURS All But Four of the Urdeneta's Crew Killed by Filipinos.

> Washington, Nov. 29.-The following has been received from Admiral Watson today:

"Cavite, Nov. 29 .- Wilde reports the capture of Vigan November 26 by the Oregon landing a force under Lieutenant Commander McCracken with Lieutenants McCormick, Bostwick, Johnston and Captain Williams and Lieutenant Bermeley of the marine corps. The landing was covered by the Callao, Tappan (commanding) and Samara, Mustin (commanding). Slight resistance, no casualties. The inhabitants welcomed the flag. Mc-Cracken is holding Vigan until relieved by the army.

"Lieutenant Gilmore is well with several men twenty-five miles from Vigan. Received a Meyer code letter from Gilmore by Albert Sosichen, a newspaper artist who was with Gilmore several months and escaped. It

was brought here by the Samar. "News of the insurgents through a Spanish sergeant indicates that the Urdaneta crew, were killed except the following four: Farley, Green, Powers and Burke. The names of the Gilmore party were Walton, Vanoit, Ellsworth, Brisolez, Anderson, Edwards and Peterson. Some wounded were left at Baler. Gilmore has no news of them. Watson."

EXCITING EXPERIENCE OF

TENNESSEE TROOPS IN PARIS

London, Nov. 29 .- Eleven of the First Tennessee volunteers, under command of Lieutenant Stacker, arrived in London today from Manika, en route to citing experience on the boulevard Mont Martre in Paris. The Parisians mistook the American in khaki uniforms for Englishmen and a howling mob surrounded the hotel, threatening violence. Some one shouted "Americans." The mob did not appear to regard the Americans in a more favorable light than the English but sullenly disappeared.

STEAMER RICHMOND DISABLED.

Norfolk, Nov. 29.-The steamer of which of course General Methuen's City of Augusta, which picked her up When the shaft broke the engines raced

STAGE COACH WRECKED.

Hazleton, Pa., Nov. 29.-The stage which runs from Hazleton to Harwood was crashed into by a train on the Pennsylvania road at the crossing at Cranberry this morning. Two women passengers were killed and another woman injured probably fatally.

BATTLE IN VENEZUELA.

Caracas, Nov. 29 .- A battle between the government forces and the revolutionary forces supporting General Hernandez has occurred at Las Tejeras, The result is not known.

SUICIDE OF REJECTED LOVER.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 29.-A. B. Covington called on Miss Williamson at her home in Camden last night and begged her to consent to marry him. shot himself on the walk outside the house. He died shortly after.

DEAD MARINERS WILL NOT BE MOVED.

Washington, Nov. 29 .- The navy department has decided not to remove the remains of the marines burid at Key West to Arlington. Citizens of Key West objected to the removal stating that a fine lot had been purchased by the town in a cemetery there and also a monument was to be dedicated soon.

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Secretary of War Decides to Withdraw Four Battalions.

Administration Puts no Faith in Reports of Revolution.

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MERICANS FULLY AWARE OF WHAT IS BEING ATTEMPTED BY THE AGITATORS-TROUBLE FEARED AS A RESULT OF DIS-CHARGE OF EMPLOYES ON SU-GAR ESTATES.

Washington, Nov. 29 .- As a result of recommendations by General Wood, the secretary, of war today decided upon the withdrawal of four battalions of troops from Cuba. The formal order will be issued shortly.

This action shows that the administration puts no faith in the report from Havana that a revolution is likely to occur against the Americans. The withdrawal of four battalions is believed to be the preliminary to the withdrawal of others. It indicates that Cuba is peaceful and the maintenance of law and order with a very small force of occupation is assured.

WHAT TROOPS WILL RETURN. The troops to be withdrawn are two battalions of the Fifteenth infantry and a squadron each of the Eighth and Tenth cavalry. The Tenth is composed of negroes. None of the Fifteenth infantry will be left in Cuba when the two battalions embark. In all the number of troops to be

withdrawal leaves in all about 8,000 men. The troops to be recalled are stationed in Wood's department. General Wilson, commanding the department of Matanzas and Santa Clara, probably will be summoned to Washington to give his views as to the withdrawal of troops from his depart.

withdrawn is sixteen hundred. Their

Generals Lee and Ludlow have been in Washington recently but no orders have been issued for the withdrawal

of troops under them. THE WORK OF AGITATORS. Havana, Nov. 29.-La Lucha. commenting on the situation growing out of the work of agitators, predicts that there will be no revolution. It admits that the matter is in a grave condition but not alarming, and says that judicious behavior on the part of those who have influence will prevent any serious development. It states that the rural population are opposed to disturbance and are anxious to reap the benefit of their crops. The Americans, the paper declares, are fully aware of what is happening; and She refused. He left the house and also know the prime movers in the agitation and the office-holders who are using their salaries to facilitate carrying out the plan which they know is doomed to failure and who would not participate in it if they thought other-

WHERE TROUBLE IS FEARED. Trouble is feared in Manzanillo as a result of the discharge of employes of sugar estates, who thereby are deprived of means of support. General Lacret declares that rebellion against the United States would be madness. He says the people have no reason to mis-

TRAINS GRASH TOGETHER.

Terrible Rear-End Collision at Paterson, New Jersey.

New York, Nov. 29 .- A rear end collision occurred tonight at the Barclay station on the Lackawanna railroad in Paterson, between the Buffalo express, known as the Manhattan special, and the Phillipsburg local. The express had stopped to allow the Chicago westbound train to pass and the Phillipsburg local, on account of the negligence of the flagman sent back by the Bufes—three women and two ...
been taken from the wreck, and one is still believed to be underneath the destill believed to be underneath two, Twenty-two were injured, two, and two in Paterson and Hoboken. Although the two rear coaches of the Buffalo train were completely telescoped, the engine of the Phillipsburg train was only slightly damaged. Both trains were late and the absence of the block system contributed to the accident.

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PREPARING FOR COMING SESSION OF CONCRESS

Democratic House Caucus Saturday-76th President's Message.

Washington, Nov. 29.-A call has been issued for a caucus of democratic representatives Saturday. Four candidates for the leadership of the minority Richardson, Dearmond, Bankhead and Sulzer, are still in the field. The republican caucus will be held Saturday evening. In addition to formally selecting Henderson for speaker, the eaucus will consider the currency bill. The case of Robers will not be likely to be taken up, as the republicans do not intend to make it a party question.

SENATE CURRENCY BILL

Washington, Nov. 29.—Senator Allison arrived tonight. He said that the sub-committee of the senate committee on finance would meet Saturday to complete work on the currency bill. He said it would be different from the house bill but would reaffirm the gold standard. Allison did not think the president would submit his message Monday, and said the senate would adjourn out of respect to Hobart.

SECRETARY WILSON'S REPORT.

Washington, Nov. 29.-Secretary of Agriculture Wilson's annual report re views the work of his department. He dwells on the losses due to injudicious use of water in alkali lands of the irrigated regions. Much work, he says, has been undertaken on behalf of tobacco, with a view of substituting the home product for foreign by improving the quality of the former. The tea growing experiments in South Carolina are commended, and their prosecution adopted to produce in our insular possessions plants, fruits and other products that the United States now imports. A considerable portion of the report is devoted to discussion of agricultural education.

THE OPERA LAST EVENING.

Singular That Asheville Shows so Little Appreciation. The Dan Packard Opera company

presented the opera "Said Pasha" at the Grand last evening. The excellent singing, the spirited acting and the unusual merit of the orchestral music illustrated this opera in a brilliant manner. Charles N. Holmes, as Hasson Bey, displays a magnificent voice which contrasts with the pleasing falsetto of Harry Lea Velle as Terano. Miss Carlotta Gilman charmed the audience by her beautiful presence and captivating portrayal of the Queen, Altogether the performance was a very satisfactory exposition of the way high class opera should be rendered. The one or two exceptions whose singing is ordinary are handsome and play their parts well. Gilbert Clayton and Mountjoy Walker depicted the funny parts to the satisfaction of all. The audience was comparatively small. The theatre-goers do not seem to appreciate that possibly the best gain in shows of the season are offered them this week. If the prices of seats were increased one half the troupe would probably be more appreciated. "The Chimes of Normandy" is on the bill for this evening.

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WHILE ALL THE FIRE DEPART-MENTS WERE ENGAGED OTHER CONFLAGRATION OC-CURRED IN A NEARBY PART OF

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.-One of the greatest fires that has ever worked destruction in this city occurred today, wiping out nearly an entire block of valuable property enclosed on North Eighth street including J. B. Lippincott & Co.'s publishing house, Partridge & Richardson's establishment and Lit Bros.' department store. The total loss exceeds \$3,000,000.

The fire was discovered at 6:25 a. m. by Watchman Fanning, who observed an electric light wire in the basement of Partridge & Richardson's store emitting sparks. He sent in the alarm but before the department responded the building was a mass of flames. The firemen were hampered in their work by the mass of trolley, telephone and telegraph wires over Filbert street, a n'arrow thoroughfare.

The store extends south on Eighth street from Filbert, a distance of 125 feet, and with a depth of 100 feet, was entirely destroyed. The loss on building and contents is estimated at \$600,-The six-story building of J. B. Inp-

pincott & Co., book publishers, 716 to 720 Filbert street, containing rane and valuable plates and machinery was completely gutted involving a loss estimated at \$2,000,000. Lit Bros., department store, adjoin-

ing the Lippincott building, sustained an estimate loss of \$400,000. Numerous smaller storts wert either gutted or badly damaged. Chief among these is Bailey's 5 and 10 cent store,

enberg's millinery establishment, North Eighth street, loss \$30,000. Various other establishments were damaged by smoke and water. On Filbert and Eighth streets several

North Eighth street, loss \$100,000; Ros-

small buildings were destroyed. Hundreds of men and women are

thrown out of work by the fire. While the fire department was battling with the conflagration another fire broke out in the wholesale and retail boot and shoe store of William H. Harris, 419 Market street, four blocks away from the Eighth street fire. Half a dozen engines of a detachment from the big fire responded, but before the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames the place was gutted, causing a loss of \$30,000. The adjoining building, occupied by A. S. Dowie, stationery. was damaged by water to the extent of \$10,000. Losses covered by insurance.

COUNTY'S ROCK CRUSHER.

The county's new rock crusher, recently purchased from the Good Roads Machinery company of Pennsylvania, has arrived and is now being used by

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