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HOT SPRINGS WON.

In Second Golf Match—Each Have Now Won One.

The Hot Springs and Asheville golf teams played the second game of the series yesterday morning on the links of the Swannanoa Country club in this city. The Hot Springs team won, 1 up. The game was close and very interesting. The captain of the Asheville team was away, weakening them some. Lambert, for Asheville, played the best game, making the 18 holes in 82 strokes, and driving onto four greens during the game. The Asheville team was Lambert, Loney and Moale; the Hot Springs team J. E. and J. C. Rumbough and Denny. Lambert won over Denny by 2 up; J. E. Rumbough won over Loney by 3 up; J. C. Rumbough and Moale were tied, making the match to go to Hot Springs by 1 up. The individual scores for the 18 holes were: Lambert, 82; Loney, 89; Moale, 86; Denny, 87; J. C. Rumbough, 89; J. E. Rumbough, 87.

PRIVATE ARSENAL IN CUBA.

Havana, Dec. 7.—The application to permit the shipment of 12,000 Remington rifles and 1,400,000 rounds of ammunition from Cienfuegos for the Cuban government has been granted by General Brooke. The rifles and ammunition are the property of a Cuban named Domingo Nazabel. It is not known how he obtained possession of such quantities of war material, and a rigid investigation will be made, especially as it is rumored that there are many stands of arms at various places in the island. It is stated that women are employed in manufacturing cartridges.

CRISIS OF WAR IS REACHED

Advances Now Being Made Against Boers from East, South and West.

Simultaneous Movement of the Three Generals.

Methuen Plans to Surprise Orange Free State Capital

A Large Boer Force Awaiting to Give Him Battle at Spytfontein.

DESPATCHES REPORT THAT THE BRITISH HAVE ALREADY ENTERED BOER TERRITORY—A PRETORIA DESPATCH STATES THAT THE BRITISH HAVE ATTACKED CRONJE'S FORCE AND THERE IS FIGHTING NEAR KIMBERLEY.

London, Dec. 9.—The crisis of the war has been reached. Simultaneous aggressive advances are now being made by Generals Buller, Gatacre and Methuen respectively, and news of heavy fighting is momentarily expected. General Methuen will give the Boers a genuine surprise if he follows the plan of which Laffan's London office as just received private information. Methuen's column will if it follows the original design now turn sharply east from Modder River and march toward Bloemfontein, capital of the Orange Free State. Nearly the whole Boer force in that neighborhood is entrenched at Spytfontein, midway between Modder River and Kimberley, ready to make the last stand against Methuen's advance to the relief of the beleaguered city. If Methuen should give battle there would undoubtedly be the bloodiest fight of the war.

Laffan's Pretoria correspondent visited General Cronje's forces in front of Methuen this week. The brief censored despatch which he sent on returning to Pretoria yesterday indicates that Cronje expects a great battle at Spytfontein.

BRITISH ENTER BOER TERRITORY.

Despatches from the British indicate that the British have at last set foot in Boer territory. Methuen's scouts have crossed the border near Modder River and penetrated close to Jacobabad. It is quite probable that a large force has followed, but news of Methuen's column is still meagre. The reported intention of the British commander to march on Bloemfontein is really excellent tactics. He will leave a difficult country where he is compelled to fight in positions of the Boers' choosing and enter the broad plains of the Orange Free State, where battles will be fought to the advantage of the British.

BATTLES IN PROGRESS.

Pretoria, Dec. 9.—Advices from the front state that the British attacked General Cronje's forces at Scholtz's Nek, south of Spytfontein early this morning. Fighting is also reported north of Spytfontein in the direction of Kimberley. This seems to indicate that the Kimberley garrison has made another sortie.

BRITISH WOUNDED CARED FOR.

London, Dec. 9.—The war office announces that President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, has sent word that a wounded lieutenant of lancers and two wounded privates captured in the Free State are being cared for.

BRITISH CAPTURE A HILL.

The war office has received a despatch from General Buller, dated at Ficksburg, December 9, saying that a despatch was received from General White today stating that he (White) sent a detachment to surprise the hill upon which some guns were situated, and that the enterprise was carried out ad-

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mirably and successfully. The detachment, the despatch said, captured the hill and took several guns and a quantity of guncotton. One of the guns captured, a Maxim, was brought to Ladysmith. The British loss was Major Henderson wounded and one man killed. The British burned the Boer kraals and cut their telegraph lines.

London, Dec. 9.—A Boer despatch, dated Ladysmith, the 8th, says that the British stormed and captured Lombardkop on that day. They put a big creusot gun and howitzer out of action and captured a Boer Maxim gun.

GREAT BATTLE IN PROSPECT.

Cape Town, Dec. 7 (Delayed).—It is reported that the Boers are strongly entrenched at Spytfontein and that they have been reinforced by several thousand men. The heaviest kind of an engagement is expected at this point. The British artillery will use Lyddite shells for the first time. The naval brigade used these shells with great effect in an engagement in Natal some weeks ago.

GEN. DEL PILAR REPORTED KILLED

Was in Command of Aguinaldo's Guard which was Attacked by Marsh's Bat alion—Four Hours' Battle.

Manila, Dec. 9.—Released Spanish prisoners have informed General Young that on December 3 Major Marsh's battalion defeated the guard accompanying Aguinaldo which was commanded by General del Pilar. The battle lasted four hours and occurred on a fortified trail eighteen miles northwest of Cervantes. The insurgents lost seventy killed and wounded. The American casualties were one killed and six wounded. It is reported that General Pilar was killed. Major Marsh at last accounts, was pursuing Aguinaldo and his guard into the mountains.

General Young holds Bangued. He has seized a hundred Spanish prisoners.

THE SAMOAN SETTLEMENT.

How the News is Received on the Partitioned Islands.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Despatches received here from Apia, Samoa, dated November 27, say that news of the Samoan settlement by the United States, Germany and England has been received with great satisfaction by the Germans and a large majority of the Samoans, but King Mafalea, 'Tanu's people are depressed. The English residents are dissatisfied at the German success in the negotiations.

RID THE TOWN OF SMOKE.

Many Large Plants Will Use Electricity for Power Soon.

The board of aldermen last Friday evening put on its first reading a 30-years franchise to the North Carolina Electrical Power company.

The dam of this company is about three-fifths completed and hasn't a leak in it, and the officials of the company hope to see it finished early next summer. They will then be prepared to furnish electricity to the city to run street cars, for electric lights and furnish power for all purposes. The Asheville street railway and Biltmore street railway expect to use this power, besides many other large concerns. This will rid the town of a great quantity of smoke.

DISCONTENTED CUBANS.

Santiago, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the Maceo club last night attended by former officers and soldiers of the Cuban army, the speakers lauded General Wood's administration of the province but accused the Americans of evidently making every effort to dispossess the Cubans of promised independence. They denounced McKinley's message as a confession of this treacherous intention. One speaker said the time was near when Cubans would have to unite to sweep the oppressive invaders from the island.

A dispatch from Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn has been received by the Veterans' association stating that their dispatch to McKinley protesting against the appointment of a civil governor would receive due attention.



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ROBERTS SHIFTS HIS POSITION

Throws Upon Committee the Obligation of Proving His Guilt.

Denies He is Maintaining Polygamous Relations.

Declines to be Subjected to Cross Examination.

Reserved the Right Not to Appear Against Himself.

COMMITTEE IS NOW PROCEEDING WITH DETERMINATION TO GO TO UTAH TO TAKE TESTIMONY, AND WILL VENTILATE THE WHOLE MATTER OF THE MORMON CHURCH'S ATTITUDE ON POLYGAMY.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In the hearing before the special commission investigating the Roberts case, Roberts today shifted his ground and greatly simplified the situation. Today he attempted to again take up the line of argument that he was entitled to the seat on prima facie evidence of his election, and was informed that it was useless to pursue it further.

ROBERTS MAKES DENIAL.

Roberts thereupon submitted a written statement of denial of the allegations that he had been and is now maintaining polygamous relations with various wives. This had the effect of bringing the matter to an issue. By this move he cleverly shifted the burden of the proof upon the committee, yet he made the significant admission that he did not submit the denial as testimony, and that if he had been a witness under oath he might have testified differently. He also declined to take the stand as a witness, to be subjected to cross-examination on the truth of the charges, although it was pointed out that by so doing he might enable the committee to avoid a trip to Utah. He said he reserved the right not to appear against himself, and in the minds of the committee his action should be examined his own testimony would be sufficient to prove the charges.

WILL GO TO UTAH.

In consequence of Robert's action the committee is proceeding with a determination to go to Utah to take testimony. It is still possible that Roberts will reconsider and appear as a witness especially if pressure of the church is brought to bear upon him to sacrifice himself rather than expose the church to the investigation of the committee. The committee is unanimously of the opinion that it is time to ventilate the whole matter and prove or disprove the charge that the Mormon church and the state of Utah has violated the compact with the United States.

THE FINANCIAL BILL.

Some Details of the First Passage at Arms over the Bureau.

Gazette Bureau, Washington, Dec. 9.

It was announced tonight that at the meeting here, on the 12th instant, of the National Young Mens Republican league, a resolution would be introduced declaring it to be the sense of the league that Senator Pritchard is the logical candidate for the vice-presidency. Although the senator has no knowledge of this movement letters have been received here, by the officers of the league, from almost all of the southern states indicating the determination of the republicans of the south to have Senator Pritchard endorsed by the national republican convention as the candidate for the vice-presidency in 1901.

The session of congress—Friday when an adjournment was taken Monday—proved of more than usual interest. The interesting feature of the proceedings came on a motion to take up the new currency bill Monday and devote one week to its discussion. Almost every member was in his seat and the galleries were filled. A bright spot on the floor was the desk of Hon. R. B. Hawley, the republican member from the Galveston, Texas, district. Mr. Hawley had been detained at home and the session was the first he had attended since the opening of the term. His desk was banked high with floral designs and his view of the speaker was through an arch made of flowers. Hon. Richmond Pearson and Judge Ewart occupied seats on the floor.

A short time was allowed for the discussion of the motion relating to the finance bill. From the minority point of view the motion afforded the democrats a splendid opportunity to manifest their parliamentary capabilities, but they were unequal to the occasion to an extent which could only be disappointing to those who have a fondness for declamation. The democrats insisted that they were being bound hand and foot under rules more stringent than ever conceived even by the

dreaded Reed, but the manner in which they presented their grievances was somewhat tame. Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, declared the resolution an unprecedented one, and that, while he did not wish to use a harsh or unparliamentary term, it was an effort to "crowd" legislation. It would take an entire week, said the minority leader, "for the republicans to explain to their constituents the manner in which they changed front on this most important question and that he wanted to dissent from the statement

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BRYAN OFFERED A HOME IN TEXAS

Dallas, Dec. 9.—The offer of one of the finest houses in Austin as a gift for a home was made to Bryan today, if he will become a citizen of Texas. The movement is headed by Judge Walker. Bryan who is fishing and resting at Lake Surprise has not been heard from.

MANY LIVES LOST IN MINE DISASTER

Explosion of Gas Cuts Off 80 Men—Thirty Work Their Way Out—Heartrending Scene.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 9.—The greatest mining accident in the history of coal mining here occurred this morning when a terrible explosion occurred in shaft seven of the Carbon Hill coal mines. Between fifty and sixty lives are lost. The origin of the accident is not definitely known, but it is believed that the miners broke into old mine workings which were filled with gas. An explosion followed as soon as the outpouring gas came in contact with a miner's lamp.

The work of rescue was immediately begun. Thirty miners succeeded in working their way out of the mine badly stunned, but this leaves at least fifty who were near the scene of the explosion and must have been killed outright. The scenes around the shaft were heartrending. Women and children gathered bewailing the loss of husbands, fathers or brothers. Several dead bodies have been brought to the service and there is little hope that any of those remaining in the mine are still alive. A relief train was sent from Tacoma this evening. Carbonado is forty miles south of Tacoma.

TAYLOR GETS HIS CERTIFICATE.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—At 9:45 this morning the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the election commissioners and he was declared governor-elect of Kentucky. The official figures of the vote filed with Secretary of State Finley are: Taylor 193,714; Goebel, 191,331; Taylor's plurality, 2,383.

The operation which ended for a time the bitterly fought gubernatorial contest was conducted in the simplest manner. The majority opinion of Commissioners Pryor and Ellis and the minority opinion of Commissioner Foyt, issued this morning, were not read as was the original intention.

The three commissioners walked first to the office of the clerk of the state supreme court where they filed the two opinions, then passed into the office of the secretary of state. Clerk Chenault, of the board of commissioners, read the figures showing that the republican candidates for the offices on the state ticket received the largest number of votes, and then the certificates of election were signed at once, Mr. Taylor being the first on the list.

Only fourteen people were in the room at the time and only two were there as spectators. There was no crowd around the building and no interest manifested in the work, save by those engaged in it.

The certificates were filed with the secretary of state and the commissions are to be issued to the elected men at once by Governor Bradley.

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SHARP WORDS TO U. S. CONSUL

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Remarkable Tilt at Banquet in Victoria.

Governor Charges that United States is Withholding Money

Belonging to Canadians—Slighting Allusion to "Statesmen."

CONSUL SMITH REMAINS STANDING DURING THESE REMARKS AND REFRAINED "BY INTENSE EFFORT FROM REPLYING TO THEM.

Victoria, Dec. 9.—Lieutenant Governor McInnis of British Columbia, got into a dispute tonight with United States Consul Smith, at the annual banquet of the British Columbia pioneer society, in regard to the attitude of England toward the United States in 1864. McInnis replying to a toast declared that England had only friendship for the United States, which she had continually evidenced since '64 when if it had not been her friendly offices preventing the interference of other nations disintegration of the union must have resulted. Smith, responding to another toast took exception to McInnis' statement, saying he had distinct recollection of the operation of a certain "Alabama," which did not substantiate the eulogistic British friendship in 1864. McInnis hotly interrupted the consul, expressing surprise that the "Alabama" should be referred to, adding that England had paid damages in connection with the "Alabama," while there were now five millions of dollars in the treasury of the United States belonging to Canadians which would be held as long as any political expedient remained to the "statesmen" of the republic.

Consul Smith remained standing during the remarks of the governor, and evidently refrained by intense effort from retaliatory arraignment, and closed his address with quiet dignity.

STRANGE STORY ABOUT MAJOR JOHN A. LOGAN

Suspicion that he was Killed by One of His Own Men.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—According to statements of various officers and members of the crew of the transport Sheridan, now at this port, there is ground for suspicion that Major John A. Logan was killed by one of his men. It is declared that he was unpopular and that he incurred the hatred of his men by having thrown the companies mascot dog overboard because he had whipped Logan's dog.

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