

BOERS SUFFER DEFEAT.

They Fought the Flower of the British Army at Belmont.

Last Thursday Gen. Lord Methuen achieved a victory over the Boers at Belmont, fifty-six miles south of Kimberley. This victory and later developments respecting it form the foremost war topic in London.

The British lost at least 220 killed and wounded in the battle. According to late reports, these figures do not include the missing. The Boer loss, as usual, is said to be "heavy" but its exact extent is unknown.

In this battle the flower of the British army was engaged. The fact that such crack regiments as the Coldstream, Grenadier and Scots Guards were made to suffer severely by Boer farmers, called from their homes to engage in war, shows that the British may reasonably expect a protracted struggle. The British had about 7,000 men engaged and the Boers 4,000.

General Methuen will have to fight again before he is able to relieve Kimberley, as a large force of Boers is ready to block his path a short distance south of that town.

Cecil Rhodes, it is said, keeps a big balloon ready at Kimberley to escape by that means should it become necessary.

A dispatch to the London Times says the British lost 47 men in a fight at Willow Grange, five miles south of Estcourt, on Thursday.

An official message from General White at Ladysmith says the situation at that place is unchanged.

At last accounts the British garrison at Mafeking was hard pressed and was being constantly harassed by the Boers.

President Kruger and other officials at Pretoria are actively preparing for a possible seizure of their capital. The total Boer army is estimated at 43,000 men, against which the British expect to hurl 95,000 men.

It is reported from Pretoria that Commandant Albrecht and Lieutenant Eloff have started, with a thousand followers, to capture Buluwayo, Rhodesia.

United States Consul Macrum, at Pretoria, has been instructed from Washington to insist upon the right to look after the interests of the British prisoners.

The Boers have the British in an awkward position in the Natal section. Although a division and a half have now reached Durban, that place is practically powerless until supplied with cavalry and artillery, and until these arrive the situation will undoubtedly remain grave.

Another battle has been fought by Gen. Lord Paul Methuen's column, which is advancing to the relief of Kimberley. The battle occurred Saturday morning. The scene of the fight was near Gras Pan, in Western Cape Colony. Gras Pan is ten miles north of Belmont, and 46 miles south of Kimberley. It is on the railroad line along which General Methuen is advancing.

The official report of the British commander states the Boers retreated, but he does not give many details, leaving it an open question whether the result was on the whole favorable to the British. He says the Boer force engaged numbered 2,500. These were doubtless Free Staters, who have been operating in that vicinity. The British force was about 7,000 men. It is known, telegraphs General Methuen, that the Boers lost at least 31 killed and 48 wounded. The British loss is not stated, but is presumably heavy, as the British commander says: "The enemy showed the greatest stubbornness." Gen. Methuen's force will halt one day at Gras Pan to rest and replenish ammunition.

General Joubert, it is reported, is retiring from Mool river, Natal, to Ladysmith, and signs point to a strong Boer expectation for the capture of White's army. A dispatch from Pretoria, dated last Friday, says the Boers expected to capture Ladysmith "at the end of this week." The British had almost ceased to reply to the Boer artillery fire, indicating, perhaps, that their ammunition was exhausted. Following the supposed retirement of the Boers, the British have restored telegraphic communication with Estcourt.

On the other hand, the retirement of the Boers may be a sign of weakness. An Estcourt dispatch indicates that it is because they lack food. General Hildyard, who commanded the British troops at Ladysmith, has advanced northward to Frere.

A locomotive on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road recently made a run of five miles in three minutes. At the time it was drawing eight passenger cars.

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Education of Negroes in the South.

The generosity of the Southern white people in providing educational facilities for the negroes is worthy of the highest commendation. It is not sufficient to say that it was their duty to do what they have done. If they had pursued a different course under the conditions which prevailed after the Civil war, they could not have been censured very severely, for their property had been destroyed and many of them were almost penniless and unable to provide properly for the educational needs of their own children, much less the needs of the children of their former slaves. It is greatly to their credit that, under such trying circumstances, they did not discriminate against the negro, but allowed his children to have a share of school funds which were derived almost entirely from taxes paid by the whites. * * *

In several Southern States movements have been inaugurated from time to time to devote the taxes paid by whites exclusively to the education of white children and to give to the negroes for the education of their children such sums as they might pay into the state treasury in the form of taxes. If such a plan had been adopted, the Southern negroes would have had very few schools, while the educational facilities provided for the whites would have been materially increased and improved. Although there might have been justification for such a division of the school funds, the suggestion was never favored by a majority of the white taxpayers in any Southern state, regardless of the legality of such a division. They have continued to educate the negroes at their own expense and at the expense of white children, never stopping to inquire whether the results justified the expenditure, although at times they may have had serious doubts on the subject. If they had divided the school funds in proportion to the taxes paid by the representatives of each race, they would have had more and better schools for white children. If they had objected to taxation the object of which is the support of colored schools, the negro would be in a very bad way as far as his opportunities for getting an education are concerned.

Tablet for Confederate Museum.

The Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association has prepared for the North Carolina room in the Confederate Museum in Richmond a tablet framed in gilt, bearing the following inscription: "North Carolina's record, 1861-1865. First at Bethel. Farthest at Gettysburg. Last at Appomattox. With a voting population of 115,000 North Carolina sent 125,000 volunteers to the Confederate service, or one-fifth of the entire Confederate army. At Big Bethel, June 10, 1861, Henry Lawton Wyatt fell, the first Confederate soldier killed in a pitched battle, Company H, First North Carolina Infantry. At Balaclava, in the charge of the Light Brigade, England's loss was 37 1/2 per cent. of her men. The Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, at Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863, lost 80 per cent. of its men. North Carolina troops made the last charge at Appomattox. One-half the muskets laid down at Appomattox were in the hands of North Carolina soldiers."

Prospects for Trouble Good.

The Court of Appeals of Kentucky has decided that Taylor, Republican candidate for governor, is entitled to the vote of Nelson county, which gave him a plurality of 1,197. Goebel's attorneys asked that the vote of this county be thrown out.

Governor Bradley still maintains a guard at the state arsenal, and it is said that the state war department was never so fully equipped with shooting material. The Governor himself absolutely refuses to disclose his position, but the movements of Adjutant General Collier, which are supposed to be under his direction, indicate that he is preparing to take some kind of vigorous action, and the prospects for trouble seem to be growing as the day of final settlement approaches.

Study It Out.

Here is a highly interesting paradox, which may amuse or bewilder, as the case may be. It is supposed to have been invented by Socrates: A. says that all Athenians are liars. A. is an Athenian and therefore a liar. Therefore his statement that all Athenians are liars is not true, and consequently all Athenians tell the truth. A. is an Athenian, and hence tells the truth. Wherefore his statement that all Athenians are liars is true. Therefore he is a liar and his statement false, and so on.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Opposition is developing in Cuba to the establishment of a civil government there by the Americans.

Trouble has again occurred in Samoa, and some of the native chiefs and their followers have been fighting.

The Georgia legislature has passed a resolution favoring the abolition of the 10 per cent. tax on state banks of issue.

The Georgia House of Delegates has passed a bill to tax dogs, the proceeds to go to the school fund in each county.

Kansas City has subscribed a fund of \$57,000 to induce the next national Democratic convention to meet in that city.

Charles Gilmore, aged 24, a brakeman in the employ of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, was killed at Radford, Va., Monday.

It is said that the Republicans of Indiana will push Governor Mount for the Republican nomination for vice-president next year.

In his message to the legislature of Virginia it is said that Governor Tyler will urge the enactment of laws to prevent the use of money in elections.

William Anthony, who, as a private in the Marine Corps, distinguished himself in the Maine disaster, committed suicide in New York last Friday.

Postmaster-General Smith issued an important order establishing domestic orders of postage between the United States and Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines.

The McKinley Club, a colored political organization in Washington city, was raided by the police Sunday and twenty-four of the members arrested for gambling.

One hundred and twenty-five employees of a Cincinnati trunk factory went out on a strike on Wednesday last because four girls were employed in the lining department.

Joseph Richards, a young white man of Macon, Ga., committed suicide last Friday as a result of religious mania. Richards had become interested in some new and wild religious doctrine.

The Rev. Henry Cunningham, of Cumberland, Md., has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for robbing Joshua Day of \$1,525 on October 28th. Cunningham has been preaching for forty years.

The President will ask the incoming congress to pass an act retiring Gen. W. R. Shafter, with the rank of major-general in the regular army. He has already been retired with the rank of brigadier-general.

The bill to protect child labor has passed the Georgia Senate. The bill seeks to prevent children under the age of twelve years from working in the factories unless widowed mothers or invalid fathers need their labor.

The United States, it is declared, is not likely to become a party to the proposed treaty between European powers providing for a delimitation of spheres of political influence in China and the policy of the "open door."

The body of John T. Alvey, the Richmond merchant who disappeared on the evening of the 8th inst., was found early Saturday in the old James River & Kanawha Canal, at a point between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Out of respect to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart, the President has cancelled all his social engagements for the present. The members of the cabinet have done likewise and the administration will observe a period of mourning.

A Newport News, Va., dispatch says that on the run down the coast from Boston to Hampton Roads, the new battleship Kentucky, which came into the Roads Sunday night, broke the record for ships of her class. Her average speed for the trip was 15 knots per hour.

When congress assembles a number of persons will present themselves as claimants to seats in the senate whose right is questionable. The title of these persons will be passed upon by the senate committee, whose duty it is to attend to such matters.

It is said that many of the regiments in the Philippines have no chaplains. The following is an extract from a soldier's letter: "You ask me what kind of a chaplain we have out here. Well, I must tell you I have not heard the Word of God spoken since I have been on the island, for we have no chaplain with us. If we had one he would have to talk to us on the firing line, and I don't think it would be well for him. Let him wait until after this is all over and then he can tell us all about the love of God."

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Executor's Notice.
Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Cornelia A. Steele, deceased, all persons having claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before Nov. 1st, 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.
This 16th day of October, 1899.
H. W. STEELE,
44-6w Executor Cornelia A. Steele.

Administrator's Notice.
Having qualified as administrator on the estate of James M. Gant, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me on or before the 1st day of December, 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment.
This November 27th, 1899.
JAMES D. DONNELL,
48-6w Administrator of James M. Gant.

Mortgage Sale.
By virtue of a mortgage deed executed on the 26th day of April, 1896, by Z. F. Croker and wife, Mary A. Croker, to J. C. Welch and assigned to McDaniel Gordy, the same being duly recorded in Register of Deeds office in Guilford county, book 86, page 261, etc., I will sell at the court house door in Greensboro, N. C., on
SATURDAY, DEC. 30, 1899,
at one o'clock P. M., the following tract of land in High Point: Beginning at a stone, Francis Oliver's corner, on Willowbrook street and running north 11 degrees west 75 feet to a stone in the line of said street, thence south 79 degrees west 270 feet to a stake, thence south 11 degrees east 75 feet to a stake, the northeast corner of F. Oliver's lot, thence north 79 degrees east with said Oliver's line 270 feet to the beginning, containing 1/4 acre more or less.
Terms of sale cash.
This Nov. 22nd, 1899.
McDANIEL GORDY,
Assignee of J. C. Welch.

Notice to Contractors.
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Guilford county, N. C., until 2 p. m. on Wednesday, the 6th day of December, 1899, for the erection of a new jail for said county.
Plans of the building will be found on file at the office of the Register of Deeds of Guilford county, N. C., and at the office of Hayden, Wheeler & Schwend, Architects, Charlotte, N. C., at any time after the 25th of November, 1899.
The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
W. C. BOREN,
Ch'm'n. County Com.


Small Pox Notice.
North Carolina, }
Guilford County. }
WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of the authorities of Guilford County that there is an epidemic of small pox at Terra Cotta Works in said county, and
WHEREAS, It is made the duty of said authorities to warn all citizens of the county and persons generally of the existence of said epidemic and to urge upon all persons the importance of immediate vaccination in order that a scourge of the disease may be averted,
NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of County Commissioners and County Superintendent of Health of said county, most earnestly urge upon all persons the wisdom and duty of being vaccinated at once. Should the disease spread and the people neglect this warning and request, it may become necessary for us, in compliance with law, and in order to prevent a devastating epidemic of this terrible disease, to order compulsory vaccination.
All persons who are unable to pay the expenses of vaccination will be vaccinated free by the county.
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