

# The Morning Star.

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## COLOSSAL IGNORANCE OF THE BOERS' STRENGTH.

### General Wolsey's Big Blunder - A Complete Surprise to the British Military Authorities.

By Cable to the Morning Star.  
LONDON, November 7.—The confession last evening of General Wolsey, the commander-in-chief, that the Boers were more powerful and more numerous than had been anticipated sufficiently explains the present hapless position of our forces. The Boers have answered in regard to the apparent colossal ignorance of the Boer strength, which, both in numbers and in the excellence of their arms, is apparently a complete surprise to the British military authorities. The Boer force in South Africa shows how inaccurate have been the estimates of the intelligence department. It is gleaned therefrom that a fair estimate of the Boer forces is as follows: Around Ladysmith, advancing on the Tugela River, 4,000; on the Tugela River, 4,000; Kimberley, 7,000; Mafeking, 3,000; and on the northern Transvaal border, 2,000. Exact information about the Boer artillery is lacking, but it is known that General Buller's detachment before the Tugela was reinforced by sixteenth Krupp field pieces of six-inch caliber, two heavy Creusot siege guns, which, but for the opportune arrival of the British naval brigade, would have rendered Ladysmith untenable.

**Terrible's Guns.**  
In connection with the naval guns, the most interesting and important experiment has been successfully carried out at Cape Town with a 7-inch gun, so serviceable as Ladysmith. One of the British cruiser "Terror's" guns, mounted on a Scott traveling carriage, was fired in the same way as a field gun, with entire success.

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**The Channel Squadron.**  
Interesting news comes from the channel squadron at Gibraltar, showing precautions against all eventualities almost unknown in European waters in peace time. On the way to Gibraltar the fleet spread out four miles apart and a sharp outlook was kept for suspicious boats.

**Gibraltar Extra Sentries.**  
Gibraltar extra sentries are posted at night at different parts of the ships, with ten rounds of ball cartridges ready. The sentries on the upper deck and on the fighting tops are kept ready for immediate use, the ammunition being on deck; a few men sleep at the guns, the search lights kept working. The boats are manned and not allowed to approach without the permission of the officer of the watch.

## GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ADVANCE ON TARLAC.

### Wheaton's Column Moving to Effect a Junction With MacArthur—Gen. Lawton's Command.

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MANILA, Nov. 7.—General Wheaton's orders were to land at or near San Fabian, a fishing village twenty miles north of Magapan. The invaders took the route numbered about 800 men, entrenched, whereas, at Da gupan, there are some thousands of men and five miles of strong trenches. The mounts river has been blocked.

General Wheaton is supposed to have landed to day, though communication with him is not expected until tomorrow. His fighting force is good since he started and he should have been able to take the trenches without great loss of life. From San Fabian General Wheaton can control the roads of escape from Tarlac to the northeast, making a junction with General MacArthur.

## THE OPEN DOOR QUESTION.

### Russian Ambassador Surprised at the Renewed Agitation in This Country.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
WASHINGTON, November 7.—Count Cassipi, the Russian ambassador, who is just back from a visit to St. Petersburg and other European capitals, authorized the statement to night that he had been returned without any special instructions relating to China, and without any mission to perform in that connection. This statement was due to recent reports that he intended to make known to the President and Secretary Hay the desire of the continental powers of Europe that the United States should in that port or sphere of influence in China this government desire to occupy.

Count Cassipi says there is no move in Europe to force a settlement in the South African conflict. During his audience with the Emperor at Saint Petersburg, Count Cassipi assured the Emperor of the continued friendly relations between this country and Russia, which he says were never more satisfactory than they are to day.

## RETURNS FROM STATE ELECTIONS.

### Close Contests in Ohio and Kentucky Are Claimed by the Republicans.

### DEMOCRATS GAIN MARYLAND.

### Fusionists Maintain Their Hold in Nebraska - Virginia and Mississippi Sold for Democracy - The Situation in New York.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The election in the four counties that make up the city of New York resulted in the election of every Democratic candidate on every county ticket, except Gray, Democratic candidate for register, in Kings, who was beaten by the Republican, who was placed in an appearance before the Mazet investigation committee and answer charges against him. Democratic majorities in most of the Democratic jurisdictions, including late tonight that Mazet might be seated in the next Assembly, in which the Republicans have 33 majority. The day after the day of the election, a Republican caucus on Hill, whom they blame for the reverses up the State. The Republican majority in New York county elected in four of its members one of them a member of the Citizens Union.

The New York Assembly will stand: Republicans, 91; Democrats, 59; Republican plurality 32; Republican 67.

**Taking all the Assembly districts in the State the Republican plurality is 35,800, according to the Tribune's returns, as compared with Roosevelt's plurality of 17,786 last year.**

Returns received up to 3 A. M. show the election of ninety Republican assemblymen and sixty Democrats. The Democratic caucus in the city of Ithaca gives the Democratic candidate for county treasurer a plurality of 157 and the Republican candidate for sheriff, 37. The standard Republican name was used in this city and the result was known seventeen minutes after the polls closed.

Rochester, complete, gives Carno ha, Republican, 2,353 plurality for mayor. Utica, November 7.—R. W. Sherman, Democrat, is elected mayor of Utica by 37. The balance of the ticket is Democratic by majorities ranging from 200 to 300. Two of the three assembly districts in Oneida county show no change.

**TAMMANY.** November 7.—Tammany claims the election of its whole county ticket by 50,000 plurality, and the defeat of Mazet by 600.

The boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, for sheriff, give O'Brien, Republican, 89,839; Grell, Democrat, 139,182.

**Brooklyn.** November 7.—Howe, Republican, is elected register over Gray, Democrat, who figured unfavorably before the Mazet committee. The Republicans concede the rest of the county ticket to the Democrats.

**ELMIRA.** Nov. 7.—Indications point to a Republican landslide in Chemung county, the home of ex Senator Hill. Charles H. Knapp, Republican, is elected to the Assembly, a Democratic loss.

**NEW YORK.** Nov. 7.—Richard Croker claims 34 of the 37 assembly districts in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, a Democratic gain of six.

**NEBRASKA.** November 7.—Twenty one precincts in the Omaha show a net Fusion gain of 84. Comparisons are made with a year ago when the Fusion majority was 2,700. There is a very slight falling off in the vote of both parties. The Fusionist vote is 49.7 per cent. of the total vote.

**LINCOLN.** November 7, 10:45 P. M. It is evident to both parties in tonight's fight that Nebraska is a Republican State, with the Fusionist standard and while Republicans are not yet willing to admit defeat, early figures point that way. There has been a very slight falling off in the vote of both parties, but while the Fusionists have suffered but little, the Republican loss has been not less than three to a precinct.

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**PHILADELPHIA.** November 7.—Complete returns from ten of the forty wards in this city give Barrett, Republican, a plurality of 18,800 over O'Connell, Democrat. The same wards in 1897, when Swallow was running Broome as the independent candidate, gave Barrett a plurality of 17,836, and in 1895 the Republican plurality was 18,443.

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## BRITISH CLAIM TO BE VICTORIOUS

### Boer Loss at Ladysmith Said to be Very Heavy, Including 2,000 Prisoners.

### DISPATCH FROM GEN. BULLER

### The Fighting on Friday—Boers Continue the Bombardment—Charged With Treachery—A Cavalry Charge. Many of the Boers Slain.

By Cable to the Morning Star.  
LONDON, November 8.—Evidently more detailed reports of General Buller's doings at Ladysmith must be received before the public will be able to form a clear idea of what has happened. Reports from various sources show that another important reconnaissance or engagement occurred on Saturday to the south of Ladysmith, and a Cape Town newspaper reports that two thousand Boers were captured there.

The suggestion of Sir Redvers Buller, in his dispatch to the War Office on Saturday, that the name of General Buller had been given by mistake for that of Colonel Brookelhurst in a dispatch to him by piecemeal from Durban is now agreed to by a dispatch from Pretoria which says that General Buller has left Durban for Cape Colony. Evidently General Buller is in Cape Colony.

**WAR WIRELETS.**  
At a late hour last night Vice President Hobart's condition was reported more favorable. He was reported to have recovered two new cases of yellow fever yesterday and Miami the same number.

**HOBOES.** At Oxford, N. C., yesterday Horner School defeated the University of North Carolina in a beautiful game of football by the score of 11 to 6. The game was played in the afternoon and the score was 11 to 6.

**THE AMERICAN TRAMP STEAMER.** The American tramp steamer "Winfred" arrived at Boston from Galveston, October 28th, with cotton in her hold. The vessel's cargo consists of 5,126 bales of cotton, consigned to N. B. Mills.

**JOHN LAMBERT AND J. F. WHITTON.** John Lambert and J. F. Whitton were caught in a small boat in Pensacola, Fla. Their boat capsized, and after they had waited four hours for the launch to arrive they were rescued.

**MISS BLANCHE FOWLER TRAVELS.** Miss Blanche Fowler travels became the wife of William Leslie Edison, youngest son of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, at Elizabeth, N. J. Her uncle is Senator Daniel, of Virginia. The honeymoon of the young couple will be in Europe.

**JOHN WHOBECK, 13-YEAR-OLD BOY.** John Whobeck, a 13-year-old boy, was convicted in the United States Court yesterday, at Norfolk, Va., of stealing \$325 from the Clarendon post-office. He is committed to the state prison for a year.

**FIFTEEN OR MORE MASKED "REGULATORS."** Fifteen or more masked "regulators" entered the Arthur hotel at Liberty, Mo., last night. John B. Robinson, the landlord, out of bed, hid him in his night clothes to the cemetery and whistled him. He was allowed to return to his home on promise to leave Liberty within fifteen days. Complaint had been made that the hotel had become disreputable.

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**BOERS CHARGED WITH TREACHERY.** DUBUQUE, Nov. 5.—A native eyewitness of Thursday's battle near Ladysmith says the Boers were caught in an open position and were forced to surrender. The British then advanced without firing to accept the surrender of the Boers, but were received with a volley at close range. The British cavalry, consisting of the Buffs, followed by the infantry with fixed bayonets, charged through and through the enemy and did great execution.

**THE BATTLE ON FRIDAY.** The Boers were proceeding, according to the native, in the south with a similar result.

**EST COAST.** NATAU, November 5.—A reliable native has brought contradictory evidence of a British success near Ladysmith. A reconnaissance in force was made by a British division, the object being to relieve the Colenso column, which had been attacked at Ladysmith.

**CAPETOWN.** November 4.—A dispatch which has been received here from Kimberley, dated November 1st, says: "Apparently the Boer reinforcements for Mafeking have arrived, as the Burgers are more numerous and closer all around Kimberley. About twelve hundred of them made a demonstration three miles eastward at Premier mine to-day and opened fire on the De Beers car, but no damage was done. The explosion of the dynamite magazine, caused by the Boers firing the plain, was terrific. The hills contained thirty-five tons of dynamite valued at \$2,800. All the wounded are progressing satisfactorily."

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