

## LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

### WHITE SAYS HE CAN HOLD LADYSMITH

The Statement Received in England With Reserve.

### FULLER STORY OF BATTLE

STAMPEDE OF MULES CAUSED THE CATASTROPHE.

### THEY TOOK WITH THEM THE AMMUNITION

The Captured Regiments Fought Till the Last Cartridge Was Gone. A Ladysmith Dispatch Says, the Artillery Duel Was in Progress Tuesday Night.

London, November 1.—The break down of the Delagoa cable route, combined with the monopolization of the available telegraph lines by the Government and British staff officers, is responsible for the fact that nothing further has arrived from South Africa. The Government has received dispatches rectifying the casualty lists. These will be published today. Up to midnight nothing had been received concerning Monday's casualties. The War Office officials are working under great strain.

An unconfirmed statement is published that General Sir Redvers Buller has left Cape Town for Ladysmith. A belated dispatch from Ladysmith, describing Monday's fight says: "A couple of squadrons of hussars had a narrow escape from disaster early in the day. They found themselves suddenly confronted with easy range, by an overwhelming force of Boers, who seemed to spring from the bowels of the earth. The hussars were splendidly handled and were extricated with only one man wounded."

### THE OFFICIAL STORY.

London, November 1.—The British War Office today made public a dispatch received from General White, describing the operations on Monday, it was as follows: "Ladysmith, October 31.—(7:50 P. M.)—I took out from Ladysmith a brigade of mounted troops, two Brigade divisions of the Royal Artillery, the Naval field battery and two brigades of infantry, to reconnoitre in force the enemy's main position to the north and, if the opportunity should offer to capture the hill behind Farquhar's farm, which had, on the previous day, been held in strength by the enemy. In connection with this advance a column, consisting of the Tenth Mountain artillery, four half companies of the Gloucesters and six companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the whole under Lieutenant Colonel Charlton and Major Ayle, deputy assistant adjutant general, was dispatched, at 11 p. m., on the 9th, to march by night up Bells-Spruit and seize Nicholson's Nek, or some position near Nicholson's Nek, thus turning the enemy's right flank. The main advance was successfully carried out, the objective of the attack being found evacuated and an artillery duel between our field batteries to have caused heavy loss to the enemy. The reconnoissance forced the enemy to fully disclose his position, and after a strong counter-attack on our right, the infantry brigade and cavalry having been repulsed, the troops were slowly withdrawn to camp, pickets being left on observation. Late in the engagement the naval contingent under Captain Lambton, of H. M. S. Powerful, came into action and silenced, with their extremely accurate fire, the enemy's guns of position."

"The circumstances which attended the movements of Lieutenant Colonel Charlton's column are not yet fully known, but from reports received the column appears to have carried out the night march unmolested until within two miles of Nicholson's Nek. At this point two boulders rolled from the hill and stampeded the infantry mules. The stampede spread to the battery mules, which broke loose from their leaders and got away with practically the whole gun equipment and the greater portion of the regimental small arm ammunition. The reserve was similarly lost."

of the Gloucesters, in an advance position, were ordered to fall back. The enemy then pressed to short range, the losses on our side becoming very numerous.

"At 3 p. m. our ammunition was practically exhausted, the position was captured and the survivors of the column fell into the enemy's hands. The enemy treated our wounded with humanity. General Lombert at once dispatching a letter to me, offering a safe conduct to doctors and ambulances to remove the wounded. A medical officer and parties to render first aid to the wounded were dispatched to the scene of action from Ladysmith last night, and the ambulance at dawn this morning."

"The want of success of the column was due to the misfortune of the mules stampeding and the consequent loss of the guns and small arm ammunition reserve."

"The official list of casualties and prisoners will be reported shortly. The latter are understood to have been sent by rail to Pretoria."

"The security of Ladysmith is in no way affected."

The gloom caused by the British disaster at Ladysmith, was in a measure, relieved by today's story giving an account of the heroic stand made by the decimated battalions until their last cartridges were gone. The British nerve was momentarily shaken by General White's use of the word "evacuate" in his first telegram, but now that it is known that the Gloucesters and Fusiliers fought against overwhelming odds and upheld the best traditions of the British Army, the tension has been relieved, since there is no longer ground to dread that the loss of life and men was accompanied by dishonor.

The details today show the catastrophe (Continued on Second Page).

### TWO SCHOONERS ASHORE

THE CHARLES S. DAVIS IS A TOTAL WRECK.

The Thomas G. James in Bad Condition—Both Ashore at Bogue Inlet—The Crews Saved.

Morehead, N. C., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—The three-masted schooner Chas. S. Davis, Somerspoint, N. J., from Savannah to Philadelphia, lumber-loaded, is ashore at Bogue Inlet, twenty-five miles west of Morehead City. The vessel and cargo are a total wreck. The crew of eight were all saved. The vessel is commanded by Captain Jno. W. Adams, of Philadelphia. He is now at Morehead with his crew.

The three-masted schooner Thos. L. James of Keesport, N. J., is also ashore at Bogue Inlet. She is lumber laden, from Savannah to Philadelphia. The cargo and vessel are in bad condition. The crew of eight were all saved. Capt. Pierce reports the worst storm ever seen on this coast.

### SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 1.—The two-masted schooner Stonewall, Captain Miliken, from Wilmington to Charlotte, N. C., with a cargo of merchandise, was caught in Tuesday's storm after she had entered Charlotte river and was blown out to sea. Vessel and cargo with crew supposed to be lost.

Two-masted schooner Stella Lee, Captain Williamson, bound for Charlotte, with cargo of naval stores and produce, given up as lost.

The little tug Woodward, of the Cape Fear quarantine station and a small launch, also belonging to the Government, were broken loose from their moorings and sunk in the storm.

### MR. HOBART GROWING WEAKER.

Nevertheless He Was Bright and Cheerful All Yesterday.

Petersen, N. J., November 1.—Vice-President Garrett Hobart's wonderful vitality stood him in good stead today and, notwithstanding he took little nourishment, he was unusually bright this evening and asked Mrs. Hobart to read him the newspapers. He wants to keep up with current affairs, and when he awakens from sleep he generally asks those near him if anything is new. "Today he showed signs of weakening. An occasional spoonful of brandy and milk and a little grape juice were given to him in the morning."

Through the trying ordeal Mrs. Hobart bears up surprisingly well. She remains with the nurses most of the time in the sick room with her husband.

Mr. Hobart continued to rest easily tonight and a comfortable night is anticipated.

Mrs. Hobart tonight sent the following telegram to President McKinley: "Mr. Hobart passed restful day and evening. He sends love to you and Mrs. McKinley in which I join. (Signed) 'JENNIE T. HOBART.'"

(3 a. m.)—Vice-President Hobart's condition is unchanged. He is still sleeping. All the family are in bed and only a nurse is attending the sick man.

A. W. Cardoza, a negro railway mail clerk, was arrested at Richmond, Va., on a charge of taking letters from the mails. A decoy letter containing money was found in his possession. He was bailed for his appearance on Saturday next.

### SAW TEN OF HIS MEN ENGULFED

Captain Gaskill's Terrific Experience in the Storm.

### HE ALONE WAS RESCUED

CLINGING TO A PIECE OF THE WRECKAGE.

### VESSEL BROKE TO PIECES IN THE STORM

Captain Staples, of the Navahoe, Rescued Him With Great Difficulty—The Crew of Thirteen All Believed to Have Perished.

Charleston, S. C., November 1.—The steamer Navahoe, Captain Staples arrived here this morning from New York. On Monday she encountered the gale, stood out to sea and hove to for eighteen hours. On Tuesday, about fifty miles east of Charleston lightship, she rescued Captain John Gaskill, sole survivor of the crew of the steamer George L. Colwell, of Detroit, bound to New York from Fernandina, Fla., with a cargo of lumber. Captain Gaskill was clinging to a piece of wreckage of his lost vessel to which he had clung for twenty-two hours.

Captain Staples and his officers displayed care and skill in rescuing Captain Gaskill. At first a skiff was lowered with a picked crew; this was smashed against the iron hull of the steamer and the crew struggled in the angry sea until hauled in by lifelines. Captain Staples steamed near the wreckage, a line was thrown to Captain Gaskill, who made it fast around his waist and was hauled aboard.

He had been badly bruised. He was kindly cared for on board and is now in St. Francis Xavier infirmary here progressing favorably.

Captain Gaskill says that the storm struck him with full force on Monday before daylight. The force of the waves and wind caused his vessel to spring a leak. Heavy seas were shipped. The pumps were worked but became choked and the cargo shifted in the hold. The vessel broke into pieces. This was about ten miles northeast of Cape Roman. Captain Gaskill and crew of thirteen clung to wreckage which turned over several times. He saw ten of his crew engulfed in the waves and is of the opinion that the others shared like fates. Captain Gaskill laments the loss of crew deeply and is grateful to Captain Staples and officers of the Navahoe for their efforts.

### BRIDGES AND WHARVES GONE.

Loss by the Storm at Beaufort—Buildings Overthrown.

Beaufort, N. C., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Beaufort is again in a dilapidated condition from wind and tide. On the night of the 30th the wind blew a gale from the southeast; one dwelling house was blown down; the bridges and all of the wharves are gone; several fences and small buildings are down, and many boats are high in the cross streets.

The floor of J. B. Jones' store was washed out and he lost about four hundred dollars worth of salt, etc.

Forlaw's warehouse is a complete wreck, and D. S. Sanders who had rented it lost heavily in flour, salt and powder.

### PUGS READY FOR THE FIGHT.

Sharkey and Jeffries Are Supremely Confident.

New York, November 1.—Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey have practically ended their training and save for light exercise will do nothing more until they face one another in the arena of the Coney Island Sporting Club on Friday night. They have both worked hard for the contest and will probably prove to be in excellent condition. Some doubts have been expressed as to the form of Jeffries, as he has only done about seven weeks work for the fight, but his manager, Billy Brady, and his trainers, Tommy Ryan and Billy Delaney, unite in declaring that he is in entirely satisfactory shape. He asserts himself that he is stronger and better than he was on the night when he met Bob Fitzsimmons in the same ring and defeated him. On the other hand there is no doubt about the condition of Sharkey. He began work while in California early last summer and he has kept pegging away at it ever since. His ambitions is to be the champion pugilist of the world in his class, and does not want the matter of condition to stand in his way. He is in nearly perfect form.

The eve of the contest sees both men supremely confident. Both are calm and will go to the fray as veterans into action. Thousands of dollars have been wagered on the outcome of the fight. Jeffries remains the favorite and the prevailing odds are 10 to 8, although some money is placed at shorter terms than that. It was expected that the flood of Sharkey money that came sweeping into town earlier in the week would make

the terms even by the call of time on Friday night, but men who follow the books and make a business of financial risks of a sporting nature are tonight predicting that Jeffries will maintain his lead in betting favors.

The house promises to be the largest that ever gathered for a pugilistic encounter in New York or anywhere else in this country. The sale of seats so far has been tremendous and if it keeps up the house will be sold out. The boxes near the stage went at \$35 apiece while the best seats near the ring commanded from \$15 to \$25. General admission is to cost \$5, and it is expected that the size of the gate expressed in dollars will be close to \$100,000. Spectators will be in attendance from every State in the Union. Several large delegations from the South and Middle West got in today and others from California and the extreme West and New England will arrive tomorrow. Hotel corridors and cafes ring with fight talk. There are offers to bet, predictions as to the length that the match will go, speculation and prophecy as to victory, and vigorous arguments from the men who champion one or the other of the big fighters.

The articles of agreement under which Jeffries and Sharkey will fight for the heavyweight championship of the world are 500 words long, signed at 10:30 a. m. on 66 2-3 of the gross receipts, of which the winner will receive 75 per cent.

### Civic Carnival a Great Success.

Richmond, Va., November 1.—The civic carnival here today was a great success. There were some four hundred floats in line in the parade, representing all branches of trade and industry, and the tournament this afternoon was attended by about 7,000 persons.

### FUNSTON SUES FOR LIBEL

TO PROCEED AGAINST ARCHBISHOP IRELAND AND THE MONITOR.

Funston Charged by the Monitor, a Catholic Organ, With T. King Two Chances From a Philippine Church.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 1.—A special to the Star from Albuquerque, N. M., says: "General Frederick Funston, who is en route home with the mustered out Twentieth Kansas regiment, has wired his Topeka attorneys to bring suit against Archbishop Ireland for criminal libel because of statements attributed to the Archbishop in a recent interview. General Funston also instructed his lawyers to begin criminal and civil prosecutions against the Monitor, a Catholic paper of San Francisco, which first printed the story.

"In a recent interview in Chicago, Archbishop Ireland was quoted as saying that General Funston had been charged with looting Catholic churches in the Philippines. The charges alleged to have been referred to by the Archbishop were made by the editor of the Monitor, soon after the landing of the Kansas troops in San Francisco. The Monitor stated, it is said, that General Funston had taken two magnificent chalices from a certain Catholic church in the Philippines, and had sent them home to his wife.

"Archbishop Ireland, in his Chicago interviews, was quoted as calling upon General Funston to deny the truth of the article and sue the editor of the Monitor for libel, or the public would be obliged, against its will, to believe him guilty of the criminal acts of which he has been accused."

### FUNSTON IS INDIGNANT.

"General Funston is highly indignant at the accusation and says he will prosecute the matter vigorously. He intends, he says, to put a stop forever to the malicious stories put in circulation regarding him. General Funston says that he not only refrained from desecrating houses of worship in Manila, but that while Colonel of the Kansas regiment, issued a positive order prohibiting the looting or mutilation of church buildings. He supplemented this with verbal instructions to his company commanders to see that the order was rigidly enforced."

### NOT INSTRUCTED TO SUE.

Topeka, Kansas, November 1.—C. S. Glead, senior member of the law firm of Glead, Ware and Glead, stated tonight that his firm had received absolutely no intimation from General Funston of any purpose to begin legal proceedings against Archbishop Ireland. Mr. Glead stated that he had simply received a personal telegram from General Funston requesting him to ascertain if Archbishop Ireland had been correctly quoted, General Funston at the same time expressing the opinion that the statements attributed to the Archbishop would be found to be incorrect.

### IRELAND DENIES THE CHARGES.

St. Paul, Minn., November 1.—Archbishop Ireland appeared somewhat surprised this evening when he heard that General Funston, of Kansas, was reported as about to sue him for libel on account of statements attributed to him in a Chicago interview. He said he had made no charges against General Funston, but had in conversation expressed the opinion that the statements of the San Francisco Monitor charging the General with having taken a priest's robe from a Philippine church, should be denied by General Funston at once, lest a failure to deny lead to a wrong impression. The Archbishop admitted the substantial accuracy of the Chicago interview but denied that he had made any libelous statements.

The oyster slacker's strike at Norfolk, Va., is over. The packing houses now have all the labor needed.

### FILIPINOS FLY BEFORE YOUNG

His Rapid Advance Demoralizes the Foe.

### AGUINALDO IN COMMAND

HE IS PERSONALLY CONDUCTING THE CAMPAIGN.

### VAIN EFFORTS TO RECRUIT HIS ARMY

Colonel Hays Takes Talavera and Cobal--Negros More Peaceful Than For Twenty Years--The Filipinos Are Advancing to Meet Lawton.

Manila, Nov. 1. (4:35 p. m.)—General Hughes, commanding in the Visayan district, has sent in an encouraging report. He says the island of Negros is now more peaceful and orderly than for twenty years. The planters are pursuing their business undisturbed by the bands of brigands who had long levied tribute on them. The Americans have scattered the brigands and propose to pursue them until they are effectually suppressed.

General Young's column entered Cabanatuan, north of San Isidro, yesterday morning.

Col. Parker, with two troops of the Fourth cavalry, took possession of the deserted town of Aliaga. Captain Batson captured a telegraph operator and his escort, finding a telegram to Aguinaldo from an insurgent colonel, reporting that General Lawton was killed in a recent fight, and that his body had been sent to Manila. The operator added that six hundred insurgents were approaching Aliaga from Tarlac. Batson placed his scouts in ambush awaiting them.

Colonel Hays, with four troops of the Fourth cavalry, charged the town of Talavera and Cobal, dispersing 150 insurgents, and pursuing them for three miles without any loss. They captured two brass cannon and a quantity of ammunition, including many Hotchkiss shells. Captain Batson took a storehouse and quantities of rice, sugar, corn, and forty bull carts.

The British steamer, Lebanon, from Hong Kong 500 tons, with a prize crew from the United States gunboat Castine on board, has arrived here. She was captured while running the blockade of Zamboanga. She had unloaded her cargo of merchandise.

All signs show that General Young's rapid advance is demoralizing the insurgents northward. Prisoners report them to be fleeing to the hills. There are many deserters and sick men and the former are taking their arms to the Americans. The cavalry's rapid movements are a puzzle to the insurgents, who think that the Americans, in striking so many pieces, must have overwhelming forces.

### OTIS'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Washington, Nov. 1.—General Otis cables the War Department as follows: "Manila, Nov. 1. "Lawton's advance on Talavera and Aliaga, from Cabanatuan, which place is now occupied, successful; enemy driven north and westward; two small cannon captured with considerable ammunition and large quantities of corn, rice, sugar and land transportation, also telegraph operator, with entire equipment and important insurgent dispatches; no casualties. Insurgents advancing from Tarlac to meet Lawton's troops. Hughes reports Negros in better state of lawful submission than for twenty years; planters no longer in danger; quiet election, over five thousand votes cast; no frauds attempted; inauguration of military civil government sixth instant. Hughes commences active operations against Tagalos in Panay as soon as condition of roads and trails permit."

### BURRELL HOUSE DIES.

Bryant Claims That the Shooting Was Accidental.

Winston, N. C., Nov. 1.—Special—Burrell Shouse, the young man who was shot in Salem Monday night by James Bryant, died last night. He was conscious to the last and made a statement to the effect that he did not think the shooting was accidental as Bryant pointed the pistol directly at him and fired. The dying man added that he and Bryant had always been good friends and had never had a quarrel, therefore he was unable to explain his motive for shooting him. In an interview today Bryant claimed that he had no intention of shooting his friend, that the pistol went off accidentally, but he was unable to explain why or how he shot. He said he loved Shouse and regretted very much killing him. The coroner's jury returned a verdict today that Shouse came to his death by a pistol ball fired by Bryant. The defendant will be given a preliminary trial tomorrow.

George A. Douglas, of Charleston, S. C., has been given a contract to furnish 1,500 mules to the British Government. They are to be delivered at Charleston or Savannah.

### LITTLE COTTON UNGATHERED.

Conditions in October Favorable For Gathering Late Crops.

Washington, Nov. 1.—The climate and crop bulletin for October, issued today by the Weather Bureau, says: "In the districts east of the Rocky Mountains the month of October has been very mild, and the first half generally dry. These conditions proved very favorable for maturing and gathering late crops, but were not favorable for plowing, fall seeding, and germination of sown grain over a large part of the winter wheat region. During the latter part of the month the droughty conditions were largely relieved, although Iowa and portions of Eastern Nebraska, Northern Missouri and the Central Gulf States were suffering for rain at the close of the month. The weather conditions on the Pacific coast have been very favorable.

"Under exceptionally favorable weather conditions, cutting, husking and cribbing corn have made rapid progress. "Only a very small part of the cotton crop remained ungathered at the close of the month. Although the top crop has been a very light one, the absence of frost, especially over the Eastern part of the cotton belt, has permitted much to mature."

### The Kaiser and Humbert to Meet.

Rome, November 1.—It is announced here that it is certain King Humbert and Emperor William will meet shortly and that the interview will be of great political importance to the Italian and German Governments, which have already agreed to renew the treaty of alliance.

### WILL UPHOLD MCKINLEY.

PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM PHILIPPINE COMMISSION THIS WEEK.

Commission Unanimous in Its Opinion as to the Proper Line of Treatment For the Island.

Washington, Nov. 1.—The members of the Philippine Commission, Admiral Dewey, Professor Schurman and Professor Worcester and Colonel Denby, will make a preliminary report to the President before the end of this week, and it is understood the report will be immediately given to the public. This report will be prepared at the request of the President, as a result of a conference between the President and the commission at the White House today.

The President personally summoned the commission and an hour was spent in consultation, during which he explained the points he desired covered in the preliminary report. It may be weeks, possibly months, before the complete report is ready. Professor Schurman, who is President of the commission, said after the members left the White House that the report to be made this week would cover certain phases of the situation which the President desired cleared up at this time.

When asked if the report would touch upon the so-called Sulu Treaty (the arrangement made between General Bates and the Sultan of Sulu), Professor Schurman replied in the negative.

"That was purely a military arrangement," he said, "with which the commission had nothing to do."

Secretary Hay and Secretary Root were present at the conference. The significant feature of this morning's conference was the revelation that the commission is absolutely unanimous in its view respecting the proper line of treatment of the islands. A member of the Cabinet, speaking of the verbal report, said: "In advance of the completion of the report it is not deemed proper to make any statement relative to the nature of the commission's disclosures to the President this morning, beyond the general one, that they tend to confirm the President's policy in every point in the course of treatment it has outlined for the islands, and to remove the least doubt as to the attitude that the government should assume upon the question of the retention of the archipelago."

### BIDS FOR SIX CRUISERS.

Opened Yesterday. Cruisers a Little Larger Than the Raleigh.

Washington, November 1.—Bids were opened at the Navy Department today for the construction of six sheathed and coppered cruisers authorized by the last naval appropriation bill. These vessels will be of about 3,200 tons displacement, a little larger than the Raleigh and Cincinnati class. The speed is to be not less than 16½ knots. The new ships will have twin crews and a battery composed of ten 5-inch guns, eight 6-pounders, two 1-pounders and four machine guns.

The limit of cost fixed by Congress, exclusive of armament, is \$1,141,800 each, and it is provided that not more than two of these vessels shall be built in one year.

Among the bids were the following: Wm. R. Trigg and Company, Richmond, Va., one vessel, department's plans, \$1,027,000.

Same company—bidder's plans, one vessel for \$1,044,000; speed guaranteed 18 knots. Two vessels, same type, for \$937,000 each.

Same company—bidder's plans, one vessel, for \$1,073,000; same type, two vessels, for \$1,027,000 each.

Same company—bidder's plans, guaranteed speed of 19 knots, one vessel for \$1,079,000. Two vessels, same type, \$1,039,000.