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JOUBERT KILLED LAST THURSDAY

Said To Have Been Slain While in Action.

HIS DEATH DISCREDITED

AN ATTACK ON LADYSMITH WAS REPULSED.

THE BOERS FIRE ON AN ARMORED TRAIN

Considerable Loss Was Inflicted Upon Two Companies of English Troops. Licut. Winston Churchill is Among the Missing.

London, Nov. 16.—(Friday)—5 A. M.—Misfortune steadfastly pursues British employment of armored trains, the fascination for which has given the Boers their first and latest victories. The British seemed to have walked into a deliberate trap with the result that, according to the best account 90 men are either killed, wounded or missing. Of these the Fusiliers claim fifty and the Durban infantry forty. It is believed that few escaped and that the others are prisoners in the hands of the Boers. Many of the wounded were brought back on the locomotive and tender of the armored train. Captain Haldane, of the Gordon Highlanders, was attached to the Fusiliers and other officers were with them. The list of casualties is awaited with great anxiety. In time of trouble Lieutenant Winston Churchill has proved himself more a soldier than a correspondent, and his gallantry is highly praised on all sides.

The rumor of the death of General Joubert is discredited.

It is understood that the War Office has news that he is still directing affairs. It is also rumored from Pietermaritzburg that the Boers' losses at Ladysmith on Thursday were heavy and included General Lucas Meyer, who was either killed or wounded. The report as to General Joubert probably arose from the fact that his wife has left the Boer camp at Ladysmith for the Free State.

JOUBERT REPORTED KILLED.

London, Nov. 16.—A dispatch received here today from Pietermaritzburg, dated November 11th, says it is rumored there that General Piet Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, has been killed in action.

JOUBERT SLAIN IN BATTLE.

Durban, Natal, Nov. 12.—(Sunday Evening).—The Times, of Natal, publishes a telegram from Lorenzo Marques saying that General Joubert was killed in action on Thursday, November 9th.

ARMORED TRAIN CRIPPLED.

Estcourt, Natal, Nov. 15.—(Wednesday).—An armored train, having on board a half company of the Durban Volunteers and a half company of the Dublin Fusiliers, steamed to Chieveley early this morning. On its return it was shelled by the artillery of the Boers, placed in four positions. Two trucks in front of the engine left the rails, toppling over. While the train was thus helpless, the Durban and Dublin faced the Boers in skirmishing order and the Boers poured shot and shell into the crippled train. The derailed wagons were with great difficulty removed and the line was cleared, when the engine and tender steamed back.

During this juncture, Lieutenant Winston Churchill, of the Fourth Hussars and son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, displayed much courage, as also did the driver and fireman.

It is feared the Dublin and Durban forces fared badly.

A Red Cross party has gone out.

BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY.

London, Nov. 16.—Special dispatches from Estcourt estimate the wounded and missing of the armored train contingent at from 100 to 150. The missing include Captain Haldane. It is hoped that some escaped over the veldt and will return to Estcourt in a few days.

A HOT FIGHT AT LADYSMITH.

Estcourt, Nov. 16.—(Thursday)—10 A. M.—A missionary, a native but a reliable man, who arrived here yesterday from Ladysmith, reports that a big fight took place there on Friday, November 10th. He says that volunteers went out in the early morning and drew the enemy from their positions when the regular troops, under Sir George White outmaneuvered them by outflanking the Boers administering a crushing defeat and inflicting great loss.

A RAIN OF BOMBS.

Lorenzo Marques, Delagoa Bay, Nov. 16.—A local newspaper reports that Ladysmith was subjected to a very heavy bombardment all day Tuesday, and that at midnight all the cannon on the hills surrounding the town opened fire simultaneously, pouring shells from all points of the compass. Several buildings took fire, the newspaper asserts and could be seen from Bulawayo Hill.

KILLED OR PRISONERS.

Durban, Natal, Nov. 16.—The Natal Advertiser has a dispatch from Estcourt which says:

"When part of the armored train was overturned by the Boers tearing up the rails, the British alighted, exchanging volleys with the Boers. The engine driv-

er, when the rails were replaced, seeing the position was hopeless, steamed back to Estcourt with a few of the Durban and fifteen of the Durban, including Captain Wylie, who was wounded, on the tender.

"The fate of the remainder of the Durban and Durban and Lieutenant Churchill is unknown."

The Natal Mercury, describing the engagement, says:

"The enemy apparently opened fire with a Maxim and two 9-pounders, getting the range accurately. The fire was so severe that telegraph wires and poles were destroyed. Their guns were posted on a kopje covered with brushwood, and their sharpshooters were hidden behind boulders. The Durban and Volunteers, fighting an unequal battle, thrice drove the enemy back, but the fierceness of the rifle and big gun fire was too much for the brave little party which were weakened at the outset by the overturning of the trucks, hurrying several.

"Lieutenant Churchill's bravery and coolness were magnificent. Encouraged by him the men worked like heroes in clearing the line to enable the engine and tender to pass.

"Later details show that a heavy rain and mist compelled a cessation of firing. Lieutenant Churchill bravely carried the wounded to the tender under fire. While the Boers were destroying the train their scouts pushed in and exchanged shots with the British pickets a few miles from Estcourt. It appears that the Boers were in ambush. As soon as the train had passed up they emerged from cover and dislodged the sleeper bolts."

CHURCHILL A PRISONER (?)

Estcourt, Nov. 16.—Seven of the Durban have just come in making twenty-three missing. Only fifteen of the Dublin have returned.

The naval seven-pounder, which was in front of the truck had fired three shots when it was shattered by the Boer artillery.

The armored engine has many bullet marks and its dome cover is smashed, as also is its automatic exhaust pipe and 25-ton screw jack. The tender is also pitted with bullet marks.

It is rumored that Lieutenant Churchill is a prisoner.

RED CROSS TRAIN RETURNS.

Estcourt, Natal, Nov. 15.—(Wednesday)—9:30 p. m.—At 6 o'clock this evening, the Red Cross train returned. Dr. Bristow reported that on meeting the Boers patrol, he was halted and asked what he wanted.

He replied that he had come with the train to remove the killed and wounded. The Boers told him to make his request in writing and Dr. Bristow complied.

After waiting for two hours, another Boer came and informed Dr. Bristow that as General Joubert was very far away, no answer to the request could be furnished until tomorrow morning. The Boer said, that if Dr. Bristow would then return with a white flag, he could count on a reply from General Joubert. Dr. Bristow inquired whether there were many wounded. He declined to give any information regarding Lieutenant Winston Churchill.

CHICAGO'S PILOT THE CAUSE.

Collision With Steamship City of Augusta Investigated.

New York, Nov. 16.—The local Board of United States Inspectors of Steam Vessels has investigated the collision between the Pennsylvania ferryboat Chicago and the coastwise steamship City of Augusta, which occurred on the North river early on the morning of October 31st last and resulted in the sinking of the ferryboat and the drowning of four or five men. Their report filed with Supervising Inspector Starbuck, holds that the collision was entirely due to want of care and to negligence on the part of William Durham, pilot in charge of the ferryboat Chicago, in not keeping a proper lookout and trying to cross the bow of the steamship City of Augusta in violation of Rule 15 of the Pilot's Rules.

The license of Captain Durham is suspended for a period of six months.

The Leonids Caused Panics.

London, Nov. 16.—In Russia, the Leonid display caused a panic in many places. It was believed that the end of the world had come, and hundreds of thousands spent three nights in the open air, fearing earthquakes and a general cataclysm. There are rumors that in some villages Russian parents murdered their children to relieve them from an expected worse fate. There was a rather brilliant meteoric display between 2 and 5 o'clock Thursday morning at Berlin.

Democratic National Committee.

Washington, Nov. 16.—A meeting of the Democratic National Committee will probably be held in this city January 8th or February 11th. Chairman James K. Jones has settled upon these two dates as his own choice, and by his instructions Secretary Johnson has just completed the work of notifying members of the committee to send by letter their preference of the two dates suggested by Chairman Jones. At this meeting the committee will decide the time and place for holding the next Democratic National Convention.

W. and L. Football Team.

Lexington, Va., Nov. 16.—The football eleven of Washington and Lee University leave for a trip through Kentucky and Tennessee Friday afternoon. Games will be played at Louisville, November 18th, with Central University; at Lexington, Ky., November 21st, with Kentucky State College; at Knoxville, Tenn., November 23rd, with University of Tennessee.

PAYS MORE THAN ALL THE REST

One of the best indications of the volume of business done in Raleigh is the amount of money taken in by the Raleigh postoffice for postage.

The best evidence of Raleigh's primacy as a newspaper centre is the money paid into the Raleigh postoffice for postage on second class matter by the newspapers published in the city.

The best evidence of the circulation of a State newspaper is the amount paid by a newspaper for postage on papers mailed to its subscribers.

During the year beginning October 1st 1898, the Raleigh postoffice received \$4,334.91 for mailing 433,491 pounds of second class mail matter. We do not know, but we suppose that this is the largest receipts from newspapers in any year in the history of Raleigh. Of that amount the News and Observer Publishing Company paid more than one half, or to be exact it paid \$2,369.38 of the \$4,334.91 paid by all the publications mailed from the city of Raleigh.

Here are the entire postoffice receipts from second class mail matter for the year by quarters as furnished by the postoffice authorities:

Quarter ending Dec. 31, '98... \$1,121.45

Quarter ending March 31, '99... 988.82

Quarter ending June 30, '99... 986.28

Quarter ending Sept. 30, '99... 1,238.33

Total for year... \$4,334.91

The amounts paid by the News and Observer Publishing Company for the above period by quarters is as follows:

Quarter ending Dec. 31, '98... \$ 577.11

Quarter ending March 31, '99... 506.22

Quarter ending June 30, '99... 552.20

Quarter ending Sept. 30, '99... 733.85

Total... \$2,369.38

In addition to the daily and weeklies published by the News and Observer Publishing Company, there are sixteen other newspapers published in Raleigh as follows:

The Times-Visitor.

The Progressive Farmer.

The Biblical Recorder.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate.

The Caucasian.

The Weekly Post.

The Daily Post.

The State Journal.

The Raleigh Blade.

The Baptist Sentinel.

The Supreme Court Digest.

Our Record.

The N. C. Board of Health.

St. Augustine Record.

The Truth.

The Southern Sanitarium.

In addition to these sixteen other papers published in Raleigh, two news agencies send out second class matter at newspaper rates, and their publications are counted in the total of 433,491 pounds of second class matter sent out during the year ending October 31st.

These figures show Raleigh's primacy as a newspaper centre.

Likewise they show the News and Observer's primacy, and substantiate its claim "LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION."

THE MUNICIPAL PROGRAM.

The Question Discussed by the League Yesterday.

Columbus, O., Nov. 16.—The sessions of the National Municipal League continued today. The discussion was on the program prepared by the special committee, their report in part being as follows:

"The Municipal Programme is based on the theory that good city government is dependent not merely upon a proper form of municipal organization, but as well upon a proper determination of the position of the city and upon the ability of the municipal citizen to decide municipal questions on their own merits.

"In order to permit the decision of these questions on their own merits the programme provides for personal registration of voters and nomination of city officers by petition signed by not more than fifty voters. An official blanket ballot with the names of the candidates, arranged in alphabetical order under the title of the office, obliges the voter to vote separately for each candidate for whom he votes, and makes it necessary that all municipal elections shall be held at a different time from State and national elections.

"In order both to relieve the cities from legislative control and permit them sufficient opportunities of local development, cities are vested with the possible powers of local government."

"Hon. Bid S. Coler, Controller of Greater New York, discussed 'The City's Power to Incur Indebtedness Under the Proposed Municipal Program.'"

Following Mr. Coler's address there was a general discussion of the subject.

At the afternoon session Dr. Frank J. Goodnow read a paper on 'Political Parties and City Government Under the Proposed Municipal Programme.'

This was discussed by John A. Butler, of Milwaukee.

"Public Opinion and City Government Under the Proposed Municipal Programme" was discussed by Horace E. Deming, of New York, who stated that under the proposed municipal program the city is a "representative democracy. Unable to resort to outside assistance and secure against outside interference, compelled to work out its own local destiny, and clothed with ample powers to do so, the very necessity of the case will develop an enlightened public opinion, which will control the public policy. The people are the Government."

Virginia Military School.

Lexington, Va., Nov. 16.—The Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute at a called meeting of that body held here last night determined to resume duties and studies at the school on November 18th. The school has closed on account of a typhoid fever epidemic, which prevailed there previous to October 16th.

The board recommends a number of sanitary improvements, which it is understood will be made.

By the falling of an aerolite, seven miles south of Crescent City, Ill., the residence of John Meyers was partially wrecked and the neighborhood was panic stricken.

DUPLACE DIES FROM THE SHOCK

One of the Rescued Passengers of the Patria.

Southampton, Nov. 16.—The rescued passengers of the Patria spent last night at Southampton awaiting the arrival of the Kaiser Friedrich. Four of the passengers were left at Dover, and one of these, a man named Duplace, it is believed, will die because of his terrible experience in the English Channel. It now seems probable the Patria will be at least partly saved. What caused the fire is still a mystery, but it is asserted that the fact that the steamer was on fire was withheld from the passengers for some time, Captain Frohlich apparently wishing to take his ship to Hamburg without causing alarm if possible.

Mr. Duplace has been for twenty years German Consul at San Juan de Porto Rico. With him are his wife and Mrs. Ivers, of New York city, a fellow cabin passenger, who, being a trained nurse and seeing the distress of Mr. and Mrs. Duplace, has generously volunteered to stay and nurse the consul, declining the opportunity to continue her journey to Germany.

Mrs. Duplace gives the following description of their escape:

"It was about half past ten yesterday morning, the weather being calm and fine and several of us being seated in the deck saloon when suddenly Captain Frohlich appeared and shouted: 'All passengers on deck!' Everybody started forward with a rush. 'We are afire,' said the Captain, 'but there is no danger. Don't get excited.'

"Just then smoke began to pour out through the deck near the smokestacks. My sick husband was in his cabin and undressed. I hurried to him and began to dress him when in came the steward shouting 'Get out of this quick.' He took my husband by the feet and I supported his head. We started to carry him to the deck, but the smoke choked us, and the water from the fire hose swished around our knees. I feared that all was lost; but, going backward through another passage we managed to reach the deck in safety.

"Women and children first!" shouted the Captain. I replied that I supposed I would have to wait for the men's turn, as I could not leave my helpless husband. Captain Frohlich answered me by lifting my husband, placing him in the bottom of one of the boats, ordering me to follow and telling the steward to go with us. Our boat was the first lowered.

"For more than an hour in accordance with the Captain's orders we lay alongside the liner, now hot and smoke covered, cinders and debris falling over our boats. Through the fire we occasionally caught sight of Captain Frohlich on the bridge. He divided his attention between giving orders to the crew and joking with us. Once he shouted laughingly 'The fire is in my cabin. Now I can't get my pipe, and you all know I can't do anything without my pipe.'

"Then the Ceres came up, and her captain sang out 'Your ship's afire. Shall I take your passengers?' Frightened as we were we laughed. Captain Frohlich made the Ceres promise to take us to

Dover, and then our boats pulled over to her, and we were taken aboard. The last we saw of the Patria she was just a mass of smoke and going slowly toward Hamburg. Many of us had to pay for what little we could get to eat on board the Ceres. At Dover everybody was very kind."

DEATH OF DR. DUPLACE.

Dover, Eng., Nov. 16.—Dr. Duplace died here this evening from shock. Sixteen valuable race horses on board the Patria were suffocated and burned to death.

Sounding the Legislature.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 16.—Secretary of State Finley has received official returns from fifty counties and is tabulating them for the State Election Board. Candidates for minor State offices on both tickets fear that the returns may show the head of one ticket elected with candidates on the other ticket faring likewise. While Goebel carries Campbell county, Burke, Republican, for superintendent of Public Instruction carries the same by over 1,000. Goebel managers assert that the whole Goebel ticket will win. The report today that Chairman Pryor of the State Election Commission would resign because of dissatisfaction over the Goebel County Commissioners, is denied by Pryor. Taylor's friends have begun a quiet canvass of the members of the Legislature sounding them as to how they would vote on a contest if the State election boards should throw out Knox, Johnson or Pulaski counties and also 1-100 votes cast in Nelson for "W. P." instead of W. S. Taylor. It is said four Democratic members of the House and at least six Democratic Senators have been found so far who will not vote to seat Goebel. This movement on Taylor's side is construed to indicate the opinion that Goebel will be given a certificate of election from the State Board. The story that Goebel has decided to abandon the fight and to enter a fight against Blackburn for Senator is pronounced absurd by friends of both and is laughed at by both Goebel and Blackburn.

RECORD OF VOTE INCOMPLETE.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 16.—The work of tabulating the election returns in Louisville is progressing so slowly that it is hardly probable that all of the precincts of the city will be counted before next Tuesday or Wednesday. The Democrats have given notice that they will contest the vote in several precincts on account of the fact that the Democratic officers of the precincts, as well as Democratic voters, had been intimidated by soldiers. When the vote of the on Twentieth precinct of the Ninth ward was reached by the commissioners today it was found that there was no complete record of the vote. Judge Hargis, Democratic counsel, said that he would produce affidavits to prove that the Democratic officers in this precinct were frightened from the voting places by the report that Governor Bradley's soldiers were coming. On this account they had been unable to make out the returns.

Mr. Kinkaid, for the Republicans, said that he would produce evidence to show that the soldiers were never within a mile of the precinct and that the Democrats had other reasons for not signing the returns. The board voted to pass the precinct until later.

BRADLEY A PUZZLE.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 16.—Governor Bradley has the members of both parties guessing what hand he will take in the event of a collision between Goebel and Taylor over the Governorship. Bradley's close friends say he will not recognize Goebel as Governor if the State Board goes behind the original returns in order to obtain for him a certificate of election.

The Governor himself will not talk, but as he is in conference with Adjutant General Collier almost constantly, rumors of this kind are worrying the Democratic leaders. No Governor will be inaugurated December 12th, the date prescribed by law. The State election commission has not been convened to canvass the returns. The law provides that it must meet not later than December 4th.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

James Bryant Will Be Sentenced Today. Another Murder Case.

Winston, N. C., Nov. 16.—(Special).—The jury today returned a verdict of murder in the second degree against James Bryant for killing Burrell Shouse in Salem, two weeks ago. Sentence will be passed upon the defendant tomorrow.

The case of Lee Walker, colored, for killing his wife, was given to the jury late this afternoon.

THREATS OF LYNCHING.

Thomas Smith Brought to Goldsboro for Safe Keeping.

Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 16.—(Special).—Thomas Smith, the negro who was tried and convicted of murdering Chas. Cawthon near Schum last Christmas, was brought here this evening by Sheriff Ellington of Johnston, for safe keeping. The Supreme court gave Smith a new trial, and his case has been moved to Wayne for trial. Threats of lynching were made against him in Johnston.

Longino's Majority 35,806.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 16.—The Secretary of State today made an official announcement of the returns from the recent State election. Longino, Democratic candidate for Governor, received 42,227 votes, against 6,421, for Prewitt, Populist. Longino's majority 35,806.

The vote on the Noel election amendment was yeas 21,169; nays, 8,643.

Mr. Sam Worthington, son of Col. Worthington, of Wilson, is to marry Miss Lucy Outlaw, of Bertie county on December 7th.

AGUINALDO IS NOT YET OUT OF THE PEN

Desperate Efforts to Escape to the Hills.

HIS CABINET WITH HIM

LIEUT. JOHNSON CAPTURES HIS WIFE'S WARDROBE.

SHE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ESCAPED

The Rapidity of the American Advance Amazes the Filipinos. The Remains of Major John A Logan Buried in

Paco Cemetery.

Manila, Nov. 16.—(9:30 P. M.)—Reports have been received here from General Young, dated Humingam, yesterday. Humingam is about thirty miles east of San Fabian. General Young is supposed to have advanced considerably further toward San Fabian.

A correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphs an account of the rapid pace with which General Young covered the road with his cavalry. The Macabebe scouts completely surprised and demoralized the insurgents around the low country. A messenger and reinforcements, who were captured, say no town from San Jose to San Nicolas expected the arrival of the Americans until a day or two after they actually arrived.

Aguineldo and his Government are said to be making desperate efforts to escape to Bayambang. All the information here is that he is still in the low country.

Lieutenant Johnston, with Troop M, Third cavalry, captured yesterday at San Nicolas, twelve barrels containing the wardrobe of Aguineldo's wife, some personal effects, the records of the Secretary of War and much commissary and medical supplies. Senora Aguineldo probably escaped over the Divide, but the Secretary of War is thought to be inside the lines.

Thomas W. Hayes, a civilian, and Calvin S. Davis, of the Sixteenth infantry, who were held prisoners by the insurgents, have been rescued.

Colonel Wessels captured at Tayug several thousand pounds of rice, 7,500 pounds of salt, 5,500 pounds of flour marked "Dayton, Ohio," 2,500 pounds of sugar, 1,300 new uniforms and hundreds of thousands of Mauser shells.

The names of Lieutenant Gilmore and seven of his men were found written on the walls of the convent of San Quintin. The garrisons of all the towns surprised resisted feebly. General Wheaton has not yet appeared.

The remains of Major John A. Logan, killed in action at San Jacinto, Saturday, were buried in Paco cemetery this morning. Many persons followed the body to the grave. Chaplain Pierce officiated, and the Twentieth infantry furnished the escort, which was commanded by Major Robman. The pallbearers were the captains of the Twentieth infantry.

DENIGUE IN LUZON.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Chief Surgeon Woodhull at Manila, under date of October 13th, sends Surgeon General Sternberg the following:

"A sharp and quite general epidemic of dengue has prevailed in Luzon, for some months past, and it appears to be spreading to the South. There have been few really severe cases, but a large number that interdicted duty for some days."

BURIAL OF MR. B. F. LONG, JR.

It Will Take Place at Statesville Saturday.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 16.—(Special).—Mr. B. F. Long, Jr., who was run over at the University Station by a train today, died here tonight at 8 o'clock. His body will be taken to Statesville on the morning train. His interment will take place there Saturday.

EVAN E. SETTLE DIES.

Democratic Congressman from Seventh Kentucky District.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 16.—Congressman Evan E. Settle, Democrat, Seventh Kentucky District, died suddenly at Owenton, of heart disease, at five o'clock this evening.

Marriage Bells Chime at Littleton.

Littleton, N. C., Nov. 16.—Tonight Mr. F. A. Fetter, Jr., the popular agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was united in matrimony to Miss Claude Johnston, the talented daughter of the late Col. W. A. Johnson. The marriage was a private home affair, only relatives of the contracting parties being invited. Mr. L. L. Joyner, chief clerk to the Superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line system, was best man and Miss Sue Johnston, cousin of the bride, maid of honor. The ceremony was performed by the father of the groom, Rev. F. A. Fetter, rector of St. Thomas church, Reidsville, N. C. It can truly be said that no handsomer couple have joined their future destinies in this section. With the best wishes of their friends the young people left on the Atlanta Special for an extended Northern tour.