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RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 28, 1899.

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

### METHUEN WINS ANOTHER BATTLE

With 7,000 British Troops Against 2,500 Boers.

### FOUR HOURS OF BATTLE

THE FIGHT AT GRAS PAN, TEN MILES FROM BELMONT.

### JOUBERT RETIRING FROM MOOI RIVER

Signs Point to a Strong Boer Expedition for the Capture of White's Army. Telegraphic Communication With Estcourt Restored.

### Boers Occupy Stormberg.

London, Nov. 27.—General Methuen again defeated the Boers on Saturday. He encountered the enemy 2,500 strong at Gras Pan Hills, and after a stubborn battle of four hours forced him to retire.

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.

General Methuen gives few details, leaving it an open question whether the result was on the whole favorable to the British. His force was about 7,000 men. It is known, telegraphs General Methuen, that the Boers lost at least thirty-one killed and forty-eight wounded. Among the killed were Commander Echelston, of the Powertal, Major Plumbe, of the Doris and Captain Guy Senior, of the Royal Marines. The British loss is not stated, but is presumably heavy, as the British commander says: "The enemy showed the greatest stubbornness." General Methuen's force will halt one day at Gras Pan to rest and replenish ammunition.

General Methuen is now in telegraphic communication with Kimberley. The Boers occupied Stormberg, Cape Colony, Sunday morning this heading off the line of General Gatacre's advance.

It is reported that General Joubert is retiring from Mooi river, Natal, and signs point to a strong Boer expedition for the capture of White's army.

The British have restored telegraphic communication with Estcourt. 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.

General Sir Redvers Buller has arrived at Durban from Cape Town, and started northward.

It is understood that the Government will mobilize and embark another division of 10,000 men at once.

It is feared that the Ninth Lancers, who were sent in pursuit of the Boers at Gras Pan have been captured by the enemy.

**REPORTED BRITISH SUCCESS**  
Cape Town, Nov. 27.—Afternoon—It is reported that General Methuen has captured Honey Nest Kloof, ten miles north of Gras Pan, and two million rounds of ammunition.

**COMBINED ATTACK PLANNED.**  
Estcourt, Sunday, November 26.—The railroad bridge at Frere, spanning a wide stream, has been destroyed by the Boers, who are reported to be retiring rapidly.

A general advance upon Colenso has been ordered, and a flying column has left here to intercept the Boer raiding parties.

A reliable messenger from Ladysmith says he gathered from the Boers that they had proposed a combined attack all over the country for today.

General Joubert is expected to stoutly dispute the passage of the Tugela River.

**BOER DEFEAT AT BEAN HILL.**  
London, Nov. 27.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Pietermaritzburg, Sunday, November 26th:

"Hildyard, from Estcourt, made a successful attack November 23rd with three battalions, one field battery, a naval gun and 700 mounted troops, on the enemy occupying Bean Hill, which dominates William Grange, and had interrupted his communication. As a result of the operations the enemy is retiring and the railway and telegraph lines have been restored between Estcourt and Weston.

"Our loss was about fourteen killed and fifty wounded.

"Hildyard has advanced to a position near Frere, as he hopes to cut off the enemy, who is believed to be retiring on Colenso, via Weenen.

"Barton, from Weston, has advanced to Estcourt.

"As soon as communication is restored I will telegraph particulars. So far as I can make out the operation is one for which Hildyard and the troops deserve much credit. The railway is now open to Frere."

**ENGLISH SUFFER HEAVILY.**  
Durban, Natal, Nov. 27.—The latest reports of General Hildyard's losses at the Beacon Hill engagement show that fifteen men were killed and seventy-two wounded. The West Yorkshire regiment suffered heavily. Major Hobbs was captured and several men are missing.

A pigeon message from Colonels Ham-

ilton and Duff at Ladysmith, undated, reports all well.

Another naval contingent from the British class cruiser Terrible, with two 4.7 inch guns, started for the front tonight.

### THE SAMOAN ARRANGEMENT.

Our Government Rejects British-German Draft and Submits Another.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The United States has declined to accept the agreement as to the disposition of the Samoan Islands reached by Great Britain and Germany. The reasons which influenced the State Department here in rejecting the British-German arrangement related entirely to minor matters and touched rather upon the form than the substance of the arrangements. Our government has, at the instance of the other parties, prepared and submitted a draft of a treaty which it is hoped will be acceptable to all three powers. This is now before the Foreign Offices at London and Berlin for consideration, and it is confidently believed here that it will receive unanimous approval, as it does not differ in principle from the original project.

### Charred Corpse on an Ash Heap.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 27.—A number of body of an unknown negro, supposed to be a tramp was found on the ash dump of the McCaw Manufacturing Company here this morning. He was horribly burned and there were no distinguishing marks about the clothes or body.

How he came to his death and how his body came to be on the ash pile is a mystery which the coroner has been unable as yet to unravel.

### MILLIONS INVOLVED

Cotton Seized and Sold During the War.

Supreme Court Decides Government Has No Right to \$11,000,000 Realized from Sale. Effort for Congressional Action Asked.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 27.—Governor Miles B. McSweeney today addressed a letter to the Governor of each Southern State, asking for united effort to get Southern Representatives in Congress to work for the passage of a bill refunding eleven million dollars to Southern people from whom cotton was seized by United States troops during the War between the States.

The cotton was sold by the Collector of Customs of New York, and the funds placed in the United States Treasury. The United States Supreme Court has decided that the Government has no right or title to these funds, which are held for the ultimate return to those entitled thereto.

But these funds cannot be recovered except by Congressional action, his legislation is necessary before action can be brought against the sovereign Government. By special legislation some few claims have been granted, but it is desired that Congress remove all restraints so that lawful owners or heirs may be reimbursed. A Senate bill was introduced last year, and was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Claims, but was lost sight of in some way.

### SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY.

### Annual Meeting. M. J. O'Brien Elected President.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 27.—The annual meeting of the Southern Express Company was held here this morning. It was the first meeting since the organization of the company not attended by Mr. H. B. Plant, its organizer, who died some three months ago.

The stockholders elected the following directors: M. J. O'Brien, Morton F. Plant, R. G. Erwin, H. Dempsey, T. W. Leary, G. H. Tilley and O. M. Sadler. The number of directors was increased from five to seven. This was in accordance with a change made in the by-laws a year ago. The new members of the board are: G. Erwin, G. H. Tilley and O. M. Sadler. Mr. Erwin succeeds the late H. B. Plant.

After their election the directors met and elected these officers: President—M. J. O'Brien. Vice President—Morton F. Plant. Secretary and Treasurer—George H. Tilley.

General Counsel—F. G. Dubignon.

The directors by a rising vote endorsed the resolutions of respect and regret at the death of Mr. Plant passed at a meeting of the directors in New York. The meeting was attended more largely by division superintendents than any held in years. All the directors were here also. C. L. Loop, of Chattanooga, Traffic Manager; W. M. Hulbert, Superintendent at Atlanta; W. J. Crosswell, Superintendent at Wilmington, N. C., and W. J. Haile, Superintendent at Jacksonville.

The financial statement was not given out today, but it was announced that the company had enjoyed a prosperous year.

### The Acme Damaged.

Amsterdam, Nov. 27.—The British steamer Acme, from Pensacola, October 25th, via Newport News, November 4th, arrived here today, and reports having lost her deck load and two boats and sustained sundry damages from gales encountered on the passage.

### HIS DUPES LEGION

Letters from Miller's Victims Pouring In.

Temporary Receiver Appointed for the Franklyn Syndicate. Other Institutions Conducted on the Blind Pool Basis Under Surveillance.

New York, Nov. 27.—Hubert G. Taylor, a lawyer, was appointed temporary receiver for the defunct Franklyn Bank today by Justice Smith, of the Supreme Court. The application was made by William O. Inglis, who stated that he held 12 shares in the company. According to Inglis the liabilities exceed \$200,000, the assets being about \$9,000 cash in the hands of the police. Taylor was required to furnish a bond of \$15,000.

The hearing set for this afternoon in the case of Louis H. Miller, brother of the missing man, did not take place, owing to the District Attorney not being ready to proceed and the matter was adjourned until Wednesday morning. Miller was released on \$1,000 bail.

Lawyer Robert Ammon, call Nassau street, Manhattan, did not call on District Attorney Steele today to enlighten him as to the whereabouts of his former client, William F. Miller. Steele says he is positive that Ammon does not know where Miller is, and that he is as much in the dark regarding his hiding place as the police are.

The police officials have found no trace of the missing man. Letters poured in today from all parts of the country, written by persons who said they had been deceived by literature that had been sent broadcast by Miller and his employees. All wanted information as to the best way for them to recover their money. Some of the writers in their letters stated that they had deposited from \$200 to \$500. Other syndicates conducted along lines similar to the Franklyn Syndicate are being investigated by the police and by the district attorney of King's county. All institutions conducted on the "blind pool" basis which promise unusual profits, are under surveillance.

John G. Agnew, who says he is the manager of the Washington Syndicate at No. 81 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn, was taken into custody today by the Brooklyn police on a warrant charging Agnew with violating section 609 of the penal code, which makes it a misdemeanor for a person to display a banker's sign on his premises when he does not rate as such. Agnew also had printed on his bill heads "Private Banker." He was later identified as a person who four years ago was arrested for running policy shops in the Borough of Brooklyn. The indictment found against him is still pending.

Bail was fixed at \$500. Agnew will have a hearing in police court tomorrow morning.

### MILLER OFF FOR MEXICO.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27.—William F. Miller, New York promoter of the Franklin Syndicate, for whom hundreds of detectives all over the country are on the lookout, is reported to have passed through Kansas City last Saturday en route to Vera Cruz, Mexico. Paul J. Maas, a Chicago newspaper man, who is visiting friends in this city, is quoted as having seen and talked to Miller on an incoming Maple Leaf train. Miller apparently took the first train Southwest. No further trace of him has been secured.

### DEATH OF MRS. McCORMICK.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Henrietta Hamilton McCormick, a pioneer of Chicago, and the wife of Leander J. McCormick, one of the founders of the McCormick Reaper Works, died last night of cerebral apoplexy, aged 77 years. She was born in Rockbridge county, Va., May 25th, 1822. On her father's side she traced her lineage to Robert, Earl of Leicester, brother of William the Conqueror, one of whose descendants married Isabella, daughter of Robert Bruce.

### Contracts for Six Cruisers.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Contracts for the six new 3,500-ton cruisers were awarded today at the Navy Department in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Construction, one to each of the following firms:

William R. Trigg, of Richmond; Lewis Nixon, of Elizabethport, N. J.; The Bath Iron Works, of Bath, Maine; the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, Cal.; the Fore River Engine Company, of Braintree, Mass., and Neafie and Levy, of Philadelphia.

### Newark Wins the Race to Manila.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Newark, Captain McCulla, has won the race to Manila, a cablegram received at the Navy Department announcing her arrival there on Saturday. The Brooklyn is now hastening from Aden to Colombo, closely followed by the New Orleans, which has been steadily gaining on her bigger competitor.

### The Kentucky Breaks the Record.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 27.—On the run down the coast from Boston to Hampton Roads, the new battleship Kentucky, which came into the Roads last night, broke the record for ships of her class. Her average speed for the trip was fifteen knots per hour.

### BRYAN IS THE MAN

The Trusts and Imperialism Are the Issues.

Emphatic Parting Statement of Croker. Tammany Will Heartily Support Bryan. No Running Mate Has Been Chosen For Him as Yet.

New York, Nov. 27.—Richard Croker, who is to sail for Europe tomorrow, was interviewed today at the Democratic Club. He said:

"I want to say before my departure for Europe that Wm. J. Bryan will be the standard bearer of the Democratic party in the next national campaign. The fight will be made against trusts and imperialism and Mr. Bryan is the only man to lead such a fight. Tammany Hall will give him its heartiest support, you may rest assured of that. No running mate for Mr. Bryan has been selected yet. Several names have been under consideration, but no decision has been arrived at.

"There isn't any truth at all," said Mr. Croker, "in the statement that Senator Gorman and I have been talking together about another candidate. Senator Gorman and I had some talk, but it had no connection with politics. I haven't changed my opinions about Bryan since I came back two months ago. I believe tonight stronger than ever before that he is just the man we want for next year."

### FEDERAL AID ASSURED.

Deboe Says That It Will Be Forthcoming if Needed.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 27.—Senator Deboe left for Washington tonight, and after his departure a story emanating from Republican circles was put abroad that in the event Goebel is given a certificate of election next Saturday by the throwing out of the vote of Jefferson, Knox and Johnson counties, Senator Deboe, Senator Lindsay, Gov. Bradley, Gen. Taylor and other Republican leaders will unite in an appeal to President McKinley to declare martial law in Kentucky, recognizing Taylor as Governor, and supporting his administration. Senator Deboe stated to the Associated Press reporter that he felt confident no emergency would arise requiring the assistance of the Federal authorities, but estimated that he had assurances that Federal aid could be had if it became necessary.

The expected move of the Goebel leaders to take the gubernatorial controversy into the courts prior to his handling of the State Election Board has not materialized so far, and many believe it has been abandoned.

The report that Warden Millard, under the direction of Goebel leaders, is arming convicts and preparing to take the Goebel side in the event Bradley calls out troops Saturday is absolutely unfounded. It is probable the sitting of the State Election Board will extend over several days, and it is stated that the Democratic Commissioners will refuse to begin canvassing the returns in the event that Bradley places a military guard over them.

### WOULD KILL ABDUL HAMID.

Turkish Officials Arrested Charged With Plotting His Assassination.

Constantinople, Nov. 27.—A number of arrests of Mussulmans have been made, including a general of division and several important officials, charged with being engaged in a plot to assassinate the Sultan with dynamite bombs on the occasion of the Selamlik Friday. Four bombs have been seized. The accused who have been exiled to Yemen, have already been sent to their places of imprisonment.

The Mussulmans of Stamboul are greatly excited. Vigorous measures have been taken to preserve order.

### Shot His Wife's Insulter.

St. Louis, Nov. 27.—The coroner's jury this afternoon returned a verdict of justifiable homicide in the case of Attorney James T. Roberts, the lawyer, charged with the murder of Prof. R. A. Simpson, the dramatic agent, who was killed Friday afternoon.

At the inquest Mrs. Roberts testified that Simpson, who was giving her theatrical lessons, had insulted her. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, who had been separated for some time, became reconciled at the inquest today.

### CUTS SOUTHERN MEMBERS.

Measure That Would Send Few Southern Republicans to Convention.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 27.—Henry C. Payne, the Wisconsin member, will present at the meeting of the National Republican Committee in Washington, December 12th, a resolution recommending a change in the basis of representation in future Republican National Conventions, as follows:

"Each State to be entitled to four delegates at large, and one additional delegate for each 10,000 votes, or majority fraction thereof cast at the last preceding presidential election for Republican electors; and four delegates from each organized territory and the District of Columbia."

If this plan is adopted by the convention, Alabama would have nine delegates, Arkansas eight, Florida five, Georgia ten, Louisiana six, Mississippi five and South Carolina six—a total of

49, instead of 129, as under the present apportionment.

The other decreases would be: Colorado one, Idaho one, Montana one, Nebraska two, Nevada one, North Carolina two, Tennessee five, Texas nine, Utah one, Virginia six and Wyoming one. The total number of delegates would be 894 as at present.

### A STATE OF WAR.

We Are Officially Informed That it Exists in South Africa.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The British Ambassador, Lord Pauncefote, has informed the Secretary of State that he has been directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to inform the Secretary of State as an act of courtesy that a state of war has actually existed since the 11th of October between England and the South African Republic and the Orange Free State.

### Congressman Bartlett's Mother Dead.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Virginia Louise Bartlett, mother of Congressman Charles L. Bartlett, died here today at the age of 71 years of age of heart failure. She had been sick for several months.

Mrs. Bartlett's maiden name was Saunders, and her people came from Southampton, Va.

### Charter for a Pottery.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 27.—A number of local capitalists will apply tomorrow for a charter for a pottery and clay works at this place. They have purchased 200 acres of the best clay land in the vicinity and have ample capital to put up and operate an extensive plant.

### THE CURRENCY BILL

Some Chief Features Believed to be Correct.

### Gold Measure of Coin Suggested. Schemes to Stop Raids on Reserve, Start More National Banks, Reduce Tax on Circulation.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The General Currency Bill prepared by the Republican caucus committee appointed by the last Congress will be given to the press tomorrow afternoon for publication. Wednesday, after a copy has been mailed to each Republican representative in Congress. It will be called up for consideration at the caucus of Republican members of the House to be held probably next Saturday.

The Evening Star today prints the following as some of the chief features of the bill and which in the main are probably fairly accurate:

"An amendment to the coinage laws, making 25% grains of gold, 900 parts fine, the standard coin measure.

"An amendment to the greenback issue act of 1878 providing that those treasury notes shall be redeemed with gold, and when so redeemed shall not be reissued except in exchange for gold. This provision will prevent the operation of the endless chain which hitherto has been the means to raid the gold reserve.

"An amendment to the specific resumption act directing the maintenance of a gold reserve of not less than \$100,000,000. The maintenance of the reserve at that figure now being entirely discretionary with the Secretary of the Treasury.

"An amendment to the National Bank Act, authorizing banks to be organized with a capital stock of \$25,000. At present the minimum is \$50,000. Another amendment to the same act authorizing the banks to issue notes to the par value of the bonds they have on deposit to secure circulation. At present the limit is 90 per cent. A third amendment to this act reduces the taxation on bank circulation to one tenth of one per cent. This tax is to pay the expense of engraving and printing the notes. The present rate more than meets this expense."

### HOSTILE TO ADMINISTRATION.

Rumors of an Alarmist Character Plentiful About Havana.

Havana, Nov. 27.—Nothing is known at headquarters in this division, or in General Lee's, to justify the report, published in the United States and cabled back here, that a thousand armed Cuban insurgents have taken to the woods in the province of Pinar Del Rio and that a general uprising against the Americans has been planned for Thanksgiving Day. Indeed, the story is absolutely discredited by the American authorities, who say it is impossible that anything of the kind should have happened or should be in prospect without knowledge of it coming to some army post.

Rumors of a more or less alarmist character have for some time been plentiful around Havana. It is said, for instance, that this general or that is about to take to the woods, and is apparently true that certain men are nursing programs hostile to the American Administration; but in any event no trouble is likely to occur until after Congress meets.

### A Brakeman Killed.

Radford, Va., Nov. 27.—Charles Gilmore, aged 24, a brakeman in the employ of the Norfolk and western Railway, was struck by an incoming passenger train and killed here today.

### GUERRILLA WAR THE POLICY NOW

Aguineldo Himself Ordered His Troops to Scatter.

### THIS WAS ON THE 14TH

REPORTS OF AMBUSCADES COME FROM EVERY SIDE.

### OFFICIALS WHO WELCOME OUR MEN DIE

Thus the Filipinos Show Their Bitter Resentment at Malasiqui and Threaten All Natives Who Welcome Americans With a Similar Fate.

Manila, Nov. 27.—It has been learned here that the last Filipino council of war was held by the retreating leaders at Bayambang, on the Manila-Dagupan Railroad, on November 13, in the house now occupied by General MacArthur.

The council was attended by Aguineldo, Pio del Pilar, Garcia, Alejandro and some members of the Filipino Cabinet. Information has reached General MacArthur from several sources to the effect that the council recognized the futility of attempting further resistance to the Americans with limited forces, and agreed that the Filipino forces should scatter, following guerrilla methods hereafter.

Reports of ambushes and skirmishes come from every section of the country along the railroad. These districts seem to be filled with small bands of hostile natives. Yesterday four men of Company D, Ninth Infantry, were foraging beyond Bambang, when 20 Filipinos took them in ambush, killing one and capturing the other three. The Americans resisted for half an hour.

The firing being heard at Bambang, Lieutenant Frazer, with a squad, followed the Filipinos several miles. The Americans found the body of the soldier cut to pieces with a bolo. They burned the hamlet where the fight took place.

Three Filipino riflemen ambushed an American surgeon near Capas. He shot one and the others fled.

Between Bambang and Angeles a mule train was fired upon by natives, and a Spaniard who was with the train was shot.

At Malasiqui the officials who welcomed the Americans were afterwards murdered. This was the only railroad town which the Americans did not garrison. On the night the troops withdrew a band of Filipinos entered, dragged Antonio Mejia, president of the town, into the street, and cut his throat. The band then killed the vice-president and five members of the town council in the same manner, and told the frightened natives who witnessed the deaths to spread the news that a similar fate awaited all friends of the Americans.

Military activity continues in every section. Colonel Bell's regiment had advanced from Bayambang upon Mangalaren, where it is supposed there is a large Filipino force. Two battalions of the newly arrived Twenty-eighth Infantry have been sent to Bacoor to reinforce the south line.

Major Spence, with 50 men of the Thirty-second Infantry, surrounded a village near Bautista in the night and attacked the place at daybreak, capturing a Filipino captain and 15 men, with seven rifles.

The latest news from General Young is that there are 10 cavalrymen and 200 Matabeles with him, most of the horsemen who started having been compelled to drop out because their steeds failed them.

The Filipinos took their American prisoners from Victoria to San Carlos. On the walls of the Victoria prison and of the San Carlos Convent are the following names:

Civilians—George Langford, Thomas Hayes.

Soldiers—Harry Winfield, Philip Berterton, J. I. Salisbury, A. N. Gordon, E. N. Nugent, Frank Stone, John Desmond, George Sackett, David Scott, Martin Brennan, Thomas Edwards, D. P. Curran, John Cronin, Charles Baker, C. L. Davis, Leland Smith.

On the walls of the San Carlos Convent were also found the following names:

Civilians—Charles Bird, W. J. Sheehy, F. E. Huber.

Sailors—Edward Burke, battleship Oregon; C. B. Powers, gunboat Urdaneta; John J. Farley, B. J. Greene, Tilden Herbert.

### ZAMBOANGA SURRENDERS.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Secretary Long today received the following cablegram from Admiral Watson:

Cavite, Nov. 26, 1899. Secretary of the Navy, Washington: November 18 entire Province Zamboanga surrendered to Commander Very unconditionally. Delivery of all guns promised. Numerous local chiefs declared loyalty.

WATSON. Commander Very is the officer in charge of the gunboat Castine.

### MANGALAREN EVACUATED.

Manila, Nov. 27.—11:30 a. m.—The insurgents have evacuated Mangalaren Province of Pangasinana, leaving seven American and 94 Spanish prisoners, who escaped in the confusion of the Filipino retreat. The Americans are P. J. (Continued on Second Page.)