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ARTILLERY BATTLE.

British Naval Brigade Shelling the Boers with Fifty-Pound Guns.

NOT QUITE SO BAD.

Gen. White Wires Further Details of the British Defeat—He Claims, However, That the Security of Ladysmith is Not Affected.

By Telegraph to The News.
LADYSMITH, Nov. 1.—The naval brigade, having mounted two fifty-pound guns, replied hotly to the Boer guns until late last night. The fifty-pounders were planted late Monday night, for action when the Boer cannonading began at day-break.

DISASTER WORSE THAN REPORTED.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—General White cabled the War Office today the details of the defeat of Monday, showing that the disaster is far worse than first reported.

He says: "Boulders rolled from the hills and rifle shots stampeded the artillery. The stamper spread to the mules, which ran off with the whole gun equipment. A greater portion of the small arm ammunition reserve was similarly lost."

The infantry battalions seized the hill and fortified it with sand-bags and stone breastworks. At dawn the Boers commenced skirmishing. At eight past nine they were strongly reinforced, and pushed the attack with energy. The fire became very searching, and the enemy pressed to short range. The British losses became very numerous, and at three in the afternoon the ammunition was practically exhausted. The position was captured with our column of a thousand. The enemy treated our wounded with great humanity. This loss does not affect the security of Ladysmith.

TO THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Another fifty-pounder is on the way from Durban to Ladysmith. It will throw a forty-pound shell of lydite six miles. Three thousand troops are due at Cape Town Sunday. They will be immediately sent to Ladysmith.

BOERS' GUNS SILENCED.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 1.—The naval brigade knocked a Boer forty-pounder from the platform and silenced the guns at Hepworth Hill last night. The Boers abandoned that position.

GARRISON FULL OF FIGHT.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—In the artillery duel yesterday the Boers brought up their guns, and some were silenced. Their loss must be heavy. The garrison at Ladysmith is described as in high spirits, confident, and the troops full of fight.

AMMUNITION EXHAUSTED.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—White's report says only eight companies and the main battery surrendered after their ammunition was exhausted. Late in the engagement the naval contingent, under Captain Lamben, of H. M. "Powerful," came into action and an extremely accurate fire silenced the enemy's guns.

CABINET MEETING HELD.

ONDON, Nov. 1.—A cabinet meeting will be held today.

NUBIA SAID TO BE LOST.

ONDON, Nov. 1.—In connection with the rumor of the loss of the fish troops-ship "Nubia," the Peniarth-Oriental Company has no knowledge of any disaster and does not know whence the rumor originated. It seems that it started in Berlin today, but nothing is known of the truth here.

DOM SOMEWHAT RELIEVED.

ONDON, Nov. 1.—The gloom was relieved by today's story of the heroism of the Fusiliers and Gloucestershire regiments until their cartridges were gone. Details today show a lighter aspect. The full battalions are not engaged; therefore the list of prisoners was materially reduced. The conclusion of the dispatch, as to the relative safety of Ladysmith is read with reserve and the people anxious for further news.

THE BOERS JUBILANT.

By telegraph from Cape Town show that the Boers are gathering in considerable forces at Dewdrop, southwest of Ladysmith, while large forces of Boers are advancing over the Helpmaaker. A camp of Boers is to be formed near the Harrismith bridge and Pottery farm camp, at Dewdrop, which, it is said, will extend four miles.

Englishman who has arrived at Ladysmith from Pretoria, whence he was expelled by way of Bloemfontein, says that when he left Pretoria the stores there were carrying on as usual. President Kruger

was still there and he did not see any wounded at Johannesburg. Some of the Transvaal papers are still published and contain glowing accounts of the successes of the Boer army, saying that Kimberley and Mafeking are expected to fall at any moment, while Bechuanaland is conquered and annexed; that the republic's arms are also successful in Natal and that the burghers are continuing their victorious march south, capturing British prisoners and stores. The papers admit that the battle of Elandsfontein was a reverse for the Boers, who lost thirty killed, had many wounded and that 85 Boers were made prisoners. Ladysmith, according to the Boer newspapers, is soon to be taken. The Englishman added that the Boers are absolutely confident of their ultimate triumph and believe the whole of Natal is already practically in their hands.

A dispatch from Vryburg, dated October 25, gives a report of a speech of Commandant Delarey when hoisting the Boer flag there. He declared that the flag of the republic was now floating over the whole country north of the Orange river and that the British flag would never again fly there unless hoisted over the dead bodies of the burghers. Complete order prevailed at Vryburg.

TWO GLORIOUS VICTORIES

American Army Captures a Telegraph Operator and Several Bags of Rice.

By Telegraph to The News.

MANILA, Nov. 1.—Major Parker, two troops of the Fourth Cavalry and Batson's Macabebes surprised the garrison at Allaga this morning. They captured the telegrapher, several lines, instruments and some records containing messages of Colonel Paradrilla to Aguinaldo reporting that General Lawton was killed October 27th and his body taken to Manila.

Colonel Hayes, with another squadron, entered Talavera this morning unopposed. A hundred and fifty insurgents were located at another town near by. Mounted troops chased them. No prisoners were captured, but a large quantity of munitions was taken.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

Misses Mamie and Adria Chreitzberg last evening celebrated Halloween by giving a most enjoyable evening to a number of their friends.

As the guests entered they were greeted at the door by a ghostly specter to remind them of the meaning of the occasion and then they were conducted into the brilliantly lighted parlors, where their charming hostesses conducted them into the secrets of fortune telling.

A most enjoyable hour was spent in the dining room, which was appropriately decorated with reminders of the day.

The occasion was a most pleasant one and the guests were reluctant to leave as the midnight hour came on.

STAR COURSE TICKETS.

Tickets for the Star Course at the Y. M. C. A. will be placed on sale in a day or two.

Canvassers will also visit parties desiring these tickets. The price of the tickets to non-members will be \$2.50. The first attraction in the course will be the lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," by Russell H. Conwell, on November 15th. Mr. Conwell is a celebrated preacher, orator and lecturer and has made himself a reputation on the lecture platform.

SEVEN OF THE CREW DROWNED.

By Telegraph to The News.
CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 1.—The steamship "Navahoe" from New York, arrived bringing Capt. Gaskill, of the steamship Gordon L. Caldwell, of Ferdinandina, wrecked in the storm Monday night. The captain and twelve of the crew hugged the raft but it turned. Seven were drowned at once and five others drifted away and are supposed also to be lost.

POLICE LOCALS.

There was only one case to be heard at the mayor's court this morning.

Officer Duke returned to his work this morning after several days absence on account of sickness.

The new outfit for the force are expected within a few days.

Some of the men had to bring out last year's overcoats during the storm yesterday.

STRIKE IN WELSH COLLIERIES.

By Telegraph to The News.
CARDIFF, Nov. 1.—The engineers' strike in the Welsh coal trade began today. Twenty-five thousand collieries are affected.

IT WAS THE OTHER FELLOW.

There are two Tom Reids in Charlotte. The one at Moore's barber shop wants The News to state that he is not the one who was arrested a few days ago for gambling. It was the other fellow.

—The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Peter's Episcopal church will meet tomorrow with Mrs. Julia Fox at 4:30 p. m.



GENERAL WHITE AND ONE OF HIS MAXIM GUNS.
General White, the British commander in Natal, is a veteran with a distinguished war record. He is 64 years of age and has been forty-six years in the army. He fought in the Indian mutiny and in Burma, Afghanistan and Egypt. He has been governor of Gibraltar and commander in chief of India.

MT. HOLLY TROUBLE

Bloodhounds Run Down One of the Principals in Sunday's Outbreak.

THE TOWN IS NOW QUIET.

No Further Trouble is Anticipated—The Negro McDaniel is Still at Large but the Dogs are After Him—Mr. Erwin is Still in Precarious Condition.

A telephone message to The News this afternoon from Mt. Holly says the town has about quieted down from the excitement of Sunday and yesterday. At one time yesterday a serious outbreak was threatened.

Will Henderson, a negro man, who is well known in Mt. Holly, was passing along the streets yesterday afternoon. He met a little white girl and without the slightest provocation he began abusing her and using vile language. Mr. Skidmore, the town marshal, came along about the time and, hearing Henderson cursing the little girl, went to where he was and attempted to arrest him. Henderson ran before the officer could get hold of him. He was followed to the outskirts of the town, where he drew a pistol on the officer and made good his escape.

Mr. Skidmore returned to Mt. Holly and wired for the bloodhounds to be sent from Dallas. They arrived this morning, and it was not many hours before Henderson was safely in the clutches of the law. He was taken to Dallas, where he will be confined in the county jail until the next term of court.

The negro Ned McDaniel, who, Sunday afternoon, assaulted Mr. Robert Erwin, was still at large this afternoon. The bloodhounds were put on his trail at 2 o'clock and it is thought he will be landed before night.

The News' message this afternoon states that the negroes of Mt. Holly have for some time had a secret organization, the purpose of which they say was for their own mutual protection. When the negro McDaniel was arrested Sunday and placed in the guard house, the negroes swore they would release him. Sometime during the night they made good their threat. Not only did they release him, but almost wrecked the guard house.

This lawless act was the first incident in the trouble that followed.

Mr. Erwin, the gentleman who was assaulted by the negro McDaniel, is thought to be some better this afternoon. He is still in a precarious condition, but the physicians think he will recover.

POSTAL ROUTE MAP.

Mr. W. N. Glenn, superintendent of the Broadstreet Agency, in this city, has recently received a very elaborate map, showing all of the postal routes in North and South Carolina.

The map is gotten out under order of the postmaster general and is a most elaborate piece of work.

The routes are indicated by different colored lines, the colored lines indicating whether the points which they connect have daily, semi-weekly or weekly service. The distance between each station is also put down in figures.

WAS TO HANG TO-MORROW.

But Case Has Been Appealed—Truesdale Getting Nervous.

Will Truesdale, who was convicted of the murder of Janie Brown, at the last term of the Criminal Court, and who was sentenced to be hanged on November 2nd, which will be tomorrow, has had the good fortune to have his case appealed.

Messrs. Shannonhouse and Brenizer and Mr. L. W. Humphrey have been working hard for an appeal and the case will now be taken up and heard on an appeal before the Superior Court in January.

If the case should fall before the Superior Court Truesdale's attorneys will take an appeal to the Supreme Court.

As the case now stands, Truesdale cannot be hung before next April at the lowest estimate, and it will probably be longer unless his attorneys are successful in having the sentence changed to life imprisonment.

Sheriff Wallace, when seen this afternoon, stated that he had received no orders in the case and was not in a position to state what would be done, but Mr. Humphrey, one of Truesdale's attorneys, gave the information quoted above and stated that it would be April at least before the negro could be hung, even if his neck were not saved.

Sheriff Wallace says that Truesdale is getting quite nervous. He has made no confession.

ROBBERY THEIR BUSINESS.

Negroes Roaming Over State Knocking People on the Head.

Chief Orr has received a letter from the chief of police at Greensboro, requesting him to be on the lookout for a mulatto, Caesar Jordan, and several others wanted for highway robbery. Jordan robbed a man in Greensboro Sunday night.

The chief in Greensboro writes Chief Orr that these negroes are traveling over the State making a business of highway robbery.

Jordan is about 21 years old, 6 feet 3 inches high and weighs about 180 pounds. He has a round face, dresses neatly and stammers some.

The chief in Greensboro says that these negroes are dangerous characters and that they are liable to knock unsuspecting parties in the head at any moment for the purpose of robbing them. The Charlotte police will be on the lookout for the negroes if they come in this direction.

NEW HARDWARE FIRM.

Messrs. A. C. Hutchison and T. W. Dixon have formed a copartnership and will soon embark in the hardware business. They have rented the Sims building on West Trade street and will have it arranged for their convenience. Just at present these gentlemen are unable to say when they will be ready for business. Mr. Dixon leaves in about a week for Northern markets where he will purchase the stock. Just as soon as it arrives they will be ready. Messrs. Hutchison and Dixon are well known in the business world. Mr. Hutchison has been with the Victor Cotton Mills for some time. He will resign this position the first of February.

Mr. Dixon has been a traveling salesman for many years. He is well posted in the hardware business.

The new firm will start out with the best wishes of many friends.

TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY.

Superintendent of Education, Hunter, wishes to call the attention of every teacher in Mecklenburg county to the meeting of the Teacher's Association on next Saturday, the first Saturday in each month being the regular day for meeting.

The teachers, not only of the county, but also of the city are invited to be present and become members.

The Association has a most plausible object and will be a benefit to all teachers who use its advantages.

JUMPED FROM A TRAIN INTO MARSH.

By Telegraph to The News.
NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—A man who gave the name of Lafayette Ingraham, of Wilmington, Del., leaped from a Baltimore and Ohio train today, near Elizabeth, N. J., head first into the marsh. He was taken to Elizabeth Hospital and may die. He gave no reason for the deed.

Y. M. T. C. MEETING.

The Young Men's Temperance Club received seven new members last night and elected officers as follows: Mr. Sprinkle, vice president; James Wence, chaplain; Chas. R. Elam, marshal. The next meeting will be November 7th, at 9:45 p. m., at Lee's Business College.

The supply of diamonds at Kimberley is so plentiful that diamond digging has almost ceased in other parts of the world. Two per cent. of the whole production is all that comes from any part but Kimberley. There, the mines pay a profit of ten millions of dollars annually, on a nominal capital of twenty millions.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE

Cottages Blown Away and Destruction Wrought at Wrightsville.

AN EYE-WITNESS' ACCOUNT

Gov. Russell's Cottage Among the Ones Blown Down—The Seacoast Road a Heavy Loser by Wind and Rain—Other Losses at the Beach are Heavy.

The big storm that Charlotte got just a small portion of, worked havoc down at Wrightsville Beach. To the large number of Charlotte people that spend their summers at Wrightsville, the terrible work of the wind and water will be interesting. From a gentleman who came in this morning from Wilmington, the following facts were obtained:

First of all Charlotte people will be glad to learn that the Seashore hotel still stands. The water overflowed the first floor of the hotel. The dining room was entirely submerged and the parlors and rooms on the lower floor were thoroughly drenched. A portion of the bath house was washed to sea; also one or two small out houses. The foundation was damaged to some extent. Outside of this, no other serious damage was done this well known hotel.

A goodly portion of the long tent over Wrightsville sound going from the Seashore hotel to Wilmington was washed away.

The long line of beautiful cottages that dotted the beach were all more or less damaged. The News informant states that a number of these were almost completely destroyed. In the list of those completely destroyed, are several only a short distance from the Seashore hotel.

Governor Russell's cottage was blown down and a large portion of the material was carried out by the waves. Major O'Connor's beautiful cottage just above the Russell cottage was low.

The pillars of the Atlantic Yacht Club were washed away. No other serious damage was done this building.

The Parsley cottage, just above the Atlantic Yacht Club was completely destroyed and but little of the house remains. Most of it having been washed to sea.

The Van Amringe cottage was also blown down and a large portion of it went out with the waves.

Mr. Henry Nathan's brother's bath houses located further up the beach, were, strange to say, uninjured. The cottages all around the bath houses were laid low and many were washed entirely away.

The Carolina Yacht Club suffered very much. The building was badly damaged and a number of the club's boats are gone.

The cottage of Maj. E. W. Van Court Lucas was slightly damaged but not seriously; also the Powers cottage and the Holt cottage.

In going up the beach after leaving the Powers' cottage, the following cottages came in the following order: The Arrindale, the Wadley, the Livingston, the Foster, and the Southerland. All of these are down and a number of others still further up the beach.

The cottages of Mr. H. Walters and T. M. Emerson are also down.

The News informant did not have time to learn anything regarding the Ocean View Hotel, but said he heard in Wilmington that it was uninjured.

Wilmingtonians say that Monday night's storm was the worst that they have known in 40 years. While the damage within the city proper was not as costly as at other times, the storm was of a longer duration. The loss at Wrightsville Beach is alone put at \$20,000, while this amount will hardly cover the loss to the Wilmington Seacoast road alone.

STORM AT MAXTON.

A Charlotte gentleman who spent Monday night at Maxton, says that he has never encountered such a storm as visited that section. The wind was terrific and the rain came down in torrents. In the town, a number of small buildings were blown to the ground. Just out from Maxton a gentleman by the name of O'Neill lost two good horses by the falling of his barn. Three of the animals were killed outright and the other two were injured so badly that they had to be killed. The storm was also very severe at Lumberton, and even as high up as Wadesboro and Rockingham, considerable damage was done to out buildings and timber.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts for the 36 hours ending 3 p. m., Thursday:
For Charlotte and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday. Colder Thursday night.

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Thursday. Probably frosts in interior tonight. Variable winds.