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## LULL IN MOVEMENTS

### British Troops Recuperating at Frere Camp.

## THIRD BIG GUN IN ACTION

### Boers Still Peppering Away at Ladysmith—Buller Says the Truth is Suppressed in Regard to the Enemy's Losses—Boer Generals Said to Be Quarrelling—Cecil Rhodes Wanted for Exhibition Purposes.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 1 (Delayed). A member of the Natal Assembly named Pretorius, and Labuschayne, a former member of the same body from Colenso district, have been arrested and sent to Pietermaritzburg under escort. They are suspected of pro-Boer actions.

There have been no operations for the last two days. The weather is fine and the general health of the men is excellent. There are about 7,000 troops here.

Messages just received from Ladysmith report all well.

## Twenty-Six Guns Surround Ladysmith

Ladysmith, Nov. 29 (Delayed).—Boer batteries are active, but without effect. They are probably covering a retrograde movement of the enemy. Boers were seen yesterday moving toward Drakensberg Mountains. Today others were noticed trekking northeast with wagons. Twenty-six guns now surround Ladysmith.

## Bombardment Disagreeably Effective

London, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to The Times from Ladysmith, dated November 28, by runner to Frere Camp, December 4, says:

"The enemy has succeeded in bringing a third heavy gun into action five thousand yards from the western defenses. They have now ascertained our most vulnerable points and the shelling is becoming disagreeably effective. Rations have been reduced and there is some sickness. The garrison is excited over the news of the approach of a relief column, and is preparing to withstand to the last Boer efforts before withdrawal.

"Shells from the new six-inch battery are falling as I write."

## Boer Losses Under-Noted.

London, Dec. 6.—General Buller cables the War Office from Pietermaritzburg, under date of December 5, as follows:

"It is very difficult to make a statement of the enemy's loss at Belmont. Eighty-one dead are accounted for, though the enemy gave the number as fifteen. There is every reason to believe that the enemy's loss at Ladysmith November 9 was over 800.

"Information from trustworthy Boer sources shows that in Hildyard's fight at Willow Grange, November 23, the enemy had thirty killed and one hundred wounded. It is impossible to say how far these figures are correct, but it is evident that the enemy does not admit one-tenth of his casualties. Intercepted dispatches to Joubert from commandos show that official dispatches contain designedly inaccurate information in this respect."

## Joubert on the Sick List.

Pretoria, via Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 4 (Delayed).—Joubert, who is indisposed, has arrived at Volksrust. During his absence Commandant Schalk-burger is in supreme command.

These official reports have been read by the Laffan correspondent:

"Official accounts from Swaziland describe the situation there as satisfactory.

"In the Derdepoort fight the enemy lost fifty killed.

"At Kimberley the Boers have taken up a position at Sholtz Nek."

## British Casualties at Kimberley.

London, Dec. 6.—General Forester-Walker cables from Cape Town to the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of War, that the British casualties in the fight at Kimberley, November 28, were 22 killed and 31 wounded.

## Boers Said to Be Discouraged.

London, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to The Times from Modder River, dated November 30, says that General Methuen is gaining strength rapidly. He has seventy prisoners, who say the Boer generals are divided, that the Boers themselves are discouraged and that mutual recrimination is rife.

## What They Would Do With Rhodes.

Kimberley, Nov. 20 (Delayed).—Natives have informed Cecil Rhodes that the Boers are keenly desirous of exhibiting him in a cage at Bloemfontein, the capital of Orange Free State, prior to sending him to Pretoria.

## Could Not See the Red Cross.

London, Dec. 6.—A letter from Ladysmith, dated November 7, says:

"After the evacuation of Dundee the Boers shelled a hospital ambulance until a white flag was hoisted. Captain Milner rode into the Boer camp to complain and was told that it was impossible to see the red cross. Personal observation by Captain Milner showed that this statement was true."

## British Not Recruiting in Belgium.

Brussels, Dec. 6.—The assertion

made by Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent, that British agents were recruiting in Belgium, is officially denied.

## Naval Brigade Shells Chieveley.

Estcourt, Dec. 4.—The naval brigade shelled the Boers near Chieveley Saturday. Two of the enemy were killed.

## Boers Refuse Information.

London, Dec. 6.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town, cabling under date of December 1, says the Transvaal government obstinately refuses to furnish the American consul at Pretoria with information concerning British prisoners.

## THE SENATE BREAKS RECORDS.

### More Bills, Resolutions and Petitions in One Day Than Ever Before.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Senate today devoted almost the entire session to the introduction of bills and presentation of memorials, the number of measures offered establishing a new record. The bills and resolutions presented amounted to 820 in all. There was also a flood of petitions and memorials—the total for the day—twelve hundred—being never before equalled. The most popular subject of petition was for legislation proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy, upon which between four hundred and five hundred were presented by Platt of New York, Sewell, Hoar, Lodge, Fairbanks, McMillan and Cullom.

The great majority of bills were private pension bills. Mr. Cockrell headed the list with a total of eighty-three measures of this description. Quite a novelty was brought out by Mr. Hoar, who attached to a pension bill a cabinet photo of the proposed beneficiary, to show the effects of his wounds.

Senator Aldrich was the first to be accorded recognition by the chair for the purpose of introducing the financial bill.

The second bill was one offered by Mr. Hale to authorize the construction of a cable to Hawaii and Manila by way of Guam. It authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the laying of a cable which is to be operated under the direction of the Postmaster-General. Eleven million dollars is appropriated for the purpose.

Mr. Penrose of Pennsylvania introduced a bill granting a pension of two hundred dollars a month to the widow of the late Captain Gridley of the Olympia, in lieu of the thirty she now receives. Mr. Lodge introduced a bill appropriating half a million for the erection of a triumphal arch in Washington, commemorative of the war with Spain.

Mr. Oates introduced a bill proposing a constitutional amendment giving Congress power to establish uniform marriage and divorce laws.

## CUBANS LIKE THE MESSAGE.

### The President's Statements Calculated to Appease the Discontented.

Havana, Dec. 6.—President McKinley's message has been received with the greatest satisfaction, and the opinion is freely expressed that it will effectually quiet the island. The Cuban revolutionary party is delighted by the clearness of the statements in regard to the future of Cuba.

La Patria says the message is an echo of the joint resolution adopted by Congress. La Discusion says the message will fill the hearts of Cubans with delight, despite the miserable campaign that has been waged by some miserable people to persuade the United States to break its promises contained in the joint resolution, which President McKinley has ratified.

## WILDMAN AND AGUINALDO.

### Explanation Offered for a Discredited Report From Hong Kong.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Nothing has been heard officially to confirm the report from Hong Kong that Aguinaldo has agreed to surrender to Wildman, United States Consul General at Hong Kong, if the latter would go to Manila to receive him. There is a disposition in official circles to believe that the report originated in Wildman's feeling of confidence, that if he had a chance to do so, he would be able to persuade Aguinaldo to abandon the insurrection.

Wildman evidently has the fullest confidence that Aguinaldo will make peace if he but says the word to him personally.

## Roberts Committee Meets Today.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The special committee appointed by the House yesterday to consider the Roberts case will hold its first meeting tomorrow morning. It will be an executive session and the course of procedure will be determined.

## Secretary Root Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Senate, in executive session today, confirmed the nomination of Elihu Root to be Secretary of War.

## Big Fire in a Texas Town.

Dallas, Dec. 6.—A business block in Greenville, Texas, was burned down today, with a loss of \$65,000.

## Hearing as to Safety Appliances.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representatives of a hundred railroads were given a hearing today by the Interstate Commerce Commission concerning the equipment of their cars with safety appliances. They asked for an extension of one year in which to comply with the law. Some of the declared that a majority of their cars were already supplied with appliances.

## LYNCHING MOST CRUEL

### Negro Murderer Horribly Tortured by a Mob.

## BURNED AT THE STAKE

### The Black Wretch's Eyes Cut From Their Sockets—Oil Poured Over His Head and Brush Heaped Around Him—Five Thousand Men Gloat Over His Sufferings—Officers Make No Resistance.

Mayesville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Richard Coleman, the negro murderer of Mrs. Lashbrook, was taken from officers who were bringing him here for trial, and was burned at the stake tonight. Coleman had been confined in jail at Covington and had confessed.

Officers conducting the prisoner were met at the station by five thousand people. The officers made no resistance. The negro was seized by several of the mob and dragged out of the coach. Herbert Long, a relative of the woman, burst through the mob, revolver in hand, shouting to be allowed to kill the trembling wretch. Long was pushed aside and the negro was dragged over the road to a place about half a square from the courthouse, where he was bound to a sapling and brush was piled around him.

The negro writhed in vain to free himself from his bonds, the cords cutting into his hands. The pile was quickly fired. As the flames slowly rose, writhing about the condemned wretch, who was leaning forward helplessly from his struggles, his cries were heard above the crackling and hissing. But the fury of the mob was not appeased. Suddenly two men rushed out with knives and hacked out the miserable creature's eyes. They were seized and dragged back and the fire was allowed to complete its work. The fire was allowed to die down and then the mob gathered around to behold the charred remains.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—Luke Pettus, a newspaper editor from Savannah, Ga., who witnessed the horror, arrived in Lexington tonight, and said: "Coleman died a horrible death. Oil was poured over his head, and red pepper sprinkled into his flesh after his eyes were cut from their sockets. After he had fallen down, railroad cross-ties were piled on him and they were burned so slow that the bones parched after the meat had broiled from them."

## BIG REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

### All Records Broken for November—Duncan Collected Over \$4,000,000.

The internal revenue collections for this district during November amounted to \$299,712.12.

This is an increase over the collections during October of about \$15,000. The October collections amounted to \$284,908.23, which for the first time in the history of the Eastern District exceeded those of the Western District. The receipts in November were derived as follows:

Lists	\$ 2,410.01
Spirit stamps	34,495.34
Cigars and cigarettes	31,107.57
Sauif	234.00
Tobacco	222,270.20
Special tax	1,423.19
Documentary	7,772.60

\$299,712.91

Collector Duncan has collected since the beginning of his term of office in February, 1898, the sum of \$4,217,891.37. The collections since July 1 amount to over \$1,000,000, which is a big increase over previous years.

## BEAR IN MIND THE BAZAR.

### Everything Chosen to Eat and Much to Admire at the Charity Show.

Nothing but praise is heard of the Bazar of St. Mary's Guild at the parish rooms of the Church of the Good Shepherd, on West Morgan street.

There was a large attendance yesterday and last evening at the parish rooms, and as the Bazaar is growing in popularity an even larger attendance may be expected today.

Hot lunches will be served from noon until 11 o'clock tonight. The most toothsome dishes can be had at all hours of the day. Chicken salad, turkey, pickled oysters, cakes and all kinds of delicacies will be served during the day. Pretty girls by the score are ready to greet you, and a visit to the Bazaar will not be regretted.

A lot of pretty articles of all kinds—useful and fancy—are yet to be had. They make the most acceptable Christmas gifts, and holiday shoppers will do well to call at the Bazaar today.

## The McBroons Get in Court Strag.

Andy and J. D. McBroon of Durham came here to attend the Federal Court. They got in court earlier than they expected and in a court different from that which they came to attend. Andy went up against O. B. Bailey on Wilmington street and got pulled. The affair cost him \$5.25. J. D. McBroon attempted to interfere with the officers who made the arrest, and Mayor Powell secured a \$6.25 contribution from him for the city exchequer. Bailey was also taxed \$6.25.

## WHERE IS GEN. YOUNG?

### His Command Not Heard From in a Week.

## NIGHT ATTACK ON VIGAN

### Eight Hundred Insurgents Take the Offensive—Desperate Fighting in the Streets—After Being Driven Out of Town They Intrench in the Outskirts—Troops Sent to Relief of Vigan.

Manila, Dec. 6.—On the night of December 4 one thousand insurgents attacked two hundred men under Major Cronin and Lieutenant-Colonel Parker at Vigan. The fighting was desperate at close range. The Americans had eight killed and three wounded. The enemy escaped to a mountain pass, leaving thirty-five dead and wounded on the field in addition to a quantity of arms.

The gunboat Wheeling has taken 150 men of the Third Cavalry from San Fabian to reinforce Cronin and Parker.

## Vigan Attacked by Night.

Washington, Dec. 6.—General Otis cabled the Secretary of War today a long dispatch with reference to recent operations of troops in northern Luzon, and an account of the night attack on Vigan, which resulted in the defeat of invading insurgents. General Otis says:

"General Young, with thirteen companies of infantry and nine troops of cavalry, has not been heard from since the 29th ultimo. He was then about twenty miles south of Vigan, and more troops were marching to his support; but he then had with him three troops of cavalry, a battalion of the Thirty-third Infantry and Macabebe scouts. One company of the Thirty-third Infantry was sent by boat to Vigan to reinforce the garrison there.

"Lieutenant-Colonel Parker, Forty-fifth Infantry, reports from Vigan, on the 5th instant, that he had not heard from Young for a week. Insurgents, 800 strong, made an attack on Parker's force, consisting of Company B and 150 sick and footsore men of the Thirty-third Infantry, at 4 o'clock the morning of the 4th, entering the city in the darkness. Severe street fighting ensued and continued four hours. The enemy was driven out, leaving behind forty dead and thirty-two prisoners, including many officers and eighty-four rifles. Insurgents are now on the outskirts intrenching. Parker says he can hold out indefinitely. He has plenty of ammunition and rations. His loss was eight enlisted men killed and three wounded. One hundred and sixty men are now being transported from San Fabian to his relief. General Young must be in the vicinity with a large force."

## BAPTISTS IN ASHEVILLE

### State Convention Organizes and Gives Way to the Young People—Dr. Huffman Delivers a Striking Address.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 6.—Special.—The Baptist State Convention held a brief session this morning for the purpose of organization. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. R. H. Marsh; secretaries, Broughton and Moore; Vice-Presidents, J. H. Tucker, L. Holler and W. N. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. E. White; Trustees, Rev. W. C. Tyree, Rev. L. Johnson, C. M. Cook, T. H. Briggs and Prof. L. R. Mills; Treasurer, J. D. Boushall; Assistant Treasurer, J. M. Stoner; Auditor, Walters Durham.

Having elected these officials, the convention adjourned till 7:30 p. m. in order to give the remainder of the morning and all the afternoon to the Young People's Union work. This being taken up, there were addresses by E. E. Chivers, of Knoxville, and Dr. E. E. Chivers, of Chicago.

This afternoon there was an address by Dr. Huffman on "Our Heritage from the Fathers." The speaker showed himself particularly well informed in regard to the Baptists in connection with the early history of North Carolina. An open conference on union topics was addressed by Revs. Vann, L. Johnson, Huffman, Blanchard, Brown, Bright and Prof. Carlyle.

Resolutions were adopted providing for the organization of a North Carolina Baptist Young People's Union, its annual meeting to be just previous to that of the State convention.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. W. Bailey; Vice-Presidents, C. H. Durham, C. L. Greaves and W. H. Watson; Corresponding Secretary, J. F. Watson; Treasurer, Walter Durham; Recording Secretary, Mr. Wilkins.

The convention sermon was preached tonight by Dr. R. T. Vann, of Scotland Neck, to an audience which crowded the church. Pastor Vines and J. H. Tucker, of the Asheville church, extended a welcome to the delegates, a response being made by Rev. L. Johnson, of Greensboro. Announcements of committees and reading of reports concluded the evening's exercises.

## Ewart Receives Assurance.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Special.—Sen-

ator Pritchard, accompanied by Judge Ewart and Marshall Mott, called on the President this afternoon. They were received most cordially. Ewart's name as judge will be sent to the Senate with the first batch of Department of Justice appointments.

## HANDWRITING OF MOLINEUX.

### Points Scored by Both Sides in the Testimony of an Expert.

New York, Dec. 6.—When Roland B. Molineux faced Recorder Goff and the jury today it was with assurance that his counsel would literally tear to shreds the evidence that was given Tuesday by Helles. If Molineux had confidence in the declaration of his lawyer about Helles' testimony, he was disappointed, for his counsel did not convince anybody that Helles was telling anything but the truth. Nevertheless, the counsel made good use of Helles as a witness. Through him he made it plain that there were others besides his client who were enemies of Cornish, equally as bitter as Molineux.

Later, when Kinsley, the handwriting expert employed by the police to prove that Molineux was the murderer, was put on the stand, counsel succeeded in drawing from him testimony that he was not satisfied that Molineux wrote the address on the package and letter relating to Harpster, signed "Cornish," until he had Molineux write with pens he selected in the style he wanted him to write in. On the other hand, the district attorney succeeded in getting before the jury a statement by the expert that the handwriting of the Cornish-Harpster letter and the handwriting of Molineux were identical.

## FIRES IN FAYETTEVILLE.

### Wood Working Shops Destroyed and Two Dwelling Houses Damaged.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 6.—Special. At noon today fire destroyed H. A. Rankin's planing and wood works, leased by John Hickson & Co. The large buildings, two and three stories, together with a planer worth \$1,000, were consumed, as well as a large amount of stock belonging to the lessees. The property was partially insured. The drying house was saved.

This afternoon fire broke out under the eaves of the handsome residence of Capt. A. B. Williams, in Gillespie street, and raged fiercely, attracting a large crowd. The fire department did splendid work and confined the fire to the roof and upper story. The furniture and building were badly damaged by fire and water. The loss is \$6,000, with partial insurance.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon fire damaged a dwelling in Mumford street, adjoining the Russell Iron Works. The roof was almost consumed.

## RESTS WITH THE BOARD.

### Republicans Are Less Hopeful of the Chances of Taylor.

Franklin, Ky., Dec. 6.—Arguments on contests before the State board of election commissioners began this morning. It is generally believed the arguments will continue several days.

The Senate chamber was packed with spectators. David Fairleigh, of Louisville, opened the argument for the Republicans.

Republicans who were hopeful Monday, expressed today less confidence in the election commissioners' intentions to do the right thing.

Several delegations of Goebel men arrived last night and this morning. Jack Chinn declares that any attempt to lynch the election commissioners will be met by force.

## MILITARY NOMINATIONS.

### The President Sends Quite a Lengthy List to the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations: To be major general of volunteers, Brigadier General Leonard Wood. To be brigadier general in the regular army, Colonel Edgar H. Kellogg, Sixth Infantry; Colonel Gilbert S. Carpenter, Eighteenth Infantry. To be brigadier general of volunteers, Colonel William A. Kobbe, Thirty-fifth Infantry; Colonel J. Franklin Bell, Thirty-sixth Infantry. Also a long list of appointments made during the recess of Congress.

## The Logan Arrives at Malta.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The War Department received today a cable dispatch from Colonel Richmond, of the Forty-first volunteers, announcing the arrival of the transport Logan at Malta with his regiment. He says that all are well.

## Court of Inquiry Convened.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Admiral Watson at Manila cabled to the Navy Department this morning, saying that a court of inquiry to investigate the loss of the Charleston on the northern coast of Luzon had been convened.

## Murder Follows Estrangement.

Lithonia, Ga., Dec. 6.—Hiram Sharp, a prosperous farmer living near here, instantly killed his wife this morning and painfully wounded his mother-in-law. Sharp then fled to the woods. He is being chased by a large posse. There has been an estrangement for several years between Sharp and his wife.

## The Pope Sick Aged.

Rome, Dec. 6.—The Pope is confined to his bed with a cold. All receptions have been postponed.

## CURRENCY BILL FIRST

### Republicans Intend to Push Their Measure Through.

## WILL TAKE EARLY ACTION

### House Caucus Approves It Unanimously—Similar Bill Introduced in the Senate—Mason Introduces a Sensational Resolution—Eligibility of Senator Scott Challenged—Important Bills Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Republican House caucus this afternoon gave its unanimous approval, after adopting two slight changes, to the bill prepared last summer at Atlantic City by a caucus committee of the Fifty-fifth Congress "to define and fix the standard value, to maintain the parity of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States," etc. Mr. Overstreet, who will have charge of the measure, will tomorrow introduce a resolution asking the committee on rules to fix a period for its discussion and within which it shall be voted on. It is expected that debate will begin next week, and that several days will be allotted to it.

## Proceedings in the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The first bill introduced in the Senate at this Congress was one to affirm the existing standard of value, to maintain the parity in value of all forms of money, to refund the public debt, and for other purposes. It was introduced by Mr. Aldrich (Rep.), of Rhode Island, and was referred to Finance Committee. The second bill was one for a Pacific cable, and was introduced by Mr. Hale (Rep.), of Maine. It was referred to the Committee on Commerce. Annual reports of departments and numerous other official documents were presented to the Senate today by Mr. Frye and were appropriately referred.

Resolutions by the legislature of Michigan, protesting against the policy of the Russian government in relation to Finland, were presented by Mr. McMillan. They were read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. They expressed "profound sympathy for the down-trodden people of Finland," and requested the President to communicate to the Czar, through the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, the serious concern of the government of the United States because of the abrogation of Finnish legislation.

Mr. Spooner presented resolutions by the legislature of Wisconsin in favor of the speedy enactment of such laws as will encourage the building of such merchant marine as may compete successfully with those of foreign nations. The resolutions were referred.

Several petitions were also presented for the suppression of polygamy. Mr. Mason offered a resolution, which was laid on the table, declaring that the Senate "watches with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the South African republics against cruelty and oppression, and that its best hopes go out for full success in their determined contest for liberty."

Mr. Mason will speak to the resolution, soon. Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, offered a resolution declaring that Senator Scott was not entitled to a seat in the Senate from West Virginia. The resolution was referred. Mr. Rawlins, of Utah, offered for immediate consideration a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire and report whether any polygamists have been appointed to office by the President, and whether there have been any violations in the past by Utah of her compact with the United States, etc. The resolution went over.

The Senate, at 2:30 o'clock, proceeded to the consideration of executive business, and shortly after adjourned until tomorrow.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate were the following: By Mr. Pritchard, for the appointment of honorary attaches to legations, to serve without compensation; by Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, extending to the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States, and providing for free trade between those islands and the United States, the act to take effect January 1st. The duration of free trade between Cuba and the United States is limited to the period of military occupation. Other bills introduced provide for an appropriation of \$10,000 for a statue to Yeoman Ellis, killed in the naval battle at San Juan, and to commemorate the destruction of the Spanish fleet with the loss of but one American; to repeal the war tax stamp act; for the removal of the bones of John Paul Jones from Paris, and their reinterment in Arlington Cemetery; extending the immigration laws to the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. Lodge offered a resolution, which was agreed to, requesting the President to transmit to the Senate any instrument possessed by this government as to the proposed sale of the Gallapagos Islands by the republic of Ecuador to England or any one European power, and what steps, if any, have been taken by the United States on the subject.