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Decisive Battle Believed To Be In Progress In South Africa.

Likely to Be a Fierce and Bloody Field. British Greatly Out-numbered. Frantic Efforts To Bring Up Reinforcements.

Special to Journal: LONDON, Oct. 28.—The Boer forces have made a cordon around Ladysmith. On the north, east and west the line is now complete. General Joubert with his army corps has formed connection beyond Elands-laagte, and besides has formed a junction with the Free State troops on the west. A decisive battle between the British and Boer armies is expected to begin tomorrow.

DURBAN, October 28.—Every nerve of the British army in Natal is now being strained for strengthening the position of the British army at Ladysmith.

Two regiments arrived here yesterday and were disembarked in the utmost haste. They were armed and accompanied with Artillery and were expedited on the road to Ladysmith to reinforce General White. It is possible they will arrive before fighting begins between the forces now drawn up about the town.

The Transvaal troops in two great columns, at least 23,000 strong, have moved down rapidly from the northeast. Seven thousand of troops from the Orange Free State passed down to form a junction on Friday.

Against this force of the two republics, variously estimated at 30,000 to 45,000 the British have only about 17,000 men.

The bridge over the Sunday river of Elands-laagte was blown up by the British. This checked the transportation of General Joubert's artillery and wagons.

Lighting at Kimberley. KIMBERLEY, October 24 (by dispatch rider to Orange river).—A hot engagement, the concluding phase of which was fought within sight of Kimberley and witnessed by several thousand spectators, took place today.

The Boers, occupying a strong position upon a wooded ridge to the right of the road, opened a furious fusillade at a range of 800 yards, before the British guns could be unlimbered. The volunteer artillery, though taken at a disadvantage, behaved with great coolness and quickly got the guns in action, shelling the bushes which concealed the Boers.

The marksmanship of the burghers was bad, and they were disconcerted by the British shell fire. One projectile was seen to burst in the midst of a body of Boers, all of whom are believed to have been killed.

At this critical moment the North Lancashires returned by the train which had gone further north. They attacked the Boer position and carried it. The volley firing proved effective, and the Boers beat a hasty retreat. The British mounted troops were too tired by their previous exertions and were not sufficiently numerous to follow them.

The British losses were 4 killed and 11 wounded. Those of the Boers are doubtful, but are probably considerable.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 27.—According to further advices from Kimberley the Boers removed their killed and wounded in carts. No reliable estimate of their losses has been made. Cecil Rhodes rode out and watched the fight.

The towns people, including the women, mounted the trenches, watching eagerly for the return of the troops.

11 by sustain the war.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The parliamentary bye election for the Bow and Bromley Division of Tower Hamlets, London, held today to replace Lionel R. Holland, Conservative, was fought on the Government's Transvaal policy.

It resulted in a big victory for the Government. The Conservative candidate, William Guthrie, was elected by 4,328 votes against 2,123 cast for his Liberal and Radical opponent, Harold Spender.

The Conservative majority was practically twice that secured at the election of Mr. Holland.

Throughout the campaign Mr. Spender opposed the war in South Africa and Mr. Chamberlain's conduct of the negotiations with the Transvaal Government. His opposition was so persistent that he was dubbed by the Conservatives "Boer Spender." Mr. Spender's election literature denounced Tory patriotism as "invoking the slaughter of British workmen for the German millionaires of the Rand" and declared that orders for clothing and blankets were given by the Government to German concerns and not to British.

The constituency, which is mainly of the working class, nevertheless voted for "Chamberlain and war."

Many Killed At Mafeking. CAPT. TOWN, October 27.—The magistrate of Vryburg has sent a report to Premier Schreiner that 513 Boers have been killed at Mafeking.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, and Premier Schreiner have issued a proclamation declaring null and void the proclamation of the Orange Free State, as that part of Cape Colony is now Free State territory.

FOOT-BALL YESTERDAY.

Leading Colleges Engage In Contests On the Gridiron.

Special to Journal: NEW YORK, October 28.—West Point, 6; Dartmouth, 2; Cornell, 5; Princeton, 9; Naval Academy, 0; Lafayette, 3; Columbia, 5; Yale, 0; University of Pennsylvania, 5; Chicago, 60; 5; Harvard, 22; Indiana, 10.

BREAKS THE RECORD.

Steamer Wilhelm der Grosse Makes Another Fast Ocean Trip.

Special to Journal: NEW YORK, October 28.—The steamer Wilhelm der Grosse broke her former record, making the trip from Southampton to Sandy Hook in 5 days, 17 hours, 45 minutes.

The steamer averaged 22.14 knots an hour.

To Watch the War.

Special to Journal: WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The English government has requested the War Department to limit the number of military observers accompanying the British army to one officer. Capt. Blumkin, military attaché at Berlin is the first designated and accepted by the British war office.

German Naval Plans.

Special to Journal: BERLIN, October 28.—The Allgemaine Zeitung publishes the new German naval program. Emperor William proposes to double the size of the navy, forming two new squadrons, each consisting of ten ships of the line, with cruisers and torpedo boats.

Reported From Paris.

Special to Journal: PARIS, October 28.—Gaulois says that twenty army generals will shortly be retired on the ground of age and infirmity. The legacy of the Baroness Hirsch state is \$2,400,000.

An Assassin's Work.

Special to Journal: ROMA, October 27.—An unknown man today mortally shot Signor Majoli, President Sicilian Court of appeals, in Palermo. The assassin escaped.

RESULT OF EXPANSION.

Formation of a New House Committee To Look After The "Provinces."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Expansion seems likely to bring about the existence of a new and important House Committee, which shall have jurisdiction over all legislation for our island possessions as well as a new cabinet portfolio. At least, that is what the western men who are agitating the matter say. They claim that such a new committee is also likely necessary; that the regular committee on Territories will have its hands full if it does justice to Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Alaska, and that it should not have charge of legislation for our new possessions.

Those who are interested in the formation of the new committee claim that it is already assured, and that its chairman and a majority of its members will be western men who are known to support to the fullest extent the President's policy for increasing American commerce in the Orient. Representative Fawcett, of Minnesota, is frequently mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the new committee, and will certainly be a member of it, if it is formed.

To Make the Grand Tour.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—To show that he fully appreciates the invitations that have been extended to him by various cities, Admiral Dewey has announced his intention to make two extended trips early in 1901, one south and the other west. The first will include visits to Atlanta, Mobile, St. Augustine, Jacksonville and New Orleans, and the other visits to Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul. He has taken possession of his new house, and the original intention to hold a reception therein as a housewarming was abandoned, simply because the Admiral desires to avoid crowds for a time, not only in obedience to his own feelings, but because of positive orders from his physician.

Shamrock's Return.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—With her sails bent and most of her stores on board, the yacht Shamrock lies in the basin ready to sail for the Clyde on Tuesday.

Capt. Archibald Hoggan will be in command, with Captain Hanthorn as navigator and Capt. Wringe as chief officer. Forty three of the crew are to sail in the yacht. The number includes two cooks and two stewards. The rest of the crew will return by steamer.

You never know what form of blood poison will follow constipation. Keep the liver clean by using De Witt's Little Early Risers and you will avoid trouble. They are famous little pills for constipation and liver and bowel troubles. F. S. Duffy.

When in Bayboro stop at the Lupton House for good accommodations.

DID NOT TALK.

Senator Pritchard Departs From Raleigh Dumb on Politics.

The Hot Weather Many Colored Recruits. Land Grants in Demand. Counties Must Settle Taxes. Baptist Convention. New Schools.

RALEIGH, October 28.—The remarkably hot weather continues, day after day of September heat and skies without a cloud. The oldest farmer never saw such a time for picking cotton. The staple is very fine. Herabouts the streams are as clear as those in the mountains. Some of the "weather sharps" venture to predict a cold winter, but it is risky to hazard a guess. Too often we have our winter in the spring. Sportsmen say unless there is rain between now and November 1st, they fear they and their dogs will be badly handicapped and unable to do justice to the partridges.

Senator Pritchard did not talk any politics while here. At the railroad station, as he was departing, Clerk of the Court Fortune "foregathered" with him, as the Scotch say. This brings to mind the status of Fortune. Will he be ousted January 1, or will he not?

Mention has been made of a suit against Raleigh for \$1,000 for alleged damage to the health of certain people near here by the city sewerage. The city won the suit. Had it lost there would have been a big crop of such suits.

It is said that this State has furnished more than 2,000 men to the Forty-ninth Negro Regiment. Twenty-five left here yesterday and 27 left Goldsboro.

The moonshiners continue to move to the eastward and are now actually at work in the coast counties.

There is no falling off in the number of applications for land grants. The average is about one a day. The Secretary of State says. The acreage wanted runs all the way from one acre to 1,700 acres. An application for the latter large area is now in hand. The books containing old grants are searched constantly. The oldest grant date is 1693.

The Southern Stone Company of Lynchburg, has a large contract to furnish ballast for the North Carolina Railroad. It is taking the stone from a quarry at the foot of a mountain at Hillsboro. Dynamite is used and the blasts awake the historic old town about 25 times a day. The noise is heard as far as Roxboro.

John L. Jarvis, white, aged 18, was placed in the penitentiary here yesterday for a year and a day for breaking into the postoffice at Aurora. He was sentenced at New Bern by Judge Purnell.

United States Marshal Dockery has served papers in a suit for libel, brought at Beaufort against Arthur Sewell, of Maine, one of whose vessels, the Carrie A. Lane, a derrick, was picked up at sea. The case involving the Craig law will be put before the Supreme Court in printed briefs alone. There will be no verbal argument.

Six counties have not yet settled taxes for 1898. Their sheriffs will hear something drop in a few days. The fault, however, it appears, rests largely upon the commissioners, by reason of their failure to give the Auditor the proper reports.

The Auditor's chief clerk will go to Buncombe, Granville and Wilson counties to aid the registers of deeds in making accurate returns of taxables.

The case involving the legality of the school law so far as county boards of education are concerned, was argued before the Supreme Court today. It is in truth a political question.

Sparks' circus is performing in this State. It claims that it ought to pay only \$10 a day tax. The Attorney General decides that it must pay \$50 a day to the State and \$50 to the county.

Editor Bailey, of the Biblical Recorder, says the Baptists take a peculiar interest in the approaching meeting of their State Convention at Asheville, as it will be the first ever held beyond the Blue Ridge. They are doing a great deal of work in that section. There is in fact general activity in religious work in that State. Bishop Horner is doing special missionary work in the Blue Ridge country.

A contract is awarded for the building of the Wiley Public School here. The development of Raleigh is so great that it is likely the school board will soon establish schools at Caraleigh and West Raleigh.

Mr. Ed McKissick has certainly had plenty of experience as best man at weddings. Yesterday he acted for the eighty-first time.

The State Treasury is now promised by the American Bank Note Company that it will surely ship the penitentiary bond next Monday.

The Supreme Court this week decided a point never before raised in this State, in the case of Benton vs. Collins, that in an action for personal injuries the trial judge has power to set aside a verdict for inadequate damages and that such power is not reviewable.

Dr. W. Wilson, Italy Hill, N. Y., says "I heartily recommend One Minute Cough Cure. It gave my wife immediate relief in suffocating asthma. Pleasant to take. Never fails to quickly cure all coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles." F. S. Duffy.

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RALEIGH.

Populists Suddenly Quiet on the Amendment Question.

Mistake in Tax Reports. A Circus Quits. The Winston Fair. Carpenters Wanted. Corner Stone to be Laid.

RALEIGH, October 29.—The sudden reticence of some of the Populist leaders in regard to the franchise amendment was recently referred to. Now it is said it is the result of a deal some of them have made with the Republicans. The Republican State committee has already met. It is intimated that the Populist committee will meet in the next 60 days. It is interesting to know whether, as hinted some time ago, Senator Butler is to be the Populist State chairman next year.

The Republicans are pretty considerably stirred by the statement some one of them has made regarding the Federal courts and Senator Pritchard. It was a direct thrust at State Chairman Holton, who, of course, has charge of the docket.

The new railroad mileage in this State this year will be considerably more than double that built last year.

An order has been signed by the chief justice of the United States two judges of the Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Purnell appointing ex-Judge James E. Shepherd, standing master in equity for this Federal district.

State Treasurer Worth is notified by the Southern Loan and Trust Company, of Greensboro, that it may go into the banking business January 1st. The Treasurer says the company makes a splendid showing. Its paid-in capital is \$25,000, while the surplus is \$32,523.

The officers of the Winston Fair association say the carnival has been a financial success, and they will begin work at once, making improvements on the park for next year's event. All of the racing purses and expenses were paid in full and the association has about \$2,000 left. The attendance at the park Saturday was much larger than anticipated and the program was one of the most pleasant of the entire week.

The State Auditor says some counties in sending in their tax reports make an error as to the poll tax and the educational fund. The constitution provides that three quarters of all the poll tax collected, which is not special shall be applied to the educational fund, and so when \$3, the constitutional limit, is collected \$1.50 ought to go to that fund. Some counties make a report of all the property listed for taxation, but when they report this as divided between the whites and blacks the aggregate of the two does not tally with the total for all. Efforts are being made to correct this error.

Sparks, the circus man, says the \$100 a day tax which he is required to pay is prohibitory and that he will leave the State.

The Greensboro dispensary case was not reached in time Saturday for argument in the Supreme Court. There was only half an hour available and five lawyers were to make the argument.

The Supreme Court heard argument in a case from Oxford against the Seaward Air Line, by those men who were put off the vestibled train. They got judgment in the lower court and the railroad appealed.

The great demand for labor continues, not only here but at other points in this section. Last week a man was here from Pinehurst to secure 50 carpenters to work on Mr. Tuff's big new hotel there, the Carolina. Try as he would he could only secure 8.

Sunday the "silver jubilee" of the Church of the Good Shepherd here began a four-days programme.

The corner stone is from Jerusalem, being one of the "Stones of the Temple." It and the inscription upon it were described early in the year in this correspondence.

Senator Pritchard's son is appointed a battalion adjutant in the Forty-ninth Regiment (colored), which is now being mobilized at Camp Thomas and which soon goes to the Philippines.

Ex-Sheriff H. T. Jones, of Wake, says the case against him by the commissioners, in which some \$4,000 is claimed to be due yet, will be heard next Wednesday in the Superior Court. He says if he is given a proper allowance as to delinquents a settlement can quickly be effected.

New Treaty With Spain. WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—It is expected that negotiations will be opened soon at Madrid for a new treaty between the United States and Spain. This will be the last step toward completely restoring the friendly relations between the two countries.

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WAITING FOR NEWS.

Battle At Ladysmith Thought To Be In Progress. Mafeking Reported Burning.

LADYSMITH, Natal, October 29.—General Joubert is now nearing Ladysmith, and a big engagement is expected soon day.

The plan of operations is likely to be an absolute repetition of that practiced at Mafeking. The combined Boer forces will attack. The Boers have made persistent attempts to divide the Ladysmith garrison, but have failed.

7 p. m.—The Boers are gradually closing around Ladysmith. They have mounted two big guns on Fint's Ingot, 4,500 yards from the British camp. An attack is expected.

A large centrifugal pump is being erected for the purpose of making this town independent of outside water supply.

It has just been reported that the Boers have destroyed a reservoir and piping leading from the Ladysmith water works, leaving the town only a 24 hours' supply from this source. Luckily an abundant quantity is also obtainable from wells, as well as from the rivers.

The British troops are well. The Boers apparently hold positions to the north east and west of Ladysmith. The sharpshooters persist in coming down the hills and trying to snipe British scouts. The scouts are alert and pay them back with interest.

Gen. Lucas Meyer, of the Boer forces, has about 2,000 men lacerated east of Mount Bulwan. Joubert's force is advancing. The Free States, numbering about 6,000, have forts and guns on the hills near Depworth Reid's farm, which is north of Ladysmith.

A military balloon has just been up surveying the Boer position. A small reconnoitering force is out at present. The British are resting here and the situation is satisfactory.

Large supplies had already been stored in the place and more have just arrived. PICTON, Natal, Oct. 29.—After 14 days invasion of Natal the Boers occupy virtually one fourth of the colony, including two important towns, and a hundred miles of railway. They have suffered three reverses, losing 2,000 killed and wounded.

Released civilian prisoners report much sickness among the Boers and discouragement in their camp. They are beginning to realize, it is said, that on a level country like the Free State their only alternatives are to retreat, surrender or suffer annihilation. In case the Free State force were threatened from the south or west the Boers in Natal would require a week to reach Bloemfontein.

The military authorities here feel no apprehension as to the situation. PICTON, October 27 (via Lorenzo Marques, October 29).—Commandant-General Joubert has left Glencoe for the front.

A report has been received here that Mafeking is burning.

The German corps, which suffered severely in the fighting at Elands-laagte, is being reorganized and filled up to its original strength of 600, Captain Van Aldeghel commanding. The German Consul has notified the Transvaal Government that the German Red Cross Society has offered the Transvaal a full detachment. The Government will accept the offer.

CAPE TOWN, October 27.—A dispatch to the South African News from Pretoria says the Boer loss at Elands-laagte was 36 killed and 64 wounded.

BIG STORM AT SANTIAGO.

An Unprecedented Rainfall And a Terrific Hurricane.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, October 29.—After five days of continuous rainstorms, a terrific hurricane from the southeast swept over Santiago today, causing much destruction. Twelve houses were wrecked and others badly damaged.

An unprecedented rainfall continues. Telegraph wires are down, and it is impossible for vessels to enter or leave the harbor.

A Ward liner has been delayed four days. The United States transport Burnside has been kept cruising outside the harbor, and fears are entertained for the safety of the fleet of schooners from Haiti and Jamaica that usually arrive on Monday morning.

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