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SPION KOP AGAIN. DEFENCE OF GENERAL WARREN'S PART IN THAT BATTLE.

SHIFTING THE BLAME ON THORNEYCROFT —ENGLAND'S TRADE WITH THE COLONIES.

(Copyright, 1902, by The Tribune Association.) (Special to The New-York Tribune by French Cable.) London, May 26, 1 a. m.—An important book is published to-day by Smith, Elder & Co., in reference to Sir Charles Warren's action at Spion Kop. The author conceals his identity under the pseudonym of "Defender," but it is understood that he expresses Sir Charles Warren's own views with regard to that famous battle. It will be remembered that about a month ago Sir Charles Warren publicly complained that the government was still withholding some documents bearing upon his operations, and that those which were published, if considered by themselves, gave a totally incorrect view of the matter, and one which reflected seriously on his military reputation. The writer points out that the Boers considered Spion Kop the key to the situation in Natal, and that had it been held Ladysmith would probably have been won. His contention, therefore, is that blame for the failure should not be cast upon Sir Charles Warren, who ordered the situation to be taken, but on Colonel Thorneycroft, who abandoned it without sufficient reason and without consulting him. Two great faults were committed on the summit of the kop, for neither of which can Sir Charles Warren be held responsible. One was the position of the intrenchments, the other was the crowding of line upon line to give the firing line moral support, the result of which was carnage. Both of these faults were due to want of proper training in the officers and men. So far as General Warren is concerned, everything was ready, and action would have been taken during the night in regard to all the points mentioned by General Buller had not the retirement prevented it. It was known on top of the kop that guns were to go up, but quite possibly Colonel Thorneycroft was not aware of this circumstance, as he did not place himself in a position to know anything but what was taking place in the firing line, and at sundown, when everything should have been done, and could have been done, he ordered the withdrawal. The writer says the general result of all the information is to make it clear that Spion Kop was the key to the position, dominating the country, and that no one was more astonished at its unauthorized abandonment than General Warren, except the Boers themselves. The British Empire League announces that while maintaining the traditional policy of neutrality in all matters affecting tariffs and fiscal arrangements, it will do everything in its power to provide facilities for Colonel Denison to express publicly his views before Chambers of Commerce and other important bodies in this country. Premier Seddon's speeches in South Africa are attracting considerable interest here. The New-Zealand Premier says it is his great desire to help the trade of the mother country either by preferential tariff or by a rebate duty on British goods imported in British ships. England's present fiscal policy is, he maintains, suicidal. I. N. F.

STONED THE ROYAL TRAIN. ASSAULT ON THE KING AND QUEEN OF ITALY PROVES HARMLESS.

Naples, May 25.—King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived here this evening on their way to Palermo to open the agricultural exhibition there. During the stoppage of the royal train at the arsenal here two stones were thrown at the train by a man named Vincenzo Guerriero, who was immediately arrested. Guerriero has previously been convicted of theft. The assault of this evening resulted in a great demonstration of loyalty toward their majesties from the assembled crowd.

ANARCHISTS CONFER AT MANNHEIM.

Berlin, May 25.—It was learned to-day that an anarchist conference attended by twenty-nine delegates was held at Mannheim last week. The police got wind of the meeting before it occurred, and sent two officials to attend the sitting. The proceedings of the conference were quiet, and the anarchists were not molested by the police officials. POLAND SPRING HOUSE, POLAND SPRING, Maine opens June 1st. Booking office, Poland Water Depot, 2 Park Place, New York.—Adv.

THE GREAT AMERICAN REMEDY FOR COUGHS—JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT.—Adv.

LOUBET IN COPENHAGEN. FRENCH PRESIDENT CALLS ON KING CHRISTIAN.

Copenhagen, May 25.—President Loubet, who, after his visit to the Czar of Russia, left Cronstadt May 23 for France on the French cruiser Montcalm, landed here to-day, after a favorable and rapid voyage through the Baltic. As the Montcalm drew too much water to allow her to approach Copenhagen, President Loubet was transferred to the torpedo boat destroyer Cassini, which accompanied the Montcalm. The Cassini was the recipient of thunderous salutes from the forts upon her arrival in the roadstead here. King Christian, the Danish Crown Prince and other members of the royal family embarked on a launch, and were taken to the Cassini, where the King was greeted by the President of France. King Christian wore the uniform of the commander in chief of the Danish army. The King and the President then came ashore in the royal launch and were driven, amid the cheers of the people, to the Amalienborg Castle, where luncheon was served to the royal family and the French visitors. Complimentary toasts were exchanged between the King and the President. Later King Christian and M. Loubet together drove about Copenhagen, and then returned to the harbor. The visitors, accompanied by the King and the Danish princes, were then conveyed to the Cassini, where the farewells were said. Amid salutes and cheers from the people, the Cassini left here at 4:30.

PRESIDENT TO RETURN QUIETLY.

Paris, May 25.—In accordance with the expressed wish of President Loubet, and on account of the mourning for the Martinique victims, Paris will not be decorated nor will the city be illuminated in honor of the President's return from his visit to the Czar of Russia.

PARIS COMMUNISTS ARRESTED.

Paris, May 25.—Disturbances occurred at the Pere la Chaise Cemetery to-day as a result of the annual placing of wreaths upon the tombs of the Communists. Wreaths bearing seditious inscriptions, and red flags, were seized, and sixty arrests were made. The persons arrested will probably be liberated at once.

CHINESE REBELLION ENDED.

BUT DISSATISFACTION CONTINUES IN PE-CHI-LI.

Peking, May 25.—The rebellion in Pe-Chi-Li Province has been practically subdued, but the inhabitants of the province are complaining loudly of the forces under Yuan Shai Kai, the Governor of Chi-Li, and allege that his soldiers in inflicting punishments do not distinguish between the guilty and the innocent.

FAILS TO GET OPIUM CONCESSION.

Peking, May 25.—The failure of the efforts of a German firm to secure exclusive rights of selling opium throughout the Chinese Empire, for which privilege the firm in question offered to pay the Chinese Government \$15,000,000 a year, appears to be assured, on account of the opposition to the proposal of the better class of the ministers and the palace officials.

INQUIRY ON THE CHICAGO.

SECURITY REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE VENICE AFFAIR.

Naples, May 25.—The court of inquiry being held on board the United States cruiser Chicago to investigate the arrests of certain officers of that cruiser at Venice on April 25 continues its sessions, but the strictest secrecy regarding the proceedings of the court is maintained. Orders have been received on the Chicago from Washington that the findings of the court shall not be divulged until they are passed upon by the United States Government.

RECOVERING BODIES AT FERNIE.

Victoria, B. C., May 25.—Colonel Pryor to-night received two dispatches from Fernie. In one, A. Dick, inspector of mines, says: All bodies in No. 3 mine and high lying positions of No. 2 (forty-nine) recovered. Air turned into west division, near where other bodies are. Mr. Armstrong, the government agent, says: Forty bodies recovered; about eighty still missing; twenty-four escaped alive. No fire in mine. Jury impeached last night and adjourned for a week. Everything possible being done.

EXCURSION RATES TO WESTERN POINTS.

Low excursion rates to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland, Tacoma, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Areas Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Rys. Adv.

FINDINGS DISAPPROVED. REBUKE FOR THE COURT THAT TRIED WALLER AND DAY.

GENERAL CHAFFEE SAYS THE EXECUTION OF SAMAR NATIVES WAS UNLAWFUL RETALIATION, BUT NOT MURDER.

Manila, May 25.—The official findings of the court martial which tried Major L. W. T. Waller and Lieutenant John H. A. Day, of the Marine Corps, for executing natives of the Island of Samar without trial, have been made public. The reviewing authority of the court has expressed its disapproval of the court's findings in both cases. Referring to the case of Major Waller, the reviewing authority says: The sending of the natives in question to their death partook more of unlawful retaliation than a justifiable act of war. In justice to the American military service, the findings of acquittal demand that they shall not meet with unequal approval. The marines in Samar underwent great suffering before their rescue, and their officers, from their skeletons, voiced the revengeful anger of the men, who telephoned to Major Waller advising that the avengers be killed. Major Waller received this message while he was sick, prostrate from a fever, suffering acute pain of body due to exposure and his exertions in behalf of his men and mental anguish concerning their fate, which had long been in doubt. Major Waller was at the time in telephonic communication with General Smith, who commanded the American forces in Samar, but he deliberately chose not to consult General Smith regarding his contemplated action, and, rather than forego the execution of his unrestrained will he assumed the power the laws of war and the customs of the service confer upon commanding officers only in time of war.

Giving heed to the mental attitude of Major Waller, as much of the findings of the court as are to the effect that Major Waller is not guilty of murder, are approved. But the reviewing authority is at a loss to understand why the court did not find against Major Waller in the minor offence. With the exception noted, the acquittal, as it appears in the record of the proceedings, is disapproved. Referring to the case of Lieutenant Day, the reviewing authority says: The accused knew that for three weeks Major Waller had undergone a test of his mental and physical endurance such as few men are called upon to suffer. While fully conceding the grave responsibility assumed by a subordinate officer in wilfully disobeying an order of his commanding officer, still, the weighty reasons related, with which Lieutenant Day was acquitted, so tainted Major Waller's order that Lieutenant Day should have been prompted to positive disobedience. An officer must be conscientiously regardful of the unquestioned legality of his agency in taking the lives of his fellowmen. Above and beyond all personal considerations, officers must guard the name and honor of the country. Had Lieutenant Day been actuated by such considerations, he would probably have prevented one of the most regrettable incidents in the annals of the military service of the United States.

THE PHILIPPINES CHOLERA RECORD.

Manila, May 25.—The cholera record up to date is as follows: Manila, 1,146 cases and 619 deaths; the provinces, 3,322 cases and 2,774 deaths.

THE TROUBLES IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—A report has reached here of an attempt to assassinate Prince Obolensky, Governor of the Government of Khar'kov, who was commended by the Czar for suppressing the rioting among the peasants of that district. Lieutenant General von Wahl, Governor of Vilna, whose assassination was recently attempted on account of his wholesale flogging of political prisoners, many of whom were educated, and who, according to custom, were therefore exempt from flogging, justifies these punishments on the ground that he was ordered to inflict them by M. von Plehve, the Minister of the Interior. Peasant political prisoners have also been whipped at Bielostock and other Polish towns. Eighty persons who were arrested for taking part in revolutionary disturbances at Saratoff were confined in a private building during a number of rioters concentrated in the vicinity of this building, contemplating a release. The rioters were charged several times by the troops before they dispersed, and the liberation of the prisoners was thus prevented. Armed with daggers and sticks, the townspeople of Ghirzel, in the Caucasus, have liberated a score of prisoners who asserted that they were innocent.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO CALIFORNIA.

At all ticket offices, offering diversity of routes going and returning, via Chicago and North-Western, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Rys. Offices 41, 27 and 29 Broadway.—Adv.

DIXIE AT ST. VINCENT. AMERICAN RELIEF SHIP REACHED THE ISLAND FRIDAY.

TERROR SPREAD BY THE ACTION OF THE VOLCANO—A FLIGHT IN DARKNESS FROM CHATEAU BELAIR.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., May 24.—The United States steamer Dixie arrived here yesterday, with 900,000 rations and clothing, medicine and supplies. Another eruption, on the night of Sunday, May 18, caused a greater fall of ashes and stones and more consternation at Chateau Belair, this island, than resulted from the eruption of May 7. Shortly after the appearance of a cloud, May 18, which was belched from the mountain, Egyptian darkness enveloped the village of Chateau Belair. The inhabitants of the hamlet rent the air with their shrieks and groped against the banks of the road leading to Cumberland in their anxious efforts to flee from the threatened danger. Many persons had their limbs broken. The darkness lasted one hour, but the exodus from Chateau Belair lasted all night. Detonations and smoke and lava from the volcano continued the next day, May 19, and the people still continued their efforts to leave Chateau Belair for Kingston and other towns. A heavy rainfall occurred at Chateau Belair on the 19th, the first in the district for two months, and the streets, huts and shops of the village were flooded. As the volcanic eruptions diminished after the 19th some thirty of the inhabitants returned to Chateau Belair, but are still apprehensive of increasingly severe eruptions.

Kingston is longing for rain, and the heat and dryness here are unprecedented. There is no hope for the resuscitation of the Carib country for years to come. The canal that supplied water to that country for domestic or manufacturing purposes has dried up and the district is desolated. The government is treating for the purchase of an estate upon which to settle the refugees, and carpenters are engaged in erecting huts on safe locations, to relieve the congestion in Kingston. The cloud that issued from the crater Sunday night was visible to the inhabitants of the neighboring island of St. Lucia and inspired them with awe. Vivid flashes of lightning were seen on the morning of the 19th, and these were accompanied by slight volcanic rumblings. The number of new craters in the disturbed district cannot be ascertained, as ascent of the mountain is impossible, but there are apparently four active craters there. Rumbling sounds are heard and vapor is still issuing from different portions of the mountain, and the lava is still flowing. Mount Enham shows no distinct signs of activity. The interruption of the cable between here and the island of St. Lucia has caused delay in the transmission of messages. The Quebec Line steamship Madiana arrived here to-day. Passengers by the Madiana report that the government of the British island of Trinidad is prepared to settle refugees from Martinique on crown lands on moderate terms.

PELEE IN FRESH ERUPTION.

Fort de France, Martinique, May 24.—Mont Pelee was comparatively quiet yesterday (Friday). To-day the volcano belched forth a torrent of lava and mud, which rushed down the northern slope of the mountain and swept away what was left of the town of Basse Pointe. New fissures have opened in the side of the mountain. Pointe-a-Pitre, Island of Guadeloupe, May 25.—The steamer Lifield, belonging to the Guadeloupe Steamboat Company, arrived here this morning from Martinique, and reports the conditions on that island to be unchanged. The people at Fort de France were somewhat quieter when the Lifield left there.

TOUCHING SCENES ON THE FRANTIC AT ST. NAZAIRE.

St. Nazaire, France, May 25.—The French Line steamer France arrived here to-day. She is the first steamer to reach France from Martinique since the catastrophe. The France was boarded here by many relatives and friends of the survivors who were on board, and there were touching scenes between the travellers and those who welcomed them. The narratives of the survivors on the France, however, added nothing to what is already known concerning Martinique affairs.

NEARLY 350 HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

In New York and New England in "The Prophet's Chamber," No. 15 of the "Four-Track Series." Sent free on receipt of 4 cents by G. H. Daniels, Grand Central Station, New York.—Adv.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE. UNKNOWN MACHINE RUNS DOWN MAN ON BICYCLE AND DISAPPEARS.

Paterson, N. J., May 25 (Special).—Charles Whiteman, thirty-five years old, of Butler, was run down and fatally injured at Pompton this afternoon by an automobile driven by an unknown man. He died to-night in the General Hospital, this city. The case is surrounded with mystery. Whiteman was brought in an unconscious condition to the General Hospital, in this city, at 4 p. m. by two men in a wagon, who said that when riding his bicycle he had been run down by an automobile at a sharp turn on the Pompton Road. The men did not know the name of the chauffeur, and could not tell how the accident occurred further than that it happened at a turn in the road. They said they were sent to the hospital with the man by a Dr. Romand. Inquiries at Pompton show that no doctor by that name lives there. Whiteman's skull was fractured at the base. The accident occurred at 1 p. m. The dead man was married, but did not live with his wife, whose home is at No. 794 East Eighteenth-st., this city. John Whiteman, his brother, arrived at the hospital to-night after the death, and he did not know of the circumstances of the accident. It has been suggested that the driver of the automobile sent the injured man to the hospital, and gave a fictitious name.

MISSING GIRL'S BODY FOUND.

IT WAS FLOATING IN NORTH RIVER NEAR PLACE THE CHILD FELL IN.

The body of Kathleen Flanagan, four years old, daughter of Michael J. Flanagan, of No. 2,576 Eighth-ave., who disappeared suddenly on May 17, was found yesterday floating face up in the River twenty-five feet from the wharf between One-hundred-and-thirty-third and One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth sts. The discovery was made by Detective Sergeant Darcy and his two assistants, James Donnelly and James Morgan. The police have been maintaining a close watch on the river front in the expectation that if the child had drowned the body would rise to the surface. Between 10 and 11 a. m. a tug, drawing the barge David Moore, entered the slip between One-hundred-and-thirty-third and One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth sts., stirring the water. The body of the missing child at once rose to the surface, and was brought ashore. The relatives were told, and an uncle of the child identified the body. Kathleen was taken by her father to the pier at One-hundred-and-thirty-third-st. a week ago Saturday. While her father's attention was called away, she disappeared. As no one had seen her fall into the water, the theory of kidnapping was advanced.

HORSE TRIED TO SWIM TO JERSEY.

WAS ATTEMPTING TO REACH HOME, BUT HIS RUNABOUT DRAGGED HIM DOWN TO DEATH.

Stories about horses running away and going straight home to their stables are common. A New-Jersey horse yesterday ran away in this city to go home. He varied the old story by attempting to swim part of the way. Unfortunately for the horse, he had a runabout in tow. He was drowned. John B. Brandle, of Bull's Ferry Road, Union Hill, N. J., started to take a young woman for a drive yesterday afternoon. They came to this city, and after a drive through the park started for home. They were making for the Twenty-third-st. ferry, when, near Twenty-seventh-st., they stopped for some supper. The horse, as soon as the couple disappeared, started for home on his own account. He swung into Twenty-seventh-st. and started west toward the river at a lively clip. The horse saw the Hudson in front of him, and beyond the grassy hills of New-Jersey. With a joyful whinny he shook the dust of New-York from his feet and jumped into the water. Captain Griffen of the canalboat Welch and Patrick Hickey, who was on a float, tried to rescue the horse, but it was too late. They succeeded in saving the rig and the harness, but the carcass of the horse is moored to the float, awaiting the arrival of a Health Department hearse.

SAMOSSET, ROCKLAND BREAKWATER, ME.

Opens June 25th, first season. Booking office, Poland Water Depot, 2 Park Place, New York. RICKER HOTEL CO., A. C. JUDD, Mgr.—Adv.

THE COAL INDUSTRY.

Those interested in Coal Stocks should read the article upon this subject in to-day's Morning Telegraph.—Adv.

TO DISLodge HAFFEN. HIS CAREER AS A TRIUMVIR MAY BE SHORT.

DEMOCRATS URGED BY SENATOR HENNESSY TO DEFEAT THE LEADER OF THE XXXVTH DISTRICT.

According to Senator Joseph P. Hennessy, of the XXIXth District, and a number of other Tammany Democrats in the XXXVth Assembly District, a strong effort will be made at the September primaries to dislodge Louis F. Haffen from the leadership of the district and thereby disrupt the triumvirate which has been chosen to preside over the destinies of Tammany Hall. If Mr. Haffen is defeated, and his opponents are sanguine of success, he will no longer be the executive member from the district, which will render him ineligible to serve on the supervising committee. The triumvirate was chosen with the purpose of creating harmony in the Democratic organization, a condition that was sorely needed. Instead of pacifying the disgruntled and discontented Democrats, Mr. Haffen's appointment has aroused discord in his own Assembly district, where it was supposed he was backed by home influences. A long statement, signed by sixteen of the most prominent election district leaders and business men in the XXXVth District, was given out last night. It says in no uncertain language that the Democrats of the district are determined no longer to submit to the opera bouffe leadership which has characterized Mr. Haffen's administration. Behind the movement is the Passaconaway Club, No. 1,086 Boston Road, which has a membership of five hundred. Democrats who are dissatisfied with the present situation are urged to enroll this month or next, so that they may assist with their votes at the primaries in detroning Mr. Haffen. William H. Zeltner, who has been an active Democrat in the district for many years, has been selected to lead the forces against the Haffen faction, and the indications point to success, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Haffen has control of all the patronage of The Bronx. This Senator Hennessy says will help to defeat him. The Senator declares that for every appointment Mr. Haffen has made since he became President of the Borough of The Bronx, he has made a dozen enemies of disappointed applicants for office. Senator Hennessy says that President Haffen in his appointments has entirely ignored the friends who assisted in his election, giving most of the fat places to men who have not been active in party affairs. Senator Hennessy has been a consistent opponent of Crokerism for a number of years. Two years ago, when he was elected to represent his district in the Senate, he was obliged to go to court to compel Tammany to recognize the fact that he was the regularly nominated candidate for the office. Ex-Senator Richard H. Mitchell was a candidate for the nomination, and Croker demanded that Hennessy withdraw in his favor. This Mr. Hennessy refused to do, and the result was a long fight in the court. Hennessy winning out only a few days before the election. Hennessy carried the district by 5,000 majority, and this is pointed to as an indication that Mr. Haffen will be beaten. The latter carried the borough by only 1,600 majority at the last election. The XXXVth District is the largest in New-York City, containing thirty thousand voters, of whom about eighteen thousand are Democrats. At the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night Senator Hennessy said: "The people of the XXXVth District resent the appointment of President Haffen as a member of the Democratic triumvirate, and to show our displeasure we are going to defeat him at the next primary. This is a local fight, and we are not going to be drawn into any general contest or tie up to anybody outside of the district. Haffen is a figurehead on that committee. They can't trust him, and he was named only because geographically The Bronx had to be recognized. Our district is the largest in the city, and has as many votes as the 1st, 11th, 11th, 14th and 18th combined. Put me down as saying that we are going to win, and that after September Haffen will no longer be a triumvir. He is the most inconsistent Democrat in The Bronx. Below the Harlem River—"

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The Pennsylvania Railroad train leaving New York, West 23rd Street Station 5:35 P. M. daily, carries through Pullman buffet sleeping car between Philadelphia and Welch, N. C. via Harrisburg, Hagerstown, Roanoke and the Norfolk & Western Rys. Consult Ticket Agents.—Adv.