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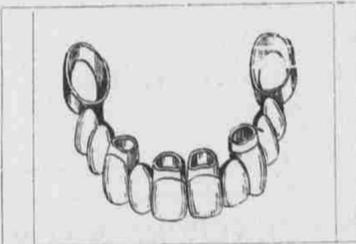
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LADYSMITH REMAINS IN HANDS OF THE ENGLISH

The War Department Denies a Startling Rumor That Originated at Brussels.

SECOND ARMY CORPS TO BE CALLED OUT

General White Wires a List of Officers Killed and Wounded Since the Siege—News From the Seat of War Is Very Meager and Unsatisfactory—A Vigilant Press Censor.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A secretary of the war office who was shown a Cape Town dispatch of the Havas agency, stating that the Boers had seized Colenso and that Ladysmith is completely invested, said the statements made were utterly baseless. Brussels, where the Havas dispatch originated, is the headquarters of Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, and it is thought the Cape Town dispatch may be an exaggerated Boer version of recent fighting.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Again it is asserted at Aldershot that the mobilization of the second army corps will begin Nov. 10, and that the reserves of the transport branch army service corps will all be called out.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Special dispatches from Ladysmith dated Nov. 2, give further details regarding the bombardment. Little light is thrown on the actual situation by the news at hand today. The magnitude of Monday's fight, however, is more than ever evident. Virtually three actions were raging simultaneously.

The report comes from Rome that Portugal will permit the landing of British troops at Lorenzo Marquez. This is coincident with the view, strongly prevalent in some quarters that the British invasion of the Transvaal will be made from that point.

A report that a Boer force with guns from Koomati Poort is making its way through Zululand is held to indicate an intention to seize the railway between Colenso and Pietermaritzburg if it has not already been seized. The real question now for the British public, is, can General White hold out another 10 days or two weeks until the army corps arrives.

LADYSMITH SHUT OFF.

The Boers Have Interrupted Communication With the Besieged Town.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The war office tonight informed the Associated Press that a dispatch from the governor of Natal had been received, announcing that communication with Ladysmith had been interrupted since half past two this afternoon.

This is not regarded by the war office however as in any wise confirming the rumor of a complete investment of Ladysmith or of the capture of Colenso.

LITTLE LADYSMITH NEWS.

Public Anxiety Still Intense—American Sympathy Acknowledged and Appreciated.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The brevity of news from Ladysmith since Tuesday night has not relieved the anxiety prevailing regarding the position of the British army in Ladysmith. The war office has no information of General Buller's having left Cape Town.

Colenso, in the rear of White's force, is believed to be well defended by a composite naval and military corps, and it is understood two naval 12-pounders mounted near the bridge over Tugela, one of the most vulnerable points along the railroad ought to be able to defend it and prevent its destruction.

If the Boers succeed in destroying this bridge, it would mean interruption of railroad communication with Ladysmith for an indefinite period. While the Boer attempts in this direction are not confirmed, it is claimed they may be expected momentarily, and the reported steady shelling of Ladysmith, it is added, points to the intentions of the

Boer force of Zululand, and they have taken Fombroy, 50 miles from Greytown.

NOTES FROM THE WAR.

No Official Information of Further Fighting.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The war office officially declares it has no information of any further engagement at Ladysmith or of a British victory, as reported in New York.

The war office received a telegram, dispatched from Ladysmith at 9:25 a. m. today, saying General White was well and holding his position.

A special dispatch from Ladysmith says 20 British dead and 100 wounded have been counted on the scene of Monday's disaster, while 350 prisoners were sent to Pretoria.

Another list of casualties at Dundee was issued by the war office today. It gives 82 Dublin fusiliers emfwp emfwp gives 83 non-commissioned officers and men of the Dublin fusiliers missing, indicating that the Boers captured as many fusiliers as they did hussars.

KIMBERLY BESIEGED.

Stories of Boer Victories Have Encouraged the Accession of Many Other Dutch to Their Ranks.

HOPEWORTH, Cape Colony, Nov. 1.—Magistrate Harnsworth has arrived from Klipdam and reports there are 6,000 Boers around Kimberly and all roads are strictly patrolled. He says he passed close enough to Kimberly to see searchlights, and was informed the defenders of Kimberly were satisfied they could hold out, but were wearied with inactivity and hoped a relieving force would arrive soon.

Stories of Boer victories have spread rapidly along the western border, and Magistrate Harnsworth estimates over half the Dutch residents of Bechuana-land and Griqualand will join the Boers after the declaration of annexation.

ARTILLERY STILL ENGAGED.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The war office this afternoon posted the following dispatch: "Ladysmith, Nov. 2.—Lieutenant Edgerston, H. M. S. Powerful, was dangerously wounded this morning by a shell in the left knee and right foot. His life is not in danger at present."

It was inferred from this dispatch that the artillery duel between the Boers and British continues, as Edgerston was a gunnery lieutenant with the big naval guns.

LOOK TO OUR CONSUL.

Boer Government Asked to Permit Him to Report on Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The British government has asked that the Boer government permit Mr. McCrum, United States consul to Pretoria, to transmit each week a list of the British prisoners in Pretoria with a statement of their condition.

AT BETHULEE BRIDGE.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 2.—It is asserted 8,000 Boers have collected at the Bethulee bridge, under Field Cornet Duitl; the Orange river is in full flood, and fording is reported to be impossible.

TRANSPORTS WILL BE DOWN TODAY

LEAVE PORTLAND AT SIX

A Soldier From One of the Ships Fell into the River Last Night and Was Drowned.

PORTLAND, Nov. 2.—The Thirtieth infantry and two companies of the Forty-fifth infantry embarked on the transports Pennsylvania and Olympia today bound for the Philippines.

It was announced that the transports would sail early this evening but owing to the large quantities of supplies to be loaded it is probable they will not leave the dock before six o'clock in the morning. The men were paid yesterday and it was next to impossible to keep them on board tonight.

All night long squads were out searching for soldiers who had left the ships. During the evening one private fell into the river and was drowned. At least half a dozen are missing and it is probable that the ships will sail without them.

AGUINALDO BANKS ON ACTION BY CONGRESS

He Appeals to His Wavering Followers to Hold Out Until December.

WARNS THE PRIESTS FROM POLITICS

A Crisis in the Insurgent Cabinet Imminent Owing to the Resignation of Two Members Who Were Opposed by Rabid Anti-Americans.

MANILA, Nov. 2.—Aguinaldo has issued a proclamation announcing that the American congress will meet in December to decide whether "the imperialist policy" and "this bloody work" are to be continued.

He exhorts his soldiers to conduct themselves so that congress will consider them worthy of independence, and requests the priests to abstain from politics and to redeem the church from the name the misdeeds of the friars has given it.

A crisis in the Filipino cabinet is predicted as a result of the resignations of Paterno and Bencomino, two Filipino leaders who have lost the confidence of the rabid revolutionists.

MANILA, Nov. 2.—Some Filipinos looking natives outside the lines who attempted to come to Manila with the Spanish commission received a message from Major General Ols saying the women and children would be given American protection but men who had cast their lots with the insurgents must remain with it.

Lieutenant Slavins of General MacArthur's staff, reconnoitering with 15 men in front of Angeles, discovered a Filipino outpost in a trench. The Filipinos numbered about 40 men.

As the Filipinos had sighted the Americans, Lieutenant Slavins' only course was to charge and his party rushed to the trench, shooting and yelling. They killed three insurgents and wounded several who however succeeded in escaping. Not one American was hit.

The lieutenant secured valuable information about the enemy's position. The feeling of disquiet aroused at Iloilo by the arrest of Santiago, a wealthy Filipino who is charged with forming a revolutionary junta has subsided. The natives in their quarter of the town were sullen and restless and were heard chanting a death song at night with the refrain "the Americans sleep." The provost guard surrounded the quarters and drove all suspicious hood.

STARTED HOME. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Part of the Washington regiment started overland tonight for home and the others will leave tomorrow on the steamer Queen. The troops going by rail are from eastern Washington and those who have been elected to go by water are from the West.

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