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## BRITISH SUFFER ANOTHER ARMORED TRAIN DISASTER

Lieutenant Churchill and One Hundred and Fifty Men Wounded or Captured.

## WERE LED INTO A BOER TRAP

White Again Makes a Dash Out of Ladysmith and Inflicts a Terrible Loss On the Boer Besiegers in Their Own Lines.

**ESTCOURT, Thursday, Nov. 16.**—A missionary, a native, but a reliable man, who arrived here yesterday from Ladysmith, reports that a big fight took place there on Friday, Nov. 10. He says the volunteers went out in early morning and drew the enemy from their positions into a flat, where the regular troops under Sir George White, outmaneuvered them by outflanking the Boers, administering a crushing defeat and inflicting great loss.

More than 200 Kaffirs, the missionary says, were employed by the Boers to bury their dead, and two trains, each drawn by two engines, carried away the wounded.

**LONDON, Nov. 17.**—5 a. m.—Misfortune steadfastly pursues the British employment of armored trains, the fascination for which has given the Boers their first and latest victories.

On this last occasion, the British seem to have walked into a deliberate trap, with the result that, according to the best accounts, 90 men are either killed, wounded or missing. Of these the Fusiliers claim 50 and the Durban Infantry 40. It is believed that few escaped and the others are prisoners in the hands of the Boers.

The list of casualties is awaited with great anxiety. In times of trouble, Lieutenant Winston Churchill has proved himself more a soldier than a correspondent and his gallantry is highly praised on all sides.

The rumor of the death of General Joubert is discredited. It is understood that the war office news that he is still directing affairs. It is also rumored from Pietermaritzburg that Boer losses at Ladysmith on Thursday were heavy and included General Lucas Meyer, who was either killed or wounded.

## ARMORED TRAIN ATTACKED.

Boers Cripple the Train and a Party of British are Left in Their Hands.

**ESTCOURT, Natal, Nov. 15.**—An armored train, having aboard half a company of Durban volunteers and half a company of Dublin Fusiliers, steamed to Chiveley early this morning. On its return it was shelled by the Boer artillery placed in four positions.

Two trucks in front of the engine left the rails, tipping it over. While the train was thus helpless, the Durban and Dublin faced the Boers in skirmishing order and the Boers poured shot and shell into the crippled train.

The derailed trucks were with great difficulty removed and the line cleared when the engine and tender steamed back to Estcourt with a few of the Dublins and 15 of the Durban, including Captain Wylie, who was wounded on the train.

The fate of the remainder of the Durban and Dublin and Lieutenant Churchill, son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, is unknown.

Seven of the Durban came in later leaving 23 missing. Only 15 of the Dublins have returned. At Natal a seven pounder which was in front of the truck, had fired three shots when it was shattered by the Boer artillery. The armored engine has many bullet marks and its dome cover is smashed.

**MAY ABANDON ESTCOURT.**

**LONDON, Nov. 17.**—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Wednesday, November 15:

Estcourt is short of artillery. The garrison may retire to Moon river, southward, tonight, in case a strong force of Boers should advance.

**ANOTHER VESSEL STOPPED.**

**LONDON, Nov. 16.**—According to a dispatch from Durban, a British cruiser has again fired on a vessel entering Delagoa bay and refusing to reply to signals. Two blanks and one round shot were fired before she hove to. The vessel was then boarded, her papers examined and she was allowed to proceed.

**JOINED THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.**

**COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 16.**—The Taxpayers League of Astoria was today affiliated with the municipal league.

## AT SAN FRANCISCO.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.**—Professor James E. Keeler, director of the Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, telegraphs the Associated Press as follows:

The sky was visible at intervals last night. Some Leonids were seen but the number was not unusual. The main swarm may be a day or two late, otherwise possibly a whole year, or it may fall altogether as in 1774.

## AT WASHINGTON.

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.**—Government observers at the naval observatory last night report that the display of Leonids and meteors was a disappointment. But six or eight meteors were observed.

## THIS WAS A TERROR.

**CRESCENT CITY, Ill., Nov. 16.**—By the falling of an aeorite, seven miles south of Crescent City, the residence of John Meyers was partially wrecked and the neighborhood was panic stricken.

## FALLING STARS AT DENVER.

**DENVER, Nov. 16.**—A shower of meteors was observed this morning at University park. One company of watchers counted 62 Leonids in 15 minutes.

## AT CHICAGO.

**CHICAGO, Nov. 16.**—Thirty meteors were reported in sight in the eastern sky just before dawn this morning and several photographs were secured at the northwestern university.

## AFRAID OF THE METEORS.

**LONDON, Nov. 16.**—In Russia the Leonid displays caused a panic in many places. It was believed the end of the world had come.

## ONE EFFECT OF EXPANSION HAS HELPED COMMERCE

**Greatest Activity Ever Known in Shipyards of Both Atlantic and Pacific Coasts.**

**NEW YORK, Nov. 16.**—The seventh annual convention of the society of naval architects and marine engineers began here today. The annual address of President Griscom was read by a member. In part Griscom said:

"What ever may be the political, moral or constitutional aspects of the policy of expansion, it is not without its advantages to ship builders. The large number of vessels purchased by the government last year for use by the army and navy, together with the increasing use steam vessels in the coasting trade, have produced the greatest activity ever seen in our coast ship yards, both on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

## ATTEMPTED TRAIN HOLD-UP.

**ERIE, Pa., Nov. 16.**—A daring attempt was made by a gang of masked men to rob the Lake Shore train between Erie and Connaught at one o'clock this morning. The robbers boarded the train at Astabula, where it stopped to take water. The express messenger gave an alarm which frightened the gang and they jumped off without securing any booty.

## HOLLAND TRIALS SUCCESSFUL.

**NEW YORK, Nov. 16.**—Official reports on the Holland boat from John Lowe, captain United States navy, and the board of inspection and survey, of which the president is Fredrick Rodgers, rear admiral United States navy, were made public today. Both reports agree that the trials have been successful in almost every particular.

## RICH ENDOWMENT.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.**—The total endowment of Stanford University is now placed at \$25,740,000.

## A WONDERFUL RELIEF.

**PARIS, Nov. 16.**—The chamber deputies by a vote of 340 to 215 expressed confidence in the government.

## AGUINALDO STILL FLEEING BEFORE AMERICAN ADVANCE

His Government Broken Up and Making Desperate Efforts to Avoid Capture.

## STORES AND RECORDS ABANDONED

Wheaton Has Not Yet Effected a Juncture—Rebels Now Offer But Feeble Resistance When Surprised by Young's Cavalry.

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.**—General Otis today cabled the war department concerning the situation in regard to the American advance in pursuit of Aguinaldo:

"Manila.—During the last 36 hours four and one-half inches of rain have fallen, and it is still raining in the north. Lawton's telegraph line is not yet beyond San Jose. The last dispatch, received the evening of the 14th, reported the capture of many supplies in transportation north and east of San Nicholas, and our troops moving from Humingan and Tayug west on Urdaneta, where the insurgents' force is reported. Lawton has abundant supplies for subsistence, forage and transportation at San Isidro and Cabantuan, but is unable to move.

"MacArthur has the railroad between Bambam and Tarlac in operation, five miles. The road south of Bambam is being reconstructed, the removed rails being found north of Tarlac. MacArthur will send four battalions of infantry and one troop of cavalry forward to Gerona today. The advance from Aliaga is at Victoria, five miles north of East Tarlac."

**MANILA, Nov. 16.**—Reports have been received here from General Young, dated at Humingan, yesterday. Humingan is about 30 miles east of San Fabian. General Young is supposed to have advanced considerably farther toward San Fabian. A correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphs an account of the rapid pace with which General Young covered the road with his cavalry. At Macabee the scouts completely surprised and demoralized the insurgents around the low country.

Aguinaldo and his government are said to be making desperate efforts to escape to Bayabong. All information here is that he is still in the low country.

Lieutenant Johnson, with troop M, Third cavalry, captured yesterday at San Nicholas, 12 barrels containing the wardrobe of Aguinaldo's wife, some of the personal effects records of the secretary of war and much commissary and medical supplies.

Senora Aguinaldo probably escaped over the divide, but the secretary of war is thought to be inside the lines. Colonel Wessels captured at Tayug several hundred thousand pounds of rice, 5,700 pounds of salt, 1,500 pounds of flour, marked "Dayton, Ohio," 2,500 pounds of sugar, 1,300 new uniforms and hundreds of thousands of mauser shells.

The names of Lieutenant Gilmore and seven of his men were found written on the walls of the convent of San Quentin.

The garrison in all the towns surprised resisted feebly. General Wheaton has not yet appeared. The remains of Major John A. Logan, killed in action at San Jacinto, Saturday, were buried in Paco cemetery this morning.

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