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AT POINT OF BAYONET

Further Details of Gen. Methuen's Fight with the Boers Near Belmont.

British Soldiers Charge Up Heights in the Face of a Withering Fire.

Enemy Routed But at Cost of Many Men—Boer Loss is Unknown.

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—From the few details which have reached here of Gen. Methuen's fight with the Boers yesterday, it appears the Boers from Fincham's farm shelled the advance body of the British Wednesday, Nov. 22, and the British artillery then pushed forward and shelled the hill, which the British subsequently occupied, capturing two guns. The Boer casualties were thirty men killed and wounded. The Boer main column left Fincham's farm during the afternoon and camped five miles ahead. At daybreak Thursday the Boers fired from the hills, 1,000 yards distant, on the British advance force. The other troops then pushed up and the engagement began. The British artillery shelled the Boer guns. Then two battalions of the Grenadier Guards and the Northumberland regiment stormed the heights at the point of the bayonet. The entire position was carried by light cavalry, consisting of the Ninth Lancers and mounted infantry, pursuing the flying Boers. The Boers were estimated at 3,000 men. Their loss is unknown.

THE BELMONT BATTLE.

Particulars of the Engagement of Methuen's Men With Boers.

Belmont, Cape Colony, Nov. 24 10 o'clock a.m.—The entire western division moved on Orange river Tuesday and bivouacked at Witteputs. At 2 in the morning the guards of the brigade moved steadily forward to the hill a few miles east of Belmont station. The Scots and Grenadiers advanced to the front position and the Boers poured in a scathing fire, staggering the guards momentarily. But quickly recovering, they returned deadly hail into the Boers. The duel continued half an hour, when the artillery commenced and the Boers evacuated their front position and the Scots and Grenadiers rushed the hill with grenades and amid luscious cheers. The Boers fled and succeeded in gaining the hills in the rear, in spite of the lancers' flanking movement. Possession was taken of the Boer laager and the Boer stores destroyed. The Boers hoisted the white flag over their second position, whereupon Lieut. Willoughby, of the Coldstream guards, stood up and was immediately shot down. The Boers repeated the same tactics twice. London, Nov. 24.—Stirring and important news comes this morning from the front position. Along with the announcement that a strong position of the Boers has been carried at the point of the bayonet, we have suggestive news of the Boers leaving Natal for the capital of the Free State, a pretty clear indication that they foresee the certain plan of campaign.

TWO PRISONERS CREMATED.

Jail Burns and Inmates Perish in the Flames.

Jellico, Tenn., Nov. 24.—Granville Neil and John Nell, who were arrested and placed in the town calaboose here for drunkenness last night, were cremated in a fire which destroyed the jail and several buildings near it at an early hour this morning. The fire, which the marshal made a fire for the men in the cell, which started the conflagration. The cries of the men aroused those living in the vicinity, but the efforts to free the prisoners were unsuccessful.

POSTAGE FOR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, in a general order Thursday, formally declared all mail matter passing between the United States and Porto Rico, the Philippine archipelago and Guam, or between their island possessions and the United States, subject to the United States domestic classification, conditions and rates of postage. The same domestic system also is extended to apply to all mail matter sent by or addressed to persons in the United States by military, naval or civil service in Cuba or Hawaii.

INDIANA Y. M. C. A.

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 24.—The thirtieth annual convention of the Indiana Y. M. C. A. began here this afternoon with about 300 delegates present. Reports submitted by officers show that the grand total of membership in Indiana is 5,589. Considerable net gain was made although the total membership figures show a decrease of 300 compared with a year ago. Last night a big welcome meeting was held.

WANT BOND OFFER EXTENDED.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage is in receipt of a large number of requests from financial circles to extend the bond offering limit beyond Nov. 30. The secretary said this afternoon that no action would be taken in the matter until Nov. 30.

CAR FOUNDRYMEN STRIKE.

Detroit, Nov. 24.—Fifty employees of the American car and foundry shops went on a strike today. The object is to compel the reinstatement of certain employees who had been dismissed because, it is alleged, they have been active in organizing a union.

STRIKERS WIN.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The strike on the Northwestern elevated road, involving 200 structures, iron workers, was settled today by the contractors agreeing to the demand of the union.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

St. Vernon, O., Nov. 24.—Charles Goldsboro, a crippled saloon keeper, last night shot and killed his wife and then killed himself. Jealousy was the cause of the deed.

MAKING IN DANGER

Position of the British Garrison There Becoming More and More Precarious.

Boers Gradually Drawing the Investment Lines Closer—Besieged Soldiers Are Suffering.

Obliged to Exist in Underground Shelters—Food Scarce and Quality Poor.

MANY VIEW REMAINS.

School Children and Factory Hands Take Last Look at Hobart.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 24.—The remains of Vice President Hobart were placed in the coffin early this morning and the public will have an opportunity to view them this afternoon from 2 to 6. The body has been removed from the room where the vice president died to the library, where it will lie in state. The casket is of solid English quartered oak, with heavy moulding and corner ornaments. The ornaments are after the Gothic style. There are eight handles to the casket, three on each side and one on each end. They are made of solid silver and are very massive. The casket has a metallic lining, with a tufted white satin body and satin pillow. There will be thirty-two pall bearers, eight representing the United States senate, eight representing the house of representatives and the eight personal pall bearers selected by Mr. Hobart two months before his death, and eight of the senate police, who will act as quarter bearers.

NO HOPE FOR CHARLESTON.

Wrecked Cruiser Disappears from Sight—Believed to Have Sunk.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The navy department today received the following cablegram from Capt. Leutze, commanding the naval station at Cavite, Manila, today: "Culgoa reports that the Charleston has disappeared."

THE KENTUCKY'S TRIAL.

New Battleship Makes Speed of 16.81 Knots Per Hour.

Stratton, Mass., Nov. 24.—The battleship Kentucky made its official trial of speed today over the regular course off here. The weather was ideal and the speed conditions could hardly have been improved upon. The start was made at 10:26.05 and at 2:42:30 the Kentucky crossed the finish line. The actual time of the run was 3:55:30. Deducting twenty-one minutes, estimated as lost at the turn, gives the battleship an average speed of 16.81 knots per hour.

BRITISH ARE SURPRISED.

Boers' Unchecked Invasion of Natal Was Thought Impossible.

London, Nov. 24.—The fact that fresh portions of Natal are being overrun daily by the Boers is producing exasperation in that colony and intense humiliation in Great Britain, where the idea of a possible extensive violation of British soil was contemptuously denounced in the early stages of the war. The operators on the stock exchange here are becoming nervous, and the continued fall in consols exemplifies the restlessness of the market. Rumors that a peace deputation from President Kruger is on the way to Cape Town for the purpose of ascertaining the terms upon which an immediate cessation of hostilities could be secured are discredited here, and it is said that if such a deputation has been sent, it will meet with scant courtesy, as those who are conducting the war will be satisfied with nothing less than dictating the terms of peace at Pretoria under a parade of British strength throughout the Transvaal. In the meanwhile, from the scanty dispatches which are dribbling from the front, it is difficult to form an opinion of the true situation. The Boer invaders are occasioning constant surprise. They have already cut off the Ladysmith relieving force from their base of supplies, and with great rapidity are advancing on Pietermaritzburg with a howitzer and other artillery. Gen. Clery's situation, it would appear, must be becoming intolerable, so serious fighting may be expected at any time, as it is pointed out that the general must clear his line of communication in order to complete the concentration of his relieving force.

TO RELEASE CHURCHILL.

Pretoria, Nov. 24.—It is believed the government will shortly release Winston Churchill as a non-combatant. The prisoners from Mafeking and Lobatse are mostly railroad men. After they have taken oath not to fight against the Transvaal they will be sent to Delagoa Bay.

EMPEROR WILLIAM AT BLENHEIM.

Woodstock, Eng., Nov. 24.—Emperor William arrived here at noon, accom-

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MR. MORROW IS ONE OF THE STRAIGHTEST OF POLITICIANS.

The rumor that Will F. Muse, of the Mason City Globe-Gazette, is a possible candidate for state binder is a surprise and is discredited. He said nothing about it when he was here the other day, and it is thought unlikely that he would, so soon after assuming a new business undertaking, branch out into such a scheme as this. He has been in Mason City but a few months, and has been in the concert business, traveling all over the country, for several years. Formerly he was connected with the Quinwa Courier and has a wide acquaintance, in southeastern Iowa especially. He is a thoroughly good newspaper man, but has not been particularly active in politics, at least for some years.

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SITUATION IN LUZON

Otis Says Insurgents Can No Longer Claim That They Have a Government.

Treasurer, Secretary and President of Congress Prisoners and Other Officials in Hiding.

Army Scattered and Acting as Banditti or Amigos—Whereabouts of Aguinaldo.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 24.—

Otis summarizes the situation in Luzon in a dispatch to the war department today, in which he says the insurgent government can no longer claim to exist, its troops and officials being scattered and Aguinaldo in hiding. The dispatch is as follows: "Manila—The claim to a government by the insurgents can be made no longer under any fiction; its treasurer, secretary of the interior and president of congress are in our hands; its president, and the remaining cabinet officers are in hiding, evidently in different central Luzon provinces; its generals and troops are in small bands, scattered through these provinces, acting as banditti or dispersed, playing the role of amigos with arms concealed. The indications are that Aguinaldo did not escape through the lines of Lawton or Wheaton, but fled westward from the Bayambang railway station. Telegraphic communication to Dagupan is established, probably to San Fabian today, and delaying nine miles of track with the material at hand railway communication to the point is established; labor of the troops must attend to the maintenance."

Another dispatch gives the results of the fighting at Iloilo: "Hughes, at Iloilo, reports the enemy driven back into the mountains and the insurgent capital, Cabatuan, captured. The only serious action was that of Carpenter at Pavia: total casualties, five killed or since died of wounds. Twenty-seven captured. Captured ten prisoners, eighteen cannon, six rifles and quantities of ammunition. The enemy's casualties are not stated."

SURRENDER TO MACARTHUR.

President of Filipino Congress Announces the Insurrection.

Manila, Nov. 24.—Bautista, president of the Filipino congress, presented himself to MacArthur today and formally renounced all further connection with the insurrection, never in the influential Philippines, who hesitated at the beginning of the war as to which side on which to cast his lot. He was offered a judgeship of the supreme court but declined. He now announces that he desires to accept the position and says the Filipino congress and assembly are scattered, never in a reassemble some of the members, he adds, have returned to their homes, while others are flying for safety. Many of the congressmen have resigned and he believes the Filipino soldiers will lay down their arms everywhere as soon they learn the truth.

TO SEND TROOPS TO CAVITE.

Effort to Be Made to Suppress the Rebels Massing in That Province.

Washington, Nov. 24.—It is said at the war department that by the end of the present week Gen. Otis will receive reinforcements to the number of 3,000 men. It is expected that the major portion of this force will be thrown directly into Cavite province, south of Manila, and will clean out the insurgents who have infested this region ever since the fall of Manila. The gunboat Bennington sailed yesterday from Cavite to Zamboanga, on the island of Mindanao. The Bennington's landing force is now holding the place, and the Bennington probably is taking down some marines to constitute a permanent garrison, for the place in all likelihood will be retained by the navy department as a naval station. The Spanish minister, the Duke d'Arco, called at the state department to learn the prospects for the release of the Spanish prisoners held in the Philippines. Thus far nothing has been heard as to the measure of success attending the dispatch of a message from President McKinley to Aguinaldo concerning the Spanish captives. The following cablegram was received at the navy department from the commander of the United States naval station at Cavite, P. I