

# TWO BATTLES BETWEEN BRITONS AND BOERS

## Another Severe Slaughter Is Reported to Have Occurred.

# LADYSMITH THE SCENE OF ACTION

## The War in South Africa Is Being Vigorously Pushed—Boers Are Putting Up a Remarkably Stiff Fight.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The situation in Natal is becoming still more complicated. The Boers have three courses open. They can hold the railway with their Emsdalen force, or they can advance from Weenen and try to carry Estcourt, or they can move south from Weenen to Weston, cut the railway and blow up the bridge over Mool river.

Nothing is known regarding the relief of Kimberley. The Boers are concentrating their forces outside that place.

Despatches from Estcourt say that two battles were fought at Ladysmith last Wednesday and Thursday. In the second engagement the Boers are said to have had several hundred killed.

BOMBAY, Nov. 20.—The British Indian government has received orders to prepare a second army contingent for South Africa.

CAPETOWN, Nov. 20.—The telegraph to Jamestown, Cape Colony is cut off. It is supposed that the town has been captured by the Boers. Jamestown is south of Allwal north. When the Boers entered the latter place, they were cheered by the inhabitants. A skirmish is reported to have taken place at Kuruman, Rhodesia.

# HAWAII TO HAVE EARLY ATTENTION IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—Senator Cullom, in speaking of the probable action of congress at the approaching session in regard to the colonies, said he believed there should be early action and that Hawaii should have precedence. The bill reported at the last session for the admission of Hawaii would have been given consideration had it not been for the more serious matters requiring the attention of congress relating to the war with Spain.

"The people of Hawaii," said the senator, "have been waiting for legislation without a murmur. They are loyal, patriotic Americans, and appreciate the causes for delay in giving them a representative government. These causes no longer exist, and the people of Hawaii, therefore, have a right to expect early action."

"With regard to sending a congressional commission to Porto Rico and the Philippines as was done in the case of Hawaii, to make inquiry and report to the houses, Senator Cullom is uncertain whether that course should be followed, particularly with the Philippines, because of their great distance from Washington.

"In the case of Porto Rico it might not be necessary to appoint a commission. The people of that island were thoroughly loyal to the United States and had never exhibited a disposition to question our sovereignty. It may be," said the senator, "that congress can legislate satisfactorily for them without congressional committees visiting the island. That will appear later.

"But whether or not it is necessary to send a committee to the island, some form of government for the Porto Ricans ought to be provided before the conclusion of the approaching session of congress."

# TANNER MAY BE A BIG TRUST DEVOURS MILK

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Rumors have been current for several days to the effect that Gov. Tanner has practically decided to announce that he will not be a candidate for renomination, and would soon make such a declaration, appear to be without foundation in fact. So far as it can be learned, there is no change in the situation. Conditions remain as they were, and, according to the governor's friends, no statement by him can be expected before the usual love feast, which Republicans in this state have for many years held in January of the year of a general election.

Whether or not the governor intends to seek renomination is known only to himself. He has taken no one into his confidence on this subject, or if he has done so, those to whom he may have spoken will not admit knowledge of his purpose. Gov. Tanner, according to his friends is as much a candidate now as he has been for more than a year, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

# ROUGH RIDERS TO FIGHT BOERS

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 20.—Walter S. Blauvelt, the New Yorker, who alleges he was driven out of the mining business in the Transvaal by the Boers, and who is organizing an expedition to aid the British army, is through with his work in Cincinnati. He will leave tonight for Oklahoma and the Indian territory, where he expects to complete enlistments for his force. Some of the men secured in Cincinnati have already proceeded to New York and Montreal, where they will embark for Southampton. Blauvelt himself expects to leave New York about December 1.

"I have secured nearly 300 men," said he to a reporter. "A majority of them have seen service. I expect to bring my force up to 500 and have them all in Southampton by December 10. I do not fear any interference on the part of the United States as no formal declaration of war has been made either by Great Britain or the Transvaal. All my arms will be supplied in England. I have about 20 men who were with Teddy Roosevelt in Cuba, and I hope to get forty or fifty more out in the territories."

# CAINE'S NEW SCHOONER

Capt. E. E. Caine has just let a contract for the construction of a four-masted schooner for Moran Bros. Co. Her dimensions are: Length of keel, 196 feet; breadth of beam, 23 feet 2 inches; moulded depth, 15 feet. She will also have steam barge pump, a condenser and the latest hoisting appliance. The contract price is \$100,000. The vessel is being built especially for the coastwise lumber trade.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The Marchioness of Salisbury, wife of the prime minister, is dead.

# Gold on Ohio Farms.

STEPHENSVILLE, O., Nov. 20.—Gold mining will be active in Carroll county shortly. Maj. Schott, of Colorado, has arrived at the James Van Meter farm, where the prospective mine is located. Assays have been made of different specimens of the dump and gold found ranging from \$12 to \$200 per ton. Machinery has been ordered and work will commence soon.

These same parties have leased 700 acres south of Carrollton and a large tract of land around Harrisburg.

# Both Fighters Killed.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Nov. 20.—Two fighting men on the Reading railway track at Enterprise, three miles from here, last night, paid no attention to the approaching train, and they were struck and killed. The engine tore the clenched combatants apart and ground their bodies to fragments, some of which were carried along the railroad a distance of 500 yards.

# CITY NEWS.

Fred Miller, employed at the Port Blakely mill, was brought to this city last night and taken to Providence hospital. He was suffering from injuries received by falling down a 25-foot shaft while loading lumber.

Larris Cain, the insurance agent arrested Friday on a charge of forgery, has given a bond in the sum of \$1,000. His sureties are A. A. Seagrave and W. F. Robb.

At a coroner's inquest held Saturday afternoon to inquire into the cause of the death of H. W. Schmidt, the Anacortes druggist who was injured by a Northern Pacific car on October 23, the jury returned a verdict censuring the railroad company for not placing a light near the Washington street crossing, where the accident occurred.

Judge Jacobs has issued instructions for the summoning of 18 jurors to appear in court next Thursday morning to act in the case of the Northern Pacific Railway Co. vs. John Groves and L. L. Lacey.

Charles Esplin, well known in Seattle as the former adjutant of the First Regiment N. G. W., arrived from Manila early this morning. He came north on the Queen.

Suit has been brought against Crawford & Conover for \$142.50, one-half of the commission obtained by them for the sale of the Everett house on Fourth avenue. The Seattle Mining & Realty Co. which brings the suit, alleges this division of the commission to be a part of the agreement between itself and the defendants.

Over 9,000 horses are to go to Eastern cities, notably St. Paul and Chicago, next week, via the Northern Pacific.

There is a growing sentiment among the members of the board of public works for permanent paving to replace the plank on business streets.

An address of exceptional interest is promised at the Alaska Geographical society meeting tonight in the parlors of the Hamner-Grand hotel. Harrington Emerson, an engineer who has given several years of study to the subject, will present a critical statement of the proposed routes and costs of Pacific cables.

Two masked highwaymen held up Russell's saloon on Sixth avenue south last night at 9 o'clock. There were 19 men in the bar room and the highwaymen secured over \$64 in money and a \$113 gold watch.

# RATES ARE RESTORED

Transcontinental rates were up to the original tariff this morning. It costs \$51.50 to go from Seattle to Chicago. The conference at Portland and delay will result in the formation of a Northern coast passenger association by the lines entering Seattle and Portland.

Officers Tripp and Hubbard raided a Chinese opium den yesterday and arrested five smokers.

The Dewey school whipping case has been practically dropped. The prosecuting attorney's office stated to Mrs. Oliver that she would have to lay the matter before the board of education. If that body saw fit to take it up, the prosecuting attorney would press the case.

J. C. Willard, who was charged with beating John Lindstrom out of \$345 in a card game, was discharged by Judge Cann this morning. It is understood Lindstrom was given back part of his money to say "the fault was mine."

# THE BOILER BURST.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Nov. 20.—A boiler used in the sinking of an artesian well near Kulpville burst yesterday and injured School Director A. B. Kriebel and Wesley Taylor about their legs, and hurt Jacob Friedrich seriously on the head. The boiler was burst with fearful velocity more than 200 feet into Rev. E. S. Anders' woods.

# To Dodge a Mob.

MATSVILLE, Ky., Nov. 20.—Circuit court convenes here on Nov. 20. Dick Coleman, who murdered Mrs. James Lashbrook October 5, will be brought here for trial. It is supposed that Coleman will be brought here at night, and that he will be taken from the train at some point below here and conveyed to the jail in a carriage to avoid the mob.

# CANNOT USE THE CIPHER

U. S. Consul Is Restricted by Boer Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—Consul MacRum has made no complaints to the State department that the Boers have been discourteous to him, and the United States has not felt warranted up to this time in calling the attention of Kruger to the unusual attitude maintained towards the United States representative there. But it is admitted that restrictions are placed on MacRum's cable dispatches, denying him the use of cipher which is not customary. It is not considered advisable to make a protest at present.

# LIMBURGER CHEESE CAUSED A STRIKE

DERBY, Conn., Nov. 20.—Thirty girls are employed in the finishing room of Radcliffe Brothers' woolen mills, at Shelton. One Annie Schlichtow made her daily lunch on limburger cheese and garlic.

The other twenty-nine girls protested to the mill owners against Annie's odorous diet. The mill owners said she could eat asstafetida if she chose.

The twenty-nine girls struck. Annie refused to give up her beloved garlic and limburger. The millers are crowded with orders. Annie was discharged.

The windows of the finishing room were kept open all night and the twenty-nine returned to work the next day.

# CONTRACT LET FOR SEATTLE-TACOMA LINE

## The Road Is to Cost \$600,000 and Construction Must Begin Dec. 1.

Rydstrom & Goerig, the contractors who have paved a large portion of Tacoma's streets, and who are at work at the government fortifications at Port Townsend, have been awarded the contract for constructing the Tacoma-Seattle electric railway. The papers have been signed and a formal contract delivered to Mr. Rydstrom, which binds him to begin operations by December 1.

The contract specifies that the road must be commenced at the Seattle end by December 1 and the contractors are bound to be at work from Tacoma eastward by March 12 of next year. This insures the completion of the line by next summer.

Though there is a natural inclination on the part of both the contractors and the officers of the electric railway to keep the cost of construction a secret, it is stated on good authority that the cost will be \$200,000 a mile, or about \$600,000 for the construction of the entire railway. This includes the cost of the bridges which must be built to carry the roadbed over the streams along the line.

At this figure the contract is regarded as a good one, both for the contractors and the road. An electric railway between Tacoma and Seattle costing an even million would be regarded by traffic men as a good investment, but the right of way outlined by the Tacoma-Seattle road is an exceedingly easy one to grade.

The road is to be of standard gauge and 70-lb rails are to be laid. The bridges will be constructed especially durable and the equipment will be placed high enough to allow a locomotive to pass under the electric wires or a brakeman on a freight car to stand erect without danger of coming in contact with a live electric wire. This is the circumstance which, coupled with the fact that the road is to be of standard gauge and equipped with seventy-pound rails, that leads to the conclusion that something more than an electric railway between the two cities is contemplated.

An hourly service between Tacoma and Seattle is planned by the promoters of the Tacoma-Seattle electric road. They expect to keep this schedule up all the year, landing passengers at both terminals in the heart of the city. The rolling stock will be first-class.

The reason for construction work beginning at Tacoma so much later than at this end is probably that the company needs the extra time to fulfill the obligations imposed by federal authorities on roads crossing an Indian reservation.

Work on this end of the road commences with the building of the long bridge from Atlantic street to the city limits. This bridge is to be 22 feet wide with a handrail on each side.

WINDSOR, Eng., Nov. 20.—Emperor William and party arrived this afternoon. The town is jammed with people. All business is suspended, a public holiday having been declared. Stations and streets are elaborately decorated. The Stars and Stripes are most in evidence.

# DR. TEMPLE ATTACKS THE CITY OFFICIALS

## The Pastor of Plymouth Church Pitches Into Them Without Gloves

In his sermon last night at the Plymouth Congregational church, Rev. W. H. G. Temple "roasted" the city officials. He said: "Gambling is running rampant in this town, yet the law utterly forbids it. When we had a man in the civic chair who honored his oath of office, it was entirely prohibited. Now we are told by the press that a new political boss has arisen; that he intimidates the police department and divides the spoils, and there has been no refutation of this charge.

The system by which this crime is winked at—in consideration of a periodical fine—when looked at carefully, will, I think, in any intelligent man's mind, turn out to be nothing more than the compounding of a felony. Either for personal or political reasons, the heads of departments allow this thing to go on. The mayor told the voters of this city at a Republican ratification meeting that he would enforce the laws if he saw fit to do so. The chief of police is the creation of the mayor, according to the city's charter. He is, as it were, the mayor's clerk. If he refuses to follow his honor's policy, he can be discharged without even the privilege of a hearing, which is accorded to the meanest officer on the list. He is the chief de jure, while the mayor is the chief de facto.

"I quote the following from an editorial in the 'P-L' lately: 'Now that Gov. Roosevelt has the subject of prize-fighting in hand, it may as well be abandoned by its supporters in New York state.' No one doubts the truth of that statement who knows Theodore Roosevelt. It is the magnificent personality of the man which makes that possible. When he stood at the head of the New York police administration, he took a solid stand for the observance of law, and kept it. As colonel of the Rough Riders, he showed the same marked traits of character. He was respected and obeyed by his regiment to a man. It was this that won for him the admiration of the nation and the gubernatorial chair of his own state. Prize-fighting will not win if he sets himself against it. If the law is not sufficient, he will set the machinery in motion by which proper legislation will be enacted, and when enacted, he will see that it is properly enforced. How would this look in tomorrow morning's 'P-L.'? The mayor of this city and the chief of police, having taken in hand the subject of gambling and illicit liquor selling, the supporters of these evils might as well abandon them at once."

"How would that sound, and why can it not be written? Because these officials have not the character of Theodore Roosevelt."

# A NEW TRUST OF TANNERS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 20.—While there is no regular organization the tanners who are not in the combine have met and determined to fight the trust for two or three days representatives of various plants not in the trust have had their heads together in this city making plans, and while there has been no plan of campaign mapped out it is expected that there will be one in the course of the next week or two.

There was some talk today that a gathering last night at the Hotel Pfister, one or more of the biggest houses not in the trust indicated by their representatives that they intended to either join the trust or go into a new one. It was simply a question of time. They said that they could not act independently any longer and expect to make any money. They would have to go into the trust or organize another one.

The independent tanners, together with the independent tanners whether they will all go into the lately formed trust or organize one of their own and put up as good a fight as they can for business.

# OTIS TELLS OF THE TROUBLE

MANILA, Nov. 20.—Gen. Otis cables this morning news of a serious outbreak against the Americans in Zamboanga, the capital of Mindanao, for which the Americans were but poorly prepared. He says in part: "One of the contending insurgent factions at Zamboanga secured the city and turned the same over to Capt. Very, commander of the gunboat Castine, then in the harbor. The other insurgent faction made a demonstration and Very called on the garrison at Jolo for help. One company was sent. Two others will follow as soon as reinforcements can be forwarded, which will be several days hence."

A second message says: "MacArthur's advance entered Dagupan today and ascertained that Wheaton's troops had been there before and withdrawn yesterday. It is believed that many insurgent detachments west of the railroad in the province of Zambales, are meditating concentrating, and a further demonstration. They will be looked after. Nothing has yet been received from either Lawton or Wheaton."

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