

COLUMBIA IN LEAD.

Indications Are, Unfortunately, the Race Will Not Be Finished.

WIND IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

Subsides After the Yachts Have Traveled a Considerable Distance Over the Course, the American Boat Having the Best of It Right Along—Other Late News by Wire.

New York, Oct. 19.—The Columbia and Shamrock got away today in the third of the series of races for the America's cup, but late this afternoon the indications were that, owing to the condition of the wind, the yachts would not finish.

The starting gun was fired at 11. The Columbia crossed the line at 11:02:45, unofficial. The Shamrock followed at 11:03:52.

The official starting time was: Columbia, 11:01:33; Shamrock, 11:02:02.

At 11:30, four and a quarter miles from the start, the Columbia appeared to have a lead of an eighth of a mile.

At 11:48 it seemed that the Columbia must have increased the lead greatly. She was almost out of sight in the haze, while the Shamrock was still plainly visible.

The Western Union cable boat at 1 reported that there was a calm at the finish line. The conditions were worse than on the majority of days when lack of wind prevented finishing.

The Associated Press dispatch boat reported the Columbia a good quarter of a mile ahead at 1. Ten miles had been covered and the wind died down, and was fitful and uncertain. The Highlands, at 1:40, reported the yachts dimly seen and apparently becalmed.

At 2:16—Asbury park reported the yachts still headed southerly, the second boat closing the gap.

American on Home Stretch.

Highlands, Oct. 19.—The Columbia turned the outer mark and started for home at 2:24:30, unofficial time; the Shamrock at 2:30:35.

At 3:30 the yachts had only an hour in which to finish. Neither yacht was in sight from the starting point, although there was an observation of eight and one-half miles. The wind was very light.

At 4:23 the race was declared off.

LAWTON'S EXPEDITION.

Fighting General Supposed to Be at San Isidro, the Insurgent Stronghold. Manila, Oct. 19.—4:30 p. m.—Lawton is supposed to have reached San Isidro. No communication has been received from him since he left Arayat this morning.

HENRY'S NEW COMMAND.

Former Porto Rican Commander to Go to Omaha.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Gen. Guy V. Henry has been assigned to command of the department of Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha.

BRYAN ENTERS OHIO.

Crosses Over the Kentucky Line and Continues Campaigning.

Greenville, Oct. 19.—Bryan crossed the river from Kentucky last night and today began a 3-days' tour of Ohio in the interest of John R. McLean, democratic candidate for governor.

Readily Agreed To.

London, Oct. 19.—The foreign office says the verbal changes asked by the United States in the Alaskan modus vivendi were unimportant, and readily agreed to. It is assumed it will be signed at Washington tomorrow.

Presidential Party Reaches Home.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The presidential party arrived home this afternoon.

Died in a Railway Station.

Portage, Wis., Oct. 19.—A man supposed to be Judge Henry S. Weston, of Spokane, Wash., died suddenly at the Milwaukee station yesterday. The deceased was a large, portly man about 80 years old. From papers and letters in his pockets it is found that he was captain of company A, Fourth West Virginia volunteers, during the civil war and was later captain of

company H, Nineteenth United States Infantry.

FOUR DEAD IN A STORM.

Probably Eight Others Will Increase the Number to Twelve.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 19.—A special to The Republican from Great Falls, Mont., says: "Four men are dead and probably eight more in Teton county from the recent storm. The dead are all sheep herders."

They are as follows: Norman Druice and one other employed by W. K. Flowers; Will Graham, working for Homer Sheep company, and a man named Ladd, employed by Wallace Taylor. Two herders named McIntosh and Conley, working for J. C. Quilley, are probably dead, as they are missing, though their sheep have been found. There are two parties in the mountains, including ladies, who have not been heard from. They have tents and food, but may not escape. They are William McQuinn, Charles McDonald, and their wives, of Dupuyer, now in the Sun River canon, and W. E. Ralston and four sons in Birch Creek canon.

The severity of the storm may be judged by the fact that it took four horses four days to bring in the body of Will Graham on a toboggan. Snow is four feet on the level in parts of Teton county.

POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS.

Two Official Warnings That They Will Not Be Permitted.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The postmaster general has issued a formal warning to all postmasters against the levy of political assessments and simultaneously the civil service commission has called attention to the law governing the subject and of the commission's intention to enforce it. This general warning is similar to that issued heretofore prior to political campaigns, and it is understood, follows complaints of specific violations of the law received from the several states where elections are to be held this year.

To further guard against violations the following notice to be posted at all postoffices has been promulgated: "All employees connected with this office are hereby notified that they are under no obligation whatever by reason of their being in the public service to make contributions or subscriptions for political or other purposes, and that they will not be promoted or in any way discriminated against for failure to so subscribe or contribute." This is signed by the local postmaster.

Death of a Wealthy Iowan.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 19.—Charles L. Kahler, one of the most prominent and wealthy men of Des Moines and the pioneer shoe merchant of the city, died at his residence here last evening of typhoid fever. He was born in Kassel, Germany, came to America when he was fifteen years old and would have been sixty-one years old next March had he lived. He leaves a wife and a son and daughter.

Good Roads Convention at Oshkosh.

Oshkosh, Wis., Oct. 19.—A good roads convention was held in this city yesterday under the auspices of the board of trade. A sample road was built in the forenoon at Dale street and Grand avenue and in the afternoon a good roads convention proper was held at the city hall. It was addressed by General E. C. Harrison and General Roy Stone, experts in the employ of the government.

Consecration of a Bishop.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 19.—Trinity cathedral was crowded yesterday with a notable audience assembled to witness the consecration of Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Williams, bishop confessor of the diocese of Nebraska. Rev. George Worthington, S. T. D., LL. D., bishop of Nebraska, was the presiding bishop and consecrator.

Dewey to Visit Chicago.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Definite information has been received from Admiral Dewey that he will visit Chicago between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1, and arrangements are being made for a two days' festival in his honor. The program will include military and civic parades, a military ball, and the presentation of a gold or silver service.

Fire at Wichita, Kan.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 19.—The dry goods store of George Innes & Co. burned at 5 o'clock in the morning. It was brilliantly lighted and prettily decorated because of the local festival in progress. It is thought to have caught from some electric wire. The loss is \$75,000 with insurance of \$53,000.

Death of Captain Andrew Tainter.

Rice Lake, Wis., Oct. 19.—Captain Andrew Tainter, of Menomonie, Wis., vice president of the firm of Knapp, Stout & Co., and a millionaire lumberman, died yesterday from an attack of pneumonia. He had been ill but eight days and was 70 years old.

Denby and Worcester Arrive.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 19.—Prof. D. C. Worcester and Colonel Denby, Philippine commissioners, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Empress of Japan and left in the afternoon for Washington.

College Building Burned.

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 19.—The college building was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is \$14,000, about half covered by insurance. The college was closed about a year ago. It was a Congregational school.

Cannon Cracker Causes Death.

Coldwater, Mich., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Charles W. Rode, of this city, died Tuesday from nervous prostration, caused by the explosion of a cannon cracker on July 4.

Second Post-Season Game.

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—Brooklyn turned the tables on the Phillies yesterday in the second of a series of five exhibition games. The champions won by outpointing hitting. Score, 5 to 4.

Bubonic Plague in America.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 19.—The state-meat inspector has reported that bubonic plague is raging at Santos is officially confirmed.

BIG FIGHT IMMINENT

Hostile Forces Are Engaged at Skirmishes at Glencoe, South Africa.

SUPPORTS LEAVE WHITE'S CAMP.

Joubert in Command of the Transvaal Troops—Cavalry Patrols in Action and Men Failing—Reports from Pretoria Announce a White Flag at Mafeking, but Do Not Explain What It Signifies—Boer Official Organ Admits Heavy Losses by the Burgheers at Ramathlabama.

Capetown, Oct. 19.—The Boers have blown up the bridges a fourteen streams and the Modder river, north and south of Kimberly.

Camp Glencoe, Natal, Oct. 18, 2 p. m.—Boer scouts have been sighted at Hattings Spruit, seven miles from the British camp, and an engagement is imminent.

Ladysmith, Oct. 18.—The British forces came into contact with the enemy in the neighborhood of Acton Homes and Lester's Station, about six miles out, this morning. The fighting began about 6 o'clock.

Ladysmith, Oct. 18.—The British cavalry patrols have been in action at Acton Homes and Lester's Station since midday and the action is still in progress. A number of casualties have been reported. Supports are leaving the camp and expect to fight tomorrow.

Forces Engaged in Skirmishing.

Ladysmith, Oct. 18.—It is stated that the enemy's scouts are almost in touch with the outposts at Glencoe. The Boers are working around both sides with the idea of getting south of Ladysmith and attacking in force with the co-operation of Commandant General Joubert. At Glencoe the British patrol covered a wide area in order to prevent outflanking and was subjected to a hot fire in persistent skirmishing. General Sir George Stewart White is quite prepared to offer battle and the camp is pleased at the prospect of striking a decisive blow.

White Flag Reported at Mafeking.

London, Oct. 19.—Yesterday's dispatches from South Africa contained some direct from Pretoria, which said that after a few shots were fired at Mafeking the white flag was hoisted. A Boer party bearing a flag of truce was sent to inquire whether the town surrendered. No definite reply was received. The Boer messenger was detained for six hours and then released. The Boer Krupp batteries are now covering the town.

Success Attends the Burgheers.

A Lorenzo Marques dispatch says that the Boer official organ at Pretoria says that the British camp at Ramathlabama has been captured and sacked by General Cronje after severe fighting. Many burgheers were killed or wounded. The British loss is not known. The Volksstadter adds that success has thus far everywhere attended the burgheers, although it admits that in the various skirmishes near Mafeking and at other points the Boer casualties number some sixty or seventy killed and wounded.

WILL CALL MORE TROOPS.

Queen to Call the Militia and Militia Reserves—A Significant Move.

London, Oct. 19.—It was officially announced in the commons yesterday that the queen will call out the militia and militia reserves, which is a significant move and probably caused by the attitude of Europe. Old stories of preparations against continental combinations are revived. It is freely rumored that the government is determined to demonstrate to Europe that the British army is not a negligible quantity.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed yesterday and Liberals offered more amendments criticizing the conduct of anti-bellum negotiations. The principal Liberal speaker was Sir William Vernon Harcourt, who said it was the duty of the house to support the government in maintaining the integrity of the dominions of the queen, but that they had a right to speak of the policy of the government in an altogether different tone.

He proceeded to contrast Chamberlain's previous utterances with his present attitude, and asserted that there was absolutely no need to reject the Transvaal's offer of Aug. 5. The language used by Chamberlain just after the offer was made, and when the negotiations had reached a most promising point, could not be considered favorable to a peaceful settlement.

Discussing the cause of the final breach Sir William said: "On Sept. 6 the Transvaal sent a dispatch pressing for the appointment of a joint commission to consider their offer on condition that suzerainty be dropped. Everybody is now convinced that suzerainty was dropped in 1884. [Loud ministerial protests.] At any rate successive secretaries of states were of that opinion."

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS.

Flag of Truce Story Is Not Believed at London—The Natives.

London, Oct. 19.—There is still no authentic news from Mafeking, but all reports tend to confirm the belief that Colonel Baden-Powell is holding his own, and no credit is given to the vague rumor that a flag of truce had been displayed. A considerable engagement is anticipated in the vicinity of Ladysmith today. The combined advance of Boers and Free State troops in this direction has been executed with no inconsiderable skill, and shows a clear appreciation of the British position. General Sir George Stewart White has 12,000 men and forty-six guns available, besides a considerable force of volunteers to hold Ladysmith, and no anxiety is felt on his account.

For the Natal country where the engagement is expected is fairly open and although the work of moving them will be difficult, the guns are likely to do good work. The country is not favorable for Boer tactics and it will be very difficult for them to avoid the exposure of their flanks to attack by a vigorous and mobile enemy already occupying useful positions, that is, supposing they really mean to fight and not merely to attempt to draw General White farther out with a view of surrounding him. General White has a large body of excellent cavalry which will be put to good use.

The foregoing about exhausts the actual war news this morning. The worst features of the situation are regarded to be the probability of native risings which, whether on behalf of or against the Boers, are certainly to produce serious complications, besides danger to the few hundred whites in these districts.

Free State Commences Hostilities.

Ladysmith, Oct. 19.—An official note published here says: "A Free State commando yesterday commenced actual hostilities. The Free State has thus taken upon itself the responsibility of beginning war and cannot hereafter pose as the injured party."

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY SYNOD.

Three Hundred Delegates Gathered to Discuss Church Affairs.

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 19.—The annual synod of the Illinois Presbyterian church opened here yesterday. Three hundred delegates, representing the churches of the state as pastors and elders, are present. At the first session, held Tuesday night in the Central Presbyterian church, the Rev. J. M. Ross, Kirkwood, of the Schuyler presbytery, was elected moderator. The Rev. David Clark, of the Freeport presbytery, is the retiring moderator and presided at the opening session.

There was rivalry between the Schuyler and Peoria presbyteries for the honor of electing a moderator. Schuyler's claim was based on the fact that it had not been represented in the office of moderator for ten years. The Rev. Alvin L. Matthews, of Canton, was nominated by the Peoria delegation as a man who for ten years had held the honor. The vote was quite evenly divided and Schuyler won.

Rev. David Clark delivered the opening address. His subject was "Digging Ditches," and although suggested by the meeting in Joliet, its allusions were entirely to a scriptural story and not to the drainage channel.

DID QUADRUPE MURDER.

His Victims Including His Wife and Then Committed Suicide.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 19.—Special to The Times from Redwood Falls, Minn., says: "Frank E. Babcock, a farmer residing near this city, murdered his wife and three sons on his farm about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The murder was committed in a fit of insanity. Babcock loaded his gun and went to where his two little boys were playing a rod south of the house and shot both of them, blowing their brains out. His wife saw the horrible murder and rushed to the barn for safety.

Then he searched for and found his wife in the barn and shot her through the head. From the barn he walked a mile south to where his oldest son was and blew out the brains of this son. Then putting a loaded cartridge in place of the empty one just discharged, he turned back toward the house, 2½ to his mouth and fired off one barrel, killing himself instantly.

CULTURE OF THE SUGAR BEET.

Many Iowans Attending a Convention at Cedar Lake.

Cedar Lake, Ia., Oct. 19.—Business men, farmers and others interested in beet sugar culture, to a total of several hundred, are attending the state beet sugar convention which opened here yesterday. The gathering will discuss all phases of beet sugar culture and the beet industry with especial reference to the promotion of the industry in Iowa.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson was one of the speakers at the opening session. Papers on the subject were read before the session yesterday by President Allen, of the National Beet Sugar Growers' association; Henry T. Oxnard, of New York, and others.

Good He Lost His Job.

There is a certain editor in New York with whom the power of the daily press is such a hobby that he raised the salary of a subeditor who suggested a "Sunday special" on "Famous Graduates of the Reporters' Room," and at once assigned his best dressed reporter to interview leading authors along this line. It happened that Mark Twain was in New York, and the editor counted on him as a striking example of the literary value of newspaper training.

The reporter was ordered not to spare space for the interview. Yet when the article appeared Mr. Clemens' name was conspicuously absent. It was this way: "Mr. Clemens received the reporter with his customary urbanity, though he shrugged his shoulders when he learned what paper the young man represented. As usual, Mr. Clemens was a most elusive man to pin down to an interview, but at last the reporter gathered his wits and asked the question which he meant should reach his article."

"Mr. Twain," he asked, "to what one thing most of all do you owe your marvelous success in literature?" He had counted on "my newspaper training" was the answer.

The famous humorist half shut his eyes, thought a few moments in silence and then said decisively, "To the fact that when I was young and very ambitious I lost my job."

"May I ask what was your job, Mr. Twain?" exclaimed the puzzled reporter.

"Certainly, sir, certainly," replied Mr. Clemens, with great suavity, "I

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was a reporter."—Saturday Evening Post.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE.

The Retail Liquor Dealers' association is in session at Louisville. Negotiations to finally settle the Samoan Islands matter are proceeding favorably.

The internal revenue statement for September, 1899, shows total receipts of \$24,522,895.

Oshkosh, Wis., milk dealers have combined to raise the price of milk to 6 cents a quart.

Some one has cornered the bean market. Restaurant keepers at Chicago are paying \$1.85 a bushel.

Seventeen insurance companies have been fined \$1,500 each for violating the Missouri anti-trust law.

Henry Watters, a boy, was awarded \$20,000 in a damage suit against Chicago. He is helpless for life.

Grain dealers of the United States met in annual session in the parlors of the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago.

Superintendent Andrews, of the Chicago public schools, asks for sixty new school buildings and additions.

One of the features of the western trip of the presidential party has been the presentation of flowers to Mrs. McKinley at every station.

Three years ago John C. Hayes left Chicago the owner of \$200. He went to the Klondike and two weeks ago returned the possessor of a fortune of \$200,000.

John P. Knight, a grain buyer from Kankakee, Ill., obtained a divorce from his wife in Chicago in the morning. He had married another woman the same afternoon.

John V. Fitch Gets a Birth.

Washington, Oct. 19.—John V. Fitch, of Joliet, Ill., has been appointed census supervisor for the sixth census district of Illinois.

Appendixless Appendicitis.

The staff of a medical institution in this city were nonplused a day or two since when they undertook to perform an operation for appendicitis. After a careful and minute search among the contents of the abdominal cavity no appendix could be found. There was inflammation and adhesions and all sorts of trouble with other organs, but appendix there was none, and so no appendicitis. This, however, is not likely to interfere with the appendixitis business, for there were lots of other superfluous things which, in the absence of an appendix, were removed, and the desired result was obtained.—Portland Oregonian.

A Compromise.

"I don't suppose," said the wife, "that you mailed those letters I gave you today, John."

"No," said John cheerfully, "but I did those you gave me last week, my dear."

Sometimes policy and honesty go hand in hand.—Cincinnati Commercial Appeal.

I you have catarrh, rheumatism, or dyspepsia, take Hood's Sarsaparilla and be cured as thousands of others have been.

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Wagon Load of Young Men Who Were Going to a Charity.

Seymour, Ind., Oct. 19.—A frightful accident occurred here at 7:45 o'clock yesterday evening, in which one person was killed and nine others injured, perhaps several of them fatally. A crowd of young men had started to the country to charity, a newly married couple and as they drove across the Rock Island track in the east limits of the city they were struck by the east bound meat train and knocked from the track. Will Cupples was killed outright.

List of casualties: J. W. Cupples, dead; Asa Bueller, injured in spine and hip; David Darrah, shoulder, spine and hip; Martin Gunter, scalp wound, injured in spine, probably serious; Norman Arison, bruised and cut on head; Earl Hostutler, unconscious; J. M. Peers, slight injuries; J. L. McReynolds, slight injuries; James A. Handlin, slight injuries.

Cook County Democracy on a Tour.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Three hundred members of the Cook County Democracy Tuesday afternoon started on a trip through Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. They took a military band and a drum and bugle corps with them and were accompanied by their Democratic friends, and given an ovation at Louisville.

Her He Also Was Futile.

Green Lake, Wis., Oct. 19.—Terrace Beach Casino, a large hotel owned by W. A. Meyer, burned to the ground early yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Jenks, parents of Mrs. Meyer, were burned to death. The loss on the building is \$50,000; loss on contents \$10,000 more, partially covered by insurance. Mrs. Jenks died trying to save her husband.

General Grant's Suggestion.

An official who quite generally knows what he is talking about was dilating the other afternoon upon the funny hopelessness for all reasonable purposes of many of the little creeks and rivers for the "improvement" of which congress is asked to appropriate money under the river and harbor bill.

"When Grant was president," said this official, "he used to alternately chuckle and fulminate against the expenditure of good government coin for the 'improvement' of measly little streams that he himself knew could never be made fit for any human purpose. There was a Virginian who, failing to get congress to stick in an appropriation for the dredging of a little stream down in his section, finally impudently Grant in the matter."

"Let's see," said Grant unsingly, "I believe I crossed that stream in 1864, wasn't it?"

"The Virginian, who remembered Grant's crossing of the stream, replied affirmatively."

"Look here," said Grant after a pause, his face lighting up suddenly, "why don't you macadamize it?"—Washington Post.

During the last year no fewer than 10,000 school children were taught to swim by instructors employed by the London Schools Swimming association.

Gigantic Couch Sale

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