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DARK PAGE OF WAR

Illuminated Now and Then by Flashes of Light

IF WHITE ONLY HOLDS OUT

England Will Be Furnished With More Cheerful Reading Shortly After News About Ladysmith Is Only Conjecture Based on Half Intelligible, Scattering Dispatches.

London, Nov. 8.—To the eyes of military experts the darkest page of the war is now being written. But even that is illuminated with bright passages, such as General White's victorious sorties. If he can keep the British flag flying over Ladysmith until he is relieved the campaign will turn a fresh page and with the advance of Sir Redvers Buller's force, the British public is promised more cheerful reading. This feeling of relief inspired by recent good tidings is nevertheless tinged by certain anxiety lest General White should again make some fatal miscalculation involving a repetition of the Nicholson's Nek disaster.

Her majesty does not share this anxiety and apparently is sanguine of his ability to pull through successfully. It is asserted that she has written to Lady White expressing sympathy with her husband and assuring Lady White of her own undiminished confidence in his generalship. The purport of her letter has been cabled to General White by the Marquis of Lansdowne.

The most interesting news tonight is a dispatch from Estcourt announcing the departure of a strong force of mounted troops and artillery for a destination not given in the advices. Another message announces the arrival at Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg within the last few days of reinforcements from Durban, and that 3,500 troops are assembled ready for an advance to Colenso when an opportune moment arrives.

The latter dispatch throws light upon the former and the force which left Estcourt Monday has doubtless recaptured Colenso and possibly is now advancing cautiously up the railroad toward Ladysmith.

General Joubert, latest advices would indicate, drew in his horns after Friday's engagement and has since withdrawn the southern Boer contingent, leaving only outposts on the line from Ladysmith to Colenso.

None of the troops have arrived. One which it was predicted might reach Cape Town at the earliest on Monday, is as yet, unannounced and even when it does arrive there, it will have three days' steaming to reach Durban. As many as six transports with 4,500 troops were expected to be in Cape Town by this time, but the war office last evening issued a statement to the effect that the only arrivals at Cape Town were the Sumatra, from Durban with wounded, the Southern Cross, from Gibraltar, with mules, and the coiler Wenvale.

LIGHT HORSE CONTINGENT.

Cape Town, Nov. 8.—A corps called the South Africa light horse and commanded by an Imperial officer, is being formed here. It will be 1,000 strong and will contain many Outlanders.

THE PRESSURE LIGHTENED.

London, Nov. 8.—An air of relief was observable among British war office officials today as a result of reassuring news from Ladysmith, and the tone of the comment on war news assumed an optimism which lately has been absent, leading to the belief that in addition to the brighter prospects of the beleaguered garrison the war office is cheered by the news of the arrival at their destination of the first transports with General Buller's army corps.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

London, Nov. 8.—Despite the rumors to the contrary there is not the slightest probability that the present excitement in London over the war in South Africa will in any way affect or change the plans for tomorrow's celebration of lord mayor's day.

The intelligent public has long looked upon the annual celebration as an idle and meaningless show, but at the same time it is a custom firmly imbedded in the hearts of Londoners by the tradition of ages.

As long as there is a lord mayor there will be a lord mayor's day and therefore it is safe to assume that the populace will tomorrow enjoy the customary elaborate pageant preceding the installation of Alfred J. Newton, "citizen and fanmaker," as lord mayor of London.

MAKERS OF BUTTER.

Owatonna, Minn., Nov. 8.—The Minnesota Butter Makers' association held their first session of its annual conven-

tion here today with a large attendance of dairy and creamery men from all parts of the state. A number of dairy experts from other states were also in attendance, the number including Frank B. Blair of Chicago, Charles L. Knight, secretary of the National Dairy Union; F. A. Leighton of Iowa, and Professor T. L. Haecker of the university of Minnesota. The exhibit of all kinds of creamery supplies, such as machinery for making butter, butter tubs, salt, ice-making machines, receptacles for packing butter, etc., is the most complete ever shown in conjunction with a convention of the kind.

The convention will close tomorrow evening with the annual election of officers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 8.—Several hundred men and women prominent in Sunday school work are attending the sixth annual conference of the north-west, southwest and central districts of the American Sunday School Union, which began at Moody's Bible Institute today and will continue in session until next Wednesday.

Those present represent all of the states between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains and the states north of the Ohio river between the Mississippi river and Pennsylvania.

The conference is for the review of the organization's work during the past year and the discussion of plans for carrying on the work during the past year and the discussion of plans for carrying on the work during the coming year with increased vigor.

THE LATE ELECTION

An Endorsement of President McKinley's Administration.

New York, Nov. 8.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew was asked for his views on the election. "I regard this election as an endorsement of President McKinley's administration," he said. "It proves that the American people have absolute confidence in him to my mind, and I am not speaking idly. It settles the question beyond doubt, for the next presidency. I believe that it means that Mr. McKinley will be the nominee of the republican party and that Mr. Bryan will again secure the democratic nomination."

DEMANDS A GOLD STANDARD.

New York, Nov. 8.—At a meeting of the New York board of trade and transportation the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that we ask the congress of the United States to enact a law establishing the gold dollar as the standard and measure of value and providing that bonds and notes of the United States and all paper money including national bank notes, shall be redeemable in gold."

THE VANDERBILT WILL.

New York, Nov. 8.—The will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt was today submitted for probate before Probate Clerk Washburn. All the living witnesses to the will which was executed June 15, 1896, and two codicils, the first of which was executed on April 24, 1897, and the second on April 4, 1898, were present and testified to their signatures on will and codicils.

TRIPARTITE AFFAIR

New Agreement Regarding the Management of Samoa.

Berlin, Nov. 8.—It was officially announced this morning that an agreement subject to the approval of the United States had been arrived at between Great Britain and Germany by virtue of which the Samoa act is repealed and the islands of Upolu, Savaii and the small adjacent islands fall to Germany as free property, and the island of Tutuila and the subsidiary islands go to the United States. Great Britain, it is added, renounces any claim to the Samoan islands.

SMALLPOX AT CAPE TOWN.

Brought There Probably By Refugees From the Transvaal.

Cape Town, Nov. 8.—Smallpox has broken out here. The disease is supposed to have been brought here by refugees from the Transvaal.

DIED OF BLOW GIVEN YEAR AGO

Caused Abscess on Connor's Brain—His Alleged Assailant Arrested.

New York, Nov. 8.—Richard Connors, an iron worker, living at 425 West Fifty-third street, was arrested yesterday on the charge of having caused the death of Patrick Ford of 241 West Sixty-sixth street. Ford died in Bellevue on Wednesday. He and Connors had an encounter in a saloon a year ago, it is alleged, and Ford was hit in the brain. An abscess resulted. Ford was treated at an infirmary, but catching a cold on Dewey day grew worse and died. Connors says that he and Ford were very good friends.

ELECTION FIGURES

No Important Changes From Those of Tuesday Night.

Only Nash's Victory Seems to Be More Sweeping—The Republican Hold on Kentucky Said to Be Chinked—Goebel's Claim.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 8.—Senator Hanna said, according to his advices, Nash's plurality was being greatly increased by the figures given out last night. Under conditions existing this year, he said, he considered the victory won by the republicans of Ohio a glorious one.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 8.—Unofficial returns have been received by the Western Union Telegraph company from all the counties in Ohio with a few scattering precincts estimated. The footings give Nash, repn., for governor, a plurality of 49,215.

NEW JERSEY MAJORITY.

New York, Nov. 8.—Taking the highest candidate for county offices on each ticket in all the counties, the republican plurality in New Jersey is well above 20,000.

A MICHIGAN TOWN.

Jackson, Mich., Nov. 8.—The democratic state ticket headed by H. H. Longino for governor was voted solid.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 8.—The complete returns from the state at large confirm last night's estimates of a republican majority of from 7,000 to 10,000 for supreme judge.

GOEBEL BELIEVES.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 8.—Senator Goebel arrived here tonight and was met at the train by a crowd of enthusiastic admirers. Mr. Goebel said: "I believe I have been elected. In fact I know I have."

THE MORNING FIGURES.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 8.—With the returns from all but thirteen counties some of which are unofficial and with the vote of 1897 as a basis of calculation, at the same ratio of republican gains, Taylor's plurality in the state figures 6,700. A majority of the missing counties are in the eleventh district, which is largely republican. At republican headquarters it is still maintained that Taylor's plurality will reach 15,000.

BLACKBURN'S BLUFF.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 8.—Chairman Blackburn of the Democratic state campaign committee gave out the following statement: "Goebel is elected by 3,000 or 4,000 majority on the face of the returns. If a contest is made his majority will be increased. The legislature is safely Democratic in both branches. There will be a Democratic majority on joint ballot of not less than twenty."

IN IOWA.

Des Moines, Nov. 8.—Governor Shaw's plurality, which last night was figured at 52,000, is now declared to be 61,000. The republicans have also made gains in the lower house of the legislature.

DES MOINES, IOWA, NOV. 8.—A comparison with the vote of two years ago shows republican gains, although the vote was much lighter. Sixty-seven counties so far reported give Shaw a plurality of 40,301.

In the twenty-three counties yet to be heard from, Cummins, candidate for United States senate, claims he will have a clear majority in the house and the senate will be evenly divided between himself and his chief opponent, Gear.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—There was scarcely a sign of a fight in this state. The regular republicans were successful by pluralities of about 2,000, only a little under the normal plurality.

REPUBLICAN GAINS.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 8.—The revised returns show that the state senate stands as last year, while the assembly has a gain of seven republicans.

TURNED TO IDOLS.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 8.—Additional returns received this morning serve to emphasize the fusion victory in Nebraska. The fusion majority will not be less than 12,000 and may reach 18,000.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY POLE.

Bridgroom of Two Weeks Is Instantly Killed Near Mount Holly.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 8.—Edward Bricker was killed yesterday while assisting in raising a telephone pole near Mount Holly Springs. When the pole had been raised a few feet it slipped from the grasp of the workmen and fell upon Bricker. He was killed instantly. Bricker was only nineteen years old, and was married two weeks ago. During the Spanish-American war he served as a private in company G, Eighth Pennsylvania regiment.

GOVERNOR FOR CUBA

The President Preparing to Establish Civil Rule.

He Already has His Eye on a Man. The New Regime will Probably Be Set Up Before Congress Meets in December.

Washington, Nov. 8.—In a long session of the cabinet today a number of matters relating to different departments were discussed.

The subject of a civil government for the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico was again broached by the president. It is stated that the president is greatly anxious to establish civil governments in the islands. He is firmly satisfied that the time is ripe for this, and that the people desire it.

The trouble, however, is in the selection of a man for governor of Cuba. The president believes he has a man picked out who will be just the official for Porto Rico, but he is not so confident as to Cuba. He believes that the place requires special qualifications and that a man of the greatest ability and conservatism will be needed.

Therefore, he is quietly casting about for this person. When he secures the man he will make the announcement and authorize the establishment of civil government in Cuba. It is believed this will be done before congress meets in December, and that a full trial will be given civil government in time for congress to take action as to our duties in Cuba.

The administration is still receiving complaints as to the failure of the government to allow small packages from soldiers in the Philippines to come through without molestation from the customs authorities. Every soldier desires to send some memento home to his mother, sister or cousin, and he wishes to do this through the mails. Under the laws he cannot do so without paying duty, no matter how insignificant the item.

The president wants to allow the soldiers this concession, in the belief that they will not abuse the privilege, but there is still a question as to how it can be done.

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The package is held and the person to whom it is addressed notified. When the person appears it is opened, and if the article should have paid duty, as nearly everything has to do, the postmaster is in duty bound to send it to a collector for assessment. This prevents soldiers sending small parcels through the mails other than regular mail matter. The Philippines cannot yet be legally regarded as territory of the United States, and therefore mail from the islands is officially regarded as foreign.

Officials of the government fear that if the bars are once let down, all kinds of valuable articles will be sent from the islands by a few people, thus cheating the laws. Something is to be done, however, and it is expected that the postmaster general and secretary of the treasury will make some joint promulgation on the subject such as will admit packages of insignificant value free of duty. The value will have to first be decided upon by officers of the regiments in the islands and certified to before they will be allowed in the mails.

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OVER WINNIE DAVIS' GRAVE. Heroic Statue of Grief to Be Unveiled at Richmond November 9.

New York, Nov. 8.—George Julian Vohey, the sculptor arrived from Europe today, bringing the heroic statue of "Grief," which is to be placed over the grave of Miss Winnie Davis, the daughter of Jefferson Davis.

The statue will be shipped to Richmond, Va., and will be unveiled there tomorrow.

WARDEN HALL DISMISSED.

Prosecution May Follow Allowing Prisoners to Register for Election.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 8.—At a special meeting of the jail board held tonight, the conduct of Warden Hall was investigated, and it was learned that in addition to the white men whom he had permitted to leave prison to register, he had sanctioned the temporary release of three negroes in order that they might put their names upon the books.

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LANDS OF ARIZONA

Annual Appropriations for Making Public Surveys.

Why Still More is Needed

The Large Immigration to the Territory on Account of Undeveloped Mineral Resources Which are Just Now Claiming Extraordinary Attention—Work Cut Out by the Surveyor General.

WASHINGT. NOV. 9.—(Special.)

The annual report of the commissioner of the general land office contained the following on Arizona: "Of the annual appropriation for surveying public lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, the sum of \$10,000 was appropriated to the district of Arizona.

"Under said apportionment nine contracts, aggregate liability \$10,098, were awarded and approved. As the aggregate liability of the nine contracts entered into and approved exceeded the apportionment of \$10,000 set aside for the district of Arizona in the sum of \$98, this additional amount was set aside for Arizona out of the reserve fund retained by this office from the original appropriation.

"There were also three sets of special instructions (nunc pro tunc) issued during the year, payable from former appropriations.

"In his annual report the surveyor-general states that during the fiscal year ten townships were surveyed, involving the preparation of ninety-one plats and diagrams, and accompanying transcripts of field notes embraced in twenty-eight books.

"The special deposits made by individuals for office work and stationery in connection with the survey of mineral claims for the year ending June 30, 1899, amounted to \$3,945; mineral surveys ordered, eighty-nine; locations embraced in said order, 168, mill sites, four; mineral orders amended, twenty; mineral surveys approved, fifty; mineral surveys pending, sixty; mineral plats prepared, 209; transcripts of mineral surveys, notes, reports, etc., fifty.

"The number of miles surveyed during the year aggregated 623 miles nineteen chains and thirty-nine links, and embraced an area containing 162,850.74 acres.

"The surveyor-general estimates that the sum of \$25,000 will be needed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, for the survey of the public lands. The sum of \$30,000 is estimated to be needed for the survey of lands situated within the limits of railroad grants, and \$5,000 for the survey of private land claims, making a total estimate of \$60,000 for surveys in the district of Arizona for the year ending June 30, 1901.

"In explanation of said estimates the surveyor-general makes the following statements, viz: "I estimated \$20,000 for survey of the public lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, and was awarded only \$10,000 for that purpose. There are enough applications for surveys now on file to have consumed the balance of my estimate after exhausting the \$10,000 apportioned to Arizona.

"There is a large immigration of people to Arizona on account of her valuable and almost undeveloped mineral resources. This has created a large home market for agricultural products, and made it possible for a profitable increase in the number of people engaged in agricultural pursuits.

"The lands when irrigated are wonderfully productive, but on account of the cost of transportation of farm products it does not pay to ship them a great distance, consequently until the last few years there has not been much demand for agricultural lands. The people have discovered the great local demand for mining camps, and the growing towns and cities for farm products and believing the demand will increase with years of development, are now seeking surveys of the lands recently included in forest reservations by executive orders, seeking homes in other portions of the territory.

"There will be several large grants' to survey during or prior to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901.

"I have applications on file from the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad company, formerly the Atlantic & Pacific, for the survey of thirty-two townships within the limits of their grant.

"I respectfully state that none of the \$100,000 appropriation per act of March 2, 1895, and made a continuous fund for such surveys has been used in the survey of such lands in Arizona, though the railroad people have renewed their application yearly since 1896. Some of the above named fund

CONFEDERATE DAUGHTERS

Convention of Organization Assembled at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 8.—The general convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which opened here today is one of the largest in point of attendance ever held by the society. Among the states numerous representatives by delegates are Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, West Virginia, South Carolina and Mississippi. The opening session was presided over by Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie of Dallas, national president of the society. Reports showing a prosperous condition of the organization's affairs were presented by the national officers.

Arrangements have been perfected for the unveiling tomorrow of the monuments and tablets in memory of Jefferson Davis and Miss Winnie Davis. The convention decided by unanimous vote to hold no sessions during the day and the delegates and visitors will attend the unveiling exercises in a body.

RETURNED FROM MANILA.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—The United States transport Warren, twenty-four days from Manila, arrived this afternoon.

IMPENDING MINING TROUBLE.

Ducktown, Tenn., Nov. 8.—Serious trouble is brewing here between the miners and operators of the Ducktown Sulphur Copper and Iron company. Six hundred miners are out on a strike and the company arranged to put men in their places today. The miners are armed and guarding the mines, refusing to allow the new men to enter.

MACARTHUR'S MOVE

His Occupation of the Post of Macababal.

Manila, Nov. 8.—General MacArthur has occupied Macababal. His entire command, including the Twelfth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth infantry and part of the Fourth cavalry, is extended three miles in front of Angels in a good tactical position. Major Bell took Macababal. Being ordered to reconnoiter yesterday he located the enemy and pushed into the town, driving out two companies of the insurgents and killing several Filipino officers. The Americans suffered no loss.

SOLVING THE MYSTERY.

Skeleton Found on the Beach Probably the Remains of a Sailor.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 8.—An investigation into the finding of the skeleton in the rude pine box on the beach recently does not clear away the mystery. It is evident that the box has been buried in the sand for some years. When the body was put in the box it was encased in a large canvas bag, such as is used on ships for burying the dead at sea. Pieces of the bag were found this morning.

It is thought that the body was picked up in the roads and a rope attached to tow it to shore. The bones have been turned over to the overseer of the poor for reinterment. Stevedore Gilmor, who found the box, says it was exposed to view by the waves several years ago. Then no attention was paid to the matter.