

THE FIRST BLOW.

The Boers Destroy an Armored Train.

SHELLED THE WRECKAGE

Reports of Battles in Natal are Sent to England.

AN ATTACK ON MAFEKING.

The Invading Force from the Orange Free State is Said to Number 12,000 Men—Canada Will Send 1,000 Soldiers to South Africa.

London, Oct. 14.—An Edinburgh paper, the Scotsman, this morning asserts that a battle has taken place between Gen. White, commanding the forces in Natal, and the Boers, who entered Natal by way of Van Reenen's pass. Gen. White, the paper says, is very sanguine of the British movement. The foregoing report is considered correct, as late last night the war office had news of a British advance from Ladysmith and was hourly expecting further intelligence.

A dispatch to the Telegraph from its correspondent at Ladysmith, dated at noon Friday, says: "Strong column under Gen. White, accompanied by Gen. Hunter, proceeded before day-break this morning toward Acton Homes for the purpose of reconnoitering. Gen. White's object was to observe what was going on, and also to test the efficiency of his forces."

The Mail's Cape Town correspondent says: "I learn on good authority that the Boers are attacking Mafeking. They are reported to have already suffered several repulses. It is generally admitted that Vryburg cannot stand a strong Boer attack."

The Times Cape Town correspondent says the so-called Irish brigade which is fighting for Transvaal is a fraud and that scarcely any men who are known to be Irish are known to be in it. The correspondent adds that Irishmen in the colony strongly resent the formation of the brigade.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the Times says: "A subsequent reconnaissance shows that the invading force on the Free State numbers approximately 12,000 men. The Times expects that this dispatch is evidently coming to a previous telegram which has not yet reached it."

A dispatch from Cape Town says: "An armored train has been destroyed 'Ar' at Mafeking. Fifteen British troops were killed. The Boers shelled the wreckage after the train was destroyed."

An official dispatch received at the colonial office says: "The armored train was destroyed near Kraipan station, while on the way to Mafeking with guns."

A later dispatch says the armored train was attempting to run through the Boers.

According to the Kimberly correspondent of the Telegraph Cecil Rhodes had a narrow escape from capture while on his way to Kimberly. His train was delayed three hours after the expiration of the ultimatum, when the Boers were only five miles distant and some of their spies were on the platform. Rhodes hid low and was not recognized. Had he been, his capture would have been easy, as the line was not defended. He believes the strength of the enemy is greatly exaggerated.

Pretoria, Oct. 14.—An official manifesto has been addressed to Afrikaners throughout South Africa appealing to them to resist "the unjust demands of Great Britain," and accusing Lord Salisbury, Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner of treachery.

Bloemfontein, Oct. 14.—Martial law has been proclaimed and the courts are closed. A proclamation has been issued warning British subjects to leave the range Free State before 6 o'clock this evening. Permits to remain may be obtained from the authorities, and the proclamation calls on the burghers to respect those who secure such permits.

Kimberly, Oct. 14.—The Telegraph line between Kraipan and Maritzburg, south of Mafeking, has been cut and a strong command of Boers has occupied the Kraipan railway siding.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 14.—At a meeting of the cabinet Friday a decision was reached to send 1,000 Canadian soldiers to South Africa as Canada's contribution to the British force now fighting the Boers. This is double the number of troops asked by the British government.

Ingham on the Rack.

Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—Former District Attorney Ellery P. Ingham, who is on trial before Judge McPherson in the United States district court, charged with conspiracy and bribery in connection with the Jacobs-Kendz revenue stamp counterfeiting case, was yesterday subjected to a rigid cross-examination by District Attorney Beck, who found several weak spots in his story. Mr. Beck succeeded in forcing Ingham to admit that he would utter an untruth if the case required it.

Sampson Hauls Down His Flag.

Fort Monroe, Va., Oct. 14.—Rear Admiral Sampson retired from command of the North Atlantic squadron yesterday and his flag was hauled down from the cruiser New York. He left at 7 o'clock for New York. Admiral Farquhar, Sampson's successor, will take command to-day.

Broke All Records.

Brockton, Mass., Oct. 14.—Eddie McDuffee broke all existing records for from three to 15 miles inclusive here last night in a 25 mile race with Ben Monroe, Memphis, Tenn., riding 13 miles in 21:11.

THE GENERALS IN COMMAND OF THE BOER AND BRITISH FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA.



GEN. T. A. CRONJE. (Commanding Boer Forces.)
COL. R. S. M. BADEN-POWELL. (Commanding British Forces at Mafeking.)
GEN. SIR REDVERS HENRY BULLER. (Chief in Command of British Forces in South Africa.)
GEN. SIR GEORGE STEWART WHITE. (Commanding British Troops in Natal.)
GEN. JOUBERT, VICE PRESIDENT. (General in Chief of Transvaal Forces.)

IN THE NORTHWEST.

President McKinley Travels from West Superior, Wis., to Fargo, S., and Delivers Several Addresses.

West Superior, Wis., Oct. 14.—President McKinley arrived in this city Friday. Over 15,000 people, including 7,000 school children, received the party at the city hall. A committee of children presented the president and party with a neat printed souvenir purchased with penny contributions by the school children. The president made a short speech.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 14.—A noisy welcome was given the presidential party on its arrival in this city. Hundreds of tug boats and grain steamers were anchored under the bridge across the St. Louis river and as the train passed overhead the screaming sirens beneath the bridge joined in a hair-raising chorus.

Entering carriages at the Great Northern depot, the presidential party was driven through blocks of cheering humanity to the High school building. At the head of the procession marched a battalion of the Third Minnesota volunteers.

The square around the high school was packed with people who cheered as President McKinley entered the speaker's stand. The president spoke of the advantages of education.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 14.—Over 10,000 people greeted President McKinley and party when they arrived here last night. Entering carriages the party was driven to a reviewing stand through lines of the First North Dakota volunteers, who recently returned from the Philippines. The president was received with wild demonstrations. In his address he referred repeatedly to the situation in the Philippines. When he declared the government would send 65,000 soldiers to the Philippines to uphold the flag where the volunteers had placed it, the crowd approved the declaration with applause.

Rockefeller Corners Ore Carriers.

Cleveland, Oct. 14.—John D. Rockefeller successfully cornered the market on next season's ore carriers Friday. It was the first time in the history of the lake marine that a corner on ore-carrying vessels has been attempted. How many boats were chartered Mr. Bowers, Rockefeller's agent, refused to state, but at noon he said that no more were wanted. This would signify that enough vessel property had been leased for next season to enable Rockefeller to establish the ore-carrying rate from the head of the lakes.

A Bankruptcy Decision.

Milwaukee, Oct. 14.—Judge Jenkins, of the United States court of appeals, has handed down a decision holding that a judgment secured against an insolvent person within four months preceding the filing of bankruptcy proceedings is void. The decision is regarded as likely to result in creditors demanding additional security, where applicants for credit are not known to be thoroughly sound.

Crosby Keeps the Cup.

Batavia, N. Y., Oct. 14.—W. R. Crosby, of Batavia, defeated Bolla Heikes, of Dayton, O., for the inanimate target championship on the ground of the Batavia Gun club yesterday by a score of 132 to 130. Crosby retains the championship cup, which he won from Elliot, of Kansas City.

Four Men Killed by an Explosion.

Britton, S. D., Oct. 14.—A threshing engine, 12 miles southeast of Britton, blew up Friday, killing George Jackson, C. A. Ahlstrom and two negroes.

The Sixth Fluke.

New York, Oct. 14.—The wind asleep in its cavern and a coverlet of white fog drawn over the bosom of the ocean yesterday lengthened the unprecedented record of flukes in the cup contest to six. The yachts did not leave their anchorage inside Sandy Hook.

Dewey Lays a Corner-Stone.

Northfield, Vt., Oct. 14.—Admiral Dewey on Friday laid the corner-stone of Dewey hall, which is to be a part of Norwich university, the institution in which the admiral received his earliest military training. Senator Dewey, of New York, delivered an address.

A STOCK OF ARMS

Friars Hid Them in Their Home at Manila.

AMERICANS SEIZED THEM

A Scouting Party Drives 'Pinos Out of Their Trenches.

THREE OF OUR MEN KILLED.

Schwan's Troops Rest After an Exhausting March Through Roadless Rice Fields—Manila Is Visited by Two Earthquake Shocks.

Manila, Oct. 14.—Maj. Cheatham, with a scouting party, while proceeding along the west shore of the lake on Thursday encountered a force of rebels strongly entrenched at Munin-lupa. Maj. Cheatham reports that he drove the rebels from their position and that in the engagement three Americans were killed and two wounded. Rumors are in circulation in Manila that Cheatham discovered three American prisoners who had been bound, gagged and shot by the insurgents. These rumors, however, are not confirmed.

One Santiago, a lieutenant of police, has been arrested and lodged in jail, his subordinate having reported to the authorities that he was endeavoring to collect them in a plot to turn the police against the Americans in the event of an uprising.

Rebels having reached the provost marshal that arms were concealed at the headquarters of the Dominican friars, a large building adjoining the palace, soldiers searched the building and found a small stock of Mausers, revolvers and ammunition, which was confiscated despite the protests of the friars that the arms were not intended for unlawful use.

Gen. Schwan with the infantry has reached Bacoor. The troops are greatly exhausted, having had one of the hardest marches of the campaign. From Malabon to Perez das Marinas they marched through roadless rice fields. The Fourth infantry, from Imus, joined Gen. Schwan at Perez das Marinas. The Filipinos had deserted the town upon learning of the approach of the Americans, leaving only the women and children behind.

Two strong shocks of earthquake, lasting several seconds, were felt in Manila last evening.

The Kenney Case Is Nolle.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 14.—Judge Bradford in the United States district court yesterday granted to District Attorney Bryne permission to enter a nolle prosequi in the case of United States Senator Richard R. Kenney, indicted for conspiring to aid William V. Boggs, defaulting paying teller of the First national bank of Dover, who robbed that institution of \$107,000.

Bank Burglars Escape with \$3,500.

Nevada Mo., Oct. 14.—Burglars entered the Farmers' bank at Schell City, near here, Thursday night, blew open the safe and secured \$3,500 in cash, with which they escaped. Previous to the bank robbery the town watchman was captured on the street by armed men and bound and gagged.

Destroyed Eight Towns.

Lagos, West Africa, Oct. 14.—The British punitive expedition against the Fula tribes on the Leanne river, which had stopped the river traffic and murdered a number of boatmen, has returned to Lagos, having destroyed eight towns after prolonged fighting. The natives lost heavily and the British had eight men wounded.

Forty People Browned.

St. Louis, Senegal, Oct. 14.—A native craft, while attempting to cross the bar at the mouth of the Senegal river, was wrecked and 40 persons were drowned.

DOLLAR OF 1804 IS A MYTH.

This is the Assertion of a Well-Known American Authority on Numismatics.

Is there an American dollar of the date of 1804? If there is, it is worth a fortune, for it is one of the jack-of-lanterns of numismatics. In a recent issue the American Journal of Numismatics goes into an interesting account of what it terms the "myth of 1804 dollars," and denies that any such coin, struck in that year, is in existence. Like comets, these alleged coins have been turning up in most unexpected places for nearly a century. Recently coin dealers were excited by a story from Racine, Wis., which told how a woman went into a dry goods store to buy a spool of thread and tendered in payment a worn silver dollar, saying that she did not know whether it was good

HIS FIRE ESCAPE.

The Only Time the Traveler Wanted to Use It He Couldn't Find the Key.

A commercial traveler who was putting up at one of the hotels exhibited a curious contrivance to some friends the other evening, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. It consisted of a metal reel almost eight inches long, bolted securely to one of the inside corners of his trunk. On the reel was wound about 100 feet of steel wire, terminating in a sort of stirrup. The entire device occupied considerably less than a square foot of room, and the drummer explained that it was a fire escape of his own invention. "All I have to do," he said, "is to put my foot in the stirrup and let myself out of the window. The trunk acts as an anchor at this end and the ratchet at the side of

AMOS L. ALLEN.



This gentleman has just been nominated to succeed Thomas B. Reed in congress. He is about the biggest man in the little town of Alfred, Me., not far from Portland. After graduating from Bowdoin college he was admitted to the bar, but before middle life he found himself engaged in government positions. More recently he was private secretary to Mr. Reed, and in this capacity became acquainted with all the public men of the land. He is now 62 years of age, but livelier on his feet and quicker of wit than most men are at 50.

or not. The clerk saw the date "1804" on the coin, put it into his pocket, and threw a new silver dollar into the cash drawer. He was offered \$1,500 for the old coin by a dealer, but refused to sell. In this way the story got out and the clerk's employer put in a claim for the 1804 dollar. Both men have employed lawyers to defend their titles, and now the woman shopper is preparing to bring suit for the possession of it.

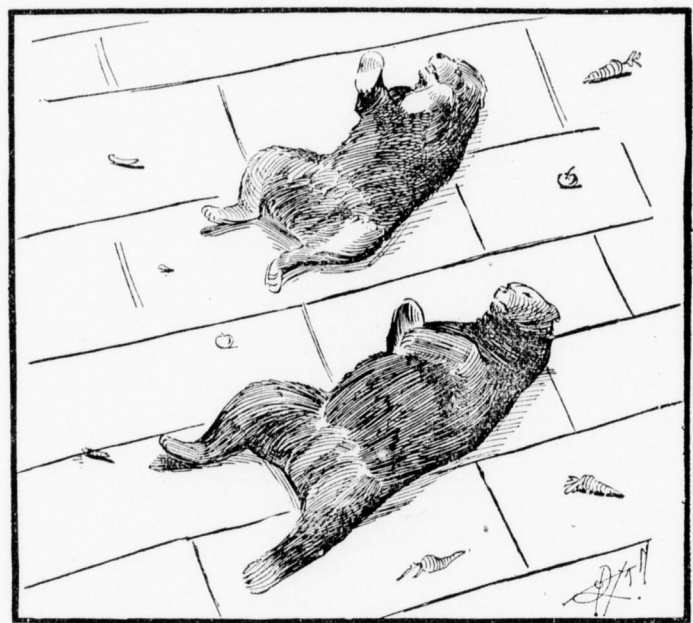
For years Mr. Nexsen, an expert of Brooklyn, N. Y., has made a study of the subject. He has convinced himself and other competent judges that no genuine 1804 dollar was ever coined. He has become convinced that the alleged dollars of that date are alterations of Spanish, Mexican, Bank of England five-shilling pieces, or some such fraud. It is believed that an experimental die with milled edges was made but not used in 1804. In 1842 some one, perhaps surreptitiously, struck a few dollars on this old, un-

the reel prevents the wire from paying out too rapidly." "Did you ever have occasion to put it to use?" asked one of the spectators. "Only once," replied the drummer. "I was in a hotel that caught fire at night about eight months ago and the first thing I did when I jumped out of bed was to rush for my trunk. It was locked and in my excitement I couldn't find the key. I hunted high and low and was still hunting when the porter rushed in and led me downstairs. They extinguished the fire and I subsequently discovered the key under the bureau. Now I have the thing on a chain and am loaded for conflagrations of all brands."

Trusted His Dog Too Far.

It is not always safe to put too much trust in a dog. An Ellsworth man had a highly-prized dog, and when a neighbor presented a bill for two hens which he claimed had been killed by the brute, the dog owner was grieved and positive-

A COUPLE OF ARTFUL BEGGARS.



The above picture is borrowed from the Strand Magazine, to whose editor it was sent with this explanation: "I send you a photograph of two bears lying on their backs in the bear pit at Berne, Switzerland, begging for bread from visitors, who feed them from above." The correspondent adds that these bears beckon for food in a most amusing manner with their paws whilst lying in this position, cleverly catching the dainties in their mouths. The picture was taken from above by tilting the camera, lens downward, toward the floor of the pit.

ly refused to believe the charge or pay for the hens. A few days later the Ellsworth man was driving by the farm where the hens had been killed. The dog was with him in the carriage. He drove into the farmer's yard to prove to him that his dog was not guilty. "Let out your hens," he said, "and I'll call the dog out of the carriage to prove that he will not kill hens." It was done. Before the dog could be stopped he had killed four. The owner of the dog, who never dishonors a just bill, pulled out his wallet and settled for six hens.—Bangor (Me.) Commercial.

Arizona Seeks Statehood.

Arizona people believe that the census of 1900 will show a sufficient population to warrant the admission of the territory to the union. Arizona had 59,520 inhabitants in 1890, and the claim is made that the territory has doubled in population since then. Increased activity in mining and the development of copper and gold mines is responsible for the increase. Yet, even if Arizona should have as many as 120,000 inhabitants next year, it would still lack 53,000 of the ratio of representation adopted in 1892. New Mexico, which is yet a territory, has more than twice as many inhabitants as Arizona.

An Inventress.

The woman who invented satchel-pottery paper bags was offered \$20,000 for the patent before she could get away from Washington.

Tobacco in South America.

A writer in the German scientific periodical Prometheus declares that over-indulgence in tobacco will prove the ruin of South American peoples. Not only do children of two and three years smoke all day long, but mothers have been seen trying to quiet their babies by putting cigars in their mouths.

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