

TWO CENTS.

FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Desperate Battles Take Place Between English and Boers.

BRITISH LOSS 150 KILLED

In the Engagement at Elandsblaagte the Boers Clung to Their Positions with Courage and Tenacity and Are Dislodged with Much Difficulty—General Jan H. M. Kock, of the Boer Army, Is Killed—Expressions of Sympathy from the Queen.

London, Oct. 22.—Despite the fog, the London newspapers today found a ready sale for the newspaper extras announcing the continued victories in South Africa. The losses in killed and wounded were the subject of pulp references in all the churches, especially the Catholic churches, owing to the disasters that befell the Irish Fusiliers.

The vicinity of the war office was crowded all day by anxious inquirers for the latest information. The greatest anxiety and suspense existed regarding the losses at Elandsblaagte and as to the fate of the Hussars who pursued the Boers from Glencoe.

The stream of callers at the war office showed little diminution as the evening advanced. Everybody was gratified to read the kindly message from the queen and disappointed at the absence of news from Glencoe, many arguing that communication must be cut off, as otherwise there would be at least some further news as to the condition of General Symons, who, according to an unconfirmed report, died yesterday of his wounds.

The British transports Pavonia and Malta sailed this afternoon from Southampton with troops of Sir Buller's army corps. There was a renewal of the scenes of enthusiasm that marked the departure of the guards yesterday. Enormous crowds gathered at the quay to witness the embarkation.

The transports that were due to sail last evening and this evening from Woolwich and Tilbury were detained in consequence of the heavy fog that has enveloped the London district for forty-eight hours, seriously impeding the embarkation of troops. It is expected that they will leave tomorrow.

Quiet on Orange River. The latest despatches received today do not indicate any general cessation of Boers as yet into Beaufortland. Along the Orange river everything seems to be quiet. From Colesburg, Cape Colony, it is reported that all the available burghers of the Orange Free State have been sent north and west. On the other hand, a message from Allwal North reports that a large body of Boers is advancing toward the Orange river. Refugees are leaving that town in greater numbers daily. The Boers have mounted a Krupp gun on a bridge commanding the most thickly populated part.

Advice from Cape Town says that a wholesale fear of a rising in Basutoland prevents the Boers invading Cape Colony, and that on the other hand there is considerable excitement at Maseru and other Bechuanaland stations, arising from native apprehensions of Boer attacks.

It appears that colonial news is in some mysterious way supplied to the Boers and that their movements depend largely on intelligence communicated through native spies. Disappointing information comes from Hertzog and other points in Cape Colony where the natives are much excited.

White's Dispatch. London, Oct. 22.—The war office this afternoon published the following dispatch to the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, from the general commanding in Natal, Sir George Stewart White, regarding the engagement yesterday at Elandsblaagte between Glencoe and Ladysmith, when the British under General French routed the Transvaal forces under General Jan H. M. Kock, second in command in the Transvaal army, who was himself wounded and captured, and has since died.

MAJOR HOWARD DEAD. Killed in Action Near Manila. Served in War With Spain.

Omaha, Oct. 22.—A cable dispatch was received here today announcing the death in the Philippines on Saturday of Major Guy Howard, son of General C. O. Howard.

The telegram dated Saturday was received by Judge J. M. Woolworth, father-in-law of Major Howard, and read as follows: "Guy Howard killed in action today."

Major Howard was well known in Omaha, being on his father's staff when the latter was stationed here. He was married in this city fifteen years ago to Miss Woolworth, and the nuptials were a notable society function. Mrs. Howard resides here with her three children.

Burlington, Vt., Oct. 22.—Major General C. O. Howard received a message this afternoon announcing that his eldest son, Colonel Guy Howard, had been killed in action in the Philippines Saturday afternoon.

Colonel Howard for five years resided in this city, being the constructing quartermaster at Fort Ethan Allen. During the war with Spain he held several important positions in the quartermaster's department and he was on General Young's staff when killed.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR; WARMER. 1. General—England Wins a Victory in the Transvaal. Governor Roosevelt Upholds Expansion. Surgeons Wanted for the Navy.

2. General—Northwestern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. Live Industrial News. 3. Local—Rev. Dr. McLeod on God's Messengers. New Chapel Dedications.

4. Editorial. News and Comment. 5. Local—Cornelius Smith Strives a Solution in the Scrantonian Label Suit. Restraining Rule Not Operative.

6. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7. Round About the County. 8. General—Saturday's Foot Ball Game. Plans for the New Y. M. C. A. Building.

Leading part of the peace conference at The Hague. We were able to play that part solely because during the preceding year we had been able to see our conclusion the most righteous foreign war in which any nation has been engaged for half a century.

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COL. ROOSEVELT ON EXPANSION HE SPEAKS AT CINCINNATI ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Declares That Expansion Has Been Our National Principle from First and That Only Through Expansion of the Great Nations Can World Peace Come—A Complete Refutation of Modern Copperheads.

Cincinnati, Oct. 22.—Governor Theodore Roosevelt of New York, was given an enthusiastic reception upon his visit in this city yesterday. In the evening the great Music Hall where he was to speak was jammed with fully 7,000 people to hear the speaking, there being 200 vice-presidents on the stage.

Hundreds were unable to get inside and attended the overflow meeting. Senator Foraker introduced Governor Roosevelt, whose speech was confined to the Philippine question.

Governor Roosevelt said: A grimy comic feature of the present international conspiracy against America and civilization is the way in which the subject of expansion is being treated.

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SURGEONS WANTED FOR NAVY

Several More Vacancies Are Soon to Occur in the Service.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The strongest recommendation in the annual report of Surgeon General Van Reypen, just made public, is that relating to an instance of the medical corps of the navy. He points out that while there has been a steady increase in the enlisted force of the navy for the past two years, and while the marine corps has been swelled by the addition of 5,000 men, there has been no suitable provision made for corresponding increase in the medical corps.

The surgeon general recommends that the corps be increased five surgeons and twenty assistant surgeons, and that the volunteer surgeons who served in the war are now in service be placed on an equality with those of the regular rolls and the age limitation be removed in their cases.

There are eighteen of these men, and in some cases they are over thirty years of age. It is also earnestly urged that the naval assistant surgeons be placed on an equality with those of the army in pay and rank.

At present the army can get all of the medical service it needs, while the navy can get scarcely any surgeons to serve. There are now four vacancies in the rank of assistant surgeons and there will be eight more during the year, and the hope is expressed that the corps will not be allowed to die out from lack of recruits, which must follow unless the inducements are equal to those offered in the army at least.

The surgeon general calls attention to the fact that of the 84 casualties during the war with Spain only 17 have resulted in pension applications so far, a most noteworthy fact in view of the report that 38 of the casualties resulted fatally.

In concluding the report special attention is invited to the excellent sanitary condition existing in the navy and especially in the Asiatic squadron during the past year. Early precautions were taken to prevent as far as possible the ill-effects resulting from necessary climatic exposures, and to give the best care and attention to the sick. The results have proved their efficacy and the sick reports from the vessels in the Philippines indicate a high standard of physical efficiency in the squadron.

RAPID FIRE ORATORY. Bryan Expects to Make 100 Speeches Before Election.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 22.—Beginning Tuesday morning W. J. Bryan will make the most elaborate county by county and town to town canvass he has ever made in Nebraska, not excepting the year he ran for president.

On a special train he will travel over nearly every line of rail road in the state and will make over one hundred speeches, concluding at Lincoln the Saturday before election, when he will be assisted by ex-Governor Altgeld. The Republican committee has secured some of the best known campaigners in the country, and the canvass for the two remaining weeks will be as exciting as that of a presidential year.

Brooklyn Wins Final Game. New York, Oct. 22.—Brooklyn won the final game of the exhibition series with Philadelphia yesterday by slugging the ball. Dunn had the quakers guessing all the time. Score: Brooklyn 10, Philadelphia 1.

Funston Will Fight Again. San Francisco, Oct. 22.—Brigadier General Funston wired the war department his acceptance of the brigadier generalship in the newly formed volunteer service. General Funston will return to Europe with the Kansas volunteers who will be mustered out Oct. 28. He will then report at Washington for duty in the Philippines.

J. Hay Brown Sworn In. Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 22.—J. Hay Brown was sworn in yesterday afternoon as a Justice of the supreme court to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Justice Williams. The oath was administered by Judge Livingston. Justice Brown will take his seat on the bench at Pitsburg on Monday.

Luncheon to Sir Thomas Lipton. New York, Oct. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton accepted an invitation from the Transportation club to luncheon on Oct. 21 at 1 p. m. Senator Chauncey M. Depew, president of the club, will preside.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Oct. 22.—Forecast for Monday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and warmer Monday and Tuesday; light southerly winds.

Death at a \$5 Prize Fight. Chicago, Oct. 22.—William Wilke, aged 35, died last night, one hour after receiving blows on the nose, jaw and pit of the stomach in a prize fight with Charles Chelms, aged 18, in the basement of the Wilke home. The boys belong to amateur clubs and fought for a \$5 purse. Chelms was arrested.

Fire at Cemetery. The grass and leaves in the German Catholic cemetery, located just back of Laurel Hill Park, caught on fire in some unknown manner about 1:30 o'clock this morning, and before the Dunmore companies succeeded in extinguishing the flames, almost the entire surface area was burned over.

Eighteen Passengers Killed. Brussels, Oct. 22.—The Indian mail train today collided with a freight train near Schoonhoek, a suburb of Brussels. Three station carriages being demolished. Eighteen passengers were injured, but none fatally.

Galway a Prisoner. London, Oct. 22.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lieutenantsburg, Natal, says that Lieutenant Galway, of the Natal Carbineers, who was reported missing, is a prisoner in the hands of the Boers.

Fire at Lowell. Lowell, Mass., Oct. 22.—The upper stories of the large frame building of the American Card company, in the business section, were burned tonight. Loss, \$25,000.

Cooney Made a Brilliant Play. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Exeter, N. H., Oct. 22.—Harvard freshman defeated Exeter today, score 5 to 3. Cooney, formerly of Lackawanna, as guard, made a brilliant play.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Oct. 22.—Arrived: La Bretagne by Havre. Southampton Arrived: Korinthia by New York for Bremen. Havre—Arrived: La Champagne, New York.

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