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FIGHTING CONTINUED

London's Interpretation of a Ladysmith Despatch.

TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN

No News from the Scene of Greatest Action for Several Hours—Lieutenant Egerton of the Naval Brigade Dangerously Wounded Today. General White Reported Well and Holding His Position—Boers May Cut Off the General's Retreat. Bombardment a Ruse to Distract His Attention—Kimberley Looking Anxiously for Relief—Six Thousand Burglers Besieging the Town. Force of Three Thousand Free Staters Assembled at Bethulle Bridge, on the Natal Border.

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THE ARTILLERY DUEL.

It is Still Continued—General White Holds His Position.

London, Nov. 2.—The war office this afternoon issued the following dispatch: "Chief of Staff, Ladysmith, to War Secretary: 'Ladysmith, Nov. 2.—Lieutenant Egerton, H. M. S. Powerful, dangerously wounded this morning by a shell, left knee and right foot. Life not in danger.'"

LANDSDOWNE'S ADDRESS.

The African Situation is Discussed in Sheffield.

London, Nov. 2.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, was the chief speaker at the Cutler's feast in Sheffield this evening, the function being attended by the usual distinguished assemblage. Replying to the toast to 'Her Majesty's Ministers,' he went over the usual ground in explaining the cause of the war and denouncing the government against the charge that the military preparations were not abreast of the negotiations.

SENATOR MARON EXPELLED.

Tippecanoe Club Decides to Drop the Anti-Expansionist.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—The political action committee of the Tippecanoe club, a strong Republican organization, decided yesterday to expel United States Senator Maron from its membership.

Meeting of Methodist Bishops.

Philadelphia, Nov. 2.—Bishop Merrill of Chicago, presided at the morning session of the semi-annual meeting of the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church. The sessions were executive. The members declined to make known what transpired. The statement of bishops for the next six months will be announced on the last day of the meeting, Nov. 8.

THE COMMISSION MAKES REPORTS

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

History of the Troubles on the Islands from 1896—Demands Made Upon the Spanish Government.

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GERMANY IS WISE.

Not Going to Pluck Chestnuts from Great Britain's Fire.

Berlin, Nov. 2.—The Vossische Zeitung publishes an appeal signed by the committee of the German corps in the Transvaal calling upon Germans to contribute to the relief of the families of those German volunteers who have taken up arms in a just cause. The Hamburg Correspondent in the course of a semi-official article, which cautions "those who desire to enmesh Germany in a conflict with Great Britain," says: "Germany is not going to pluck chestnuts from other people out of Great Britain's fire. Such a policy would drive Germany so closely into the arms of Russia that she would hardly be able to breathe."

SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

The commission declares that these demands had good reasons, that the Spanish system of government was tolerable, but in practice every Spanish governor did what he saw fit and the evil deeds of men in government were hidden from Spain by press censorship. Allusion is made to the powerful Katipunan society, which was the nucleus of the revolution, and the war began in 1896 was terminated by the treaty of Biac-Nar. The Filipinos were numerous, but possessed only about 800 small arms. The Spanish felt that it would require 100,000 men to capture their stronghold and concluded to resort to the use of money. Certain concessions were also agreed upon, including representation of the Filipinos in the cortes, the deportation of the friars, which was the principal question; the grant of the right of association and of a free press. A governor of Biac-Nar is willing to pay \$2,000,000 Mexican money when Aguineldo and his cabinet and leading officers arrived in Hong Kong. The arrangement was not acceptable to the people, the promises were never carried out, Spanish abuses began afresh, in Manila alone more than 200 men being executed. Hence sporadic risings occurred, though they possessed neither the strength of the original movement.

AUGUSTINE'S SCHEME.

The report then tells how General Augustine came to Manila as governor general at this juncture and war broke out between Spain and the United States. Augustine sought to secure the support of the Filipinos to defend Spain against America, promising them autonomy, but the Filipinos did not trust him. Then came the first of May and the destruction of the Spanish fleet by Dewey with the resulting loss of prestige to Spain. Then in June Aguineldo came. On this point the commission says: "The following memorandum on this subject has been furnished the commission by Admiral Dewey: 'MEMORANDUM OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE PHILIPPINES. On April 25, 1898, the following cipher despatch was received at Hong Kong from E. Spencer Pratt, United States consul general at Biac-Nar: 'Aguineldo, insurgent leader, here will come Hong Kong, arrange with commander for general cooperation in insurgents Manila is desired. Telegraph. 'On the same day Commodore Dewey telegraphed Mr. Pratt: 'All Aguineldo come 3000 as possible, the necessity for haste being due to the fact that the squadron had been notified by the Hong Kong government to leave by the following day. The squadron left Hong Kong on the morning of the 29th, and Mrs. Bay on the 27th. Aguineldo did not arrive in Hong Kong in time to have a conference with the admiral. 'It had been reported to the commodore as early as March 15 by the United States consul at Biac-Nar that the Filipinos had broken out into insurrection against the Spanish authority in the vicinity of Manila, and on March 20 Mr. Williams had telegraphed: 'Five thousand rebels armed in camp near city. Loyal to us in case of war.' 'No insurrection to speak of. 'Upon the arrival of the squadron at Manila, it was found that there was no insurrection to speak of, and it was accordingly decided to allow Aguineldo to come to Cavite on board the Matichou. He arrived with thirteen of his staff on May 10, and immediately came on board the Olympia to call on the commander-

COLONIAL OFFICE WILL BE OPENED

WAR DEPARTMENT TO ORGANIZE A NEW BUREAU.

Mass Questions Relative to the New Possessions Render That Step Imperative—Robert P. Porter Wants to Be at the Head of It—All Details Relative to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines to Be Submitted by Secretary Root.

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BATTLESHIP FOR ENGLAND.

Venerable Launched at Chatham.

Chatham, England, Nov. 2.—The launching of the British first-class battleship Venerable here today was accompanied by scenes of unusual enthusiasm. The naming ceremony was performed by Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, formerly Miss Elliott, of Washington, who was accompanied by her husband, the British secretary of state for the colonies. They received a great ovation.

DIXON DEFEATS CURLY.

The Featherweight Victorious in the Twenty-Fifth Round.

New York, Nov. 2.—George Dixon featherweight champion of the world, today won his twenty-fifth round against Will Curley, of England, and after fighting twenty-five rounds, many of which were rather tame, the American was declared the winner and no one complained. Curley is a clever, game boy, but Dixon is a little bit cleverer and none the less game.

MR. HOBART'S CONDITION.

Slept Quietly Last Evening and Was Not Awakened.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 2.—Mr. Hobart dropped off to sleep at 10 o'clock. Dr. Newton arrived at the house for the night shortly afterward and did not wake him. In speaking of the callers at the house, Mr. Hobart tonight told one of the attendants to "treat all my friends well."

Trouble at Delagoa Bay.

London, Nov. 2.—News has reached here that a British vessel in Delagoa bay has fired on a sailing ship which was entering the harbor without having displayed a flag. The vessel proved to be British, but there is some discussion as to the right of Great Britain to do police duty in a Portuguese port.

Suicide of Theatrical Manager.

Pittsburg, Nov. 2.—Edward D. Shultz of New York, a well-known theatrical manager, committed suicide today in the hotel Victoria by shooting. Developments late tonight tend to prove that he was a freer to the extent of \$250,000, he having used the name of actor Joseph Jefferson and his sons, without consent.

To Test Ohio Anti-Trust Law.

Columbus, O., Nov. 2.—The supreme court today used Nov. 22 as the date for the hearing of cases against the Standard Oil and constituent companies. The point involved in these cases is the constitutionality of the Ohio anti-trust law.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

AGUINALDO'S MANIFESTO

Exhorts His Soldiers to Hold Out Until Congress Meets.

GOOD ADVICE ALL AROUND

Filipinos Are Urged to Conduct Themselves in a Manner That Will Create a Good Impression Upon the Civilized World—General Otis Drives Filipinos Back from Manila. A Feeling of Disquiet at Iloilo—Arrest of Santiago—Looking After Suspicious Appearing Natives.

SENATOR MAGEE'S OPINION.

A Republican Majority in Pennsylvania Is Necessary This Year. Pittsburg, Nov. 2.—Senator C. I. Magee came to Pittsburg from Philadelphia for the express purpose of attending the wedding of his sister. There were many efforts made to interview Senator Magee on the political situation in Pennsylvania and on the rumored consolidation of the Consolidated Union system. What Senator Magee had to say on these topics he summed up briefly as follows: "Replying to your question as to the political situation, I would say that it matters little who fills the state office to be voted for this month, but in view of the prosperity, which has attended the Republican national administration it means much to the people to have Republican success in Pennsylvania this year. With the new issues of anti-trust, anti-expansion, anti-imperialism, raised by the Democratic party, it would be hard to convince the voters outside of Pennsylvania that a Republican defeat in this state was wholly caused by local dissensions in the party. In addition, the Republican candidates are certainly the equals of their opponents in integrity and ability to fill the positions for which they have been nominated. "In response to inquiries as to the merging of the Consolidated Traction company and other lines, I have to say that if the consolidation had been made upon fair terms it would be a good thing for the stockholders of the different companies, but a much better thing for the public."

HONORS TO FUNSTON.

The Kansas Hero Is Presented with a Sword.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 2.—Kansas' famous fighting regiment arrived home today and was accorded a royal welcome. General Frederick Funston came in for the lion's share of attention shown to the officers. Solid blocks of people filled every street leading to the depot and the city was taxed to its utmost to care for its guests. It seemed as if the whole state of Kansas had come to town. It was estimated that fully 60,000 outsiders were here.

TEN PASSENGERS III OF TYPHOID FEVER.

Luck of the Whaler.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.—The steamer Portland arrived here today from Cape St. Michaels, via Cape Nome and Unalakleet. She brought 30 passengers. About ten of her passengers are suffering from typhoid fever. Sickened is very prevalent at Nome, it is said prevailing.

THE PORTLAND ARRIVES.

Escaped from the Eglers.

Steamship Arrivals.

New Light Company.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Bishop Small Returns.

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