

THE DARKEST PAGE OF WAR

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WHITE'S DIFFICULT TASK

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London, Nov. 9.—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 sortie. 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 forces, the British policy is promised that cheerful reading.

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 2,700 troops are assembled ready for an advance to Colenso when the opportune moment arrives. The later dispatch throws light on the former and the force which left Estcourt Monday has doubtless re-embarked Colenso and possibly is now advancing along the railway toward Ladysmith. General White's sortie Friday, almost to the banks of the Tugela river, encouraging its commander in the hopes of joining hands with him.

General Joubert, in the latest advices indicates a desire in his reports after Friday's engagement and has since withdrawn the southern Boer contingents, leaving only outposts on the line from Ladysmith to Colenso. The Boers who occupied Colenso about the middle of last week retired without damage to the Bulwer line, over the Tugela river to the village of Methlene, seven miles south of Ladysmith. Evidently they nurse a hope of eventually utilizing both in their descent on Pietermaritzburg. Meanwhile the British are also able to move both as they have already done, in running up the Tugela river which may at the present moment be covering the advance of the Estcourt force.

At Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg the defensive works have been greatly strengthened within the last few days, and they are now believed to be capable of holding their own against any force which General Joubert would send against either town. Both are likely to be strengthened before the week is out by a further main force and even by the first detachment of General Buller's army corps.

No Troop Ships Arrive. None of the troop ships has arrived. The one which was expected to reach Cape Town at the end of the month, 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 2,500 troops are expected to be in Cape Town by this time but the war office has recently 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 mails and the Colfax from London.

Of course it is possible that the dispatch boats have been sent to meet the troop ships with instructions to proceed direct to Durban and in that event the war office statement that only one has arrived at Cape Town would be literally accurate even though several should be half way between Cape Town and Durban.

The situation looks brighter at Mafeking where the Boers are apparently disheartened at the unexpected resistance, but at the same time having been detached to the south to assist in the investment of Kimberley around which the cordons is drawing tighter. Evidently the Boers intend to make a concentrated effort to capture Kimberley and their arch enemy, Cecil Rhodes.

The reported departure of a Boer contingent from Pretoria with German artillery guns moving in a southerly direction, is taken to mean co-operation in the invasion of the northern portions of Natal Colony, an undertaking which thus far, has not progressed very rapidly. Reports of a treacherous use of the white flag by the Boers, coming from Native sources, are not resolved with complete credibility, but at the same time their restoration is making an unfavorable impression. One paper asks sarcastically whether President Kruger's reference in his message to America to "stagnating humanity" meant the Boer use of the white flag.

Boers Leave Pretoria. Colerburg, Monday, Nov. 6.—It is reported that 2,000 Boers have left Pretoria and are going to protect the southern border of the Orange Free State. They are said to be accompanied by a large contingent of Germans, artillery with rapid firing guns of heavy calibre.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN POLICY IN EAST

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London, Nov. 8.—The Morning Post makes the following announcement: We have received a dispatch from Washington regarding Anglo-American policy in the far east which is of such a nature that it is desirable at the present juncture to withhold it from the public until we are able to confirm or deny it.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Officials here at a loss to know what was meant by the mysterious London dispatch relative to Anglo-American, Chinese relations of such a startling character that the news could not be published. It is stated that there is nothing under consideration in this line at present between Great Britain and the United States that can be said to be of a sensational character.

The government is not averse to having it known broadly that it has been steadily engaged for months in negotiations looking to the maintenance of whatever trade rights we now enjoy in Chinese ports. It is expected that the subject will be made the basis of a special message to congress by the president. It is thought that our serious opposition to what it regards as its perfectly reasonable effort to secure from the European powers interested formal assurances in confirmation of verbal statements already made that the way for American trade in China will be kept open in the event of extension of the existing treaty and leases. Nothing has been heard from France on this subject as yet though it is assumed that the returning ambassador, M. Cambon, will bear some instructions on the subject.

TRANSPORTS FROM MANILA. St. Paul and Wysefield Reach 'Frisco. Indiana, Bringing 100 Prisoners. San Francisco, Nov. 8.—The transport St. Paul has reached this port after a rough passage of twenty-one days from Nansaki. She had eleven passengers, including several discharged soldiers. The transport Indiana, which was a Tennessee regiment aboard, was at Nansaki when the St. Paul sailed. Besides the hundred prisoners aboard, most of these are destined for Alcatraz. Binibin prison, on Luzon, is so crowded that many prisoners escape court-martial, as there is no room to hold them. The transport Paul left Manila, it was understood that each transport would bring 50 or a hundred to Alcatraz. Most of the men are charged with offenses such as assault, three were convicted of assaulting an officer and one of desertion.

The United States cable transport Wysefield reached Manila. Her voyage was uneventful.

OFFICER KILLS HIMSELF. Suicide of Lewis McNabb, of the Forty-Ninth Volunteers. St. Louis, Nov. 8.—Captain Lewis McNabb, commanding officer of Company K, Forty-ninth United States volunteers, of the colored regiment in camp at Jefferson barracks, committed suicide last night by shooting the top of his head off with a Fray-Jensen rifle.

McNabb, who is colored, was recently promoted from first sergeant in the Twenty-fourth regular infantry to the command of Company K, Forty-ninth volunteers, now under orders to proceed to Manila.

TWO BANQUETS FOR GEN. MILES. Entertained by the Astoria and Portland Chambers of Commerce. Portland, Ore., Nov. 8.—Major General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States army, yesterday inspected the fortifications at the mouth of the Columbia river. A banquet was tendered for him by the Astoria chamber of commerce, and later he was the guest of the Portland chamber of commerce at a banquet.

McKinley at Washington. Washington, Nov. 8.—President McKinley reached Washington at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He received a great many congratulatory telegrams this afternoon. He expressed himself as well pleased with the result of the elections, especially in Ohio. He got a telegram from Niles, his birthplace, which gratified him extremely. It stated that there had been a Republican gain there of over 400.

Czar and William at Sans Souci. Potsdam, Nov. 8.—Emperor William and the czar this afternoon took a walk in the park of Sans Souci. The czar departed in the morning for the residence of Emperor Frederick III, and then returned to the palace in a dog cart driven by Emperor William.

Pennsylvania Day. Harrisburg, Nov. 8.—Governor Sims issued a proclamation today designating Nov. 18 as Pennsylvania day at the National Exposition.

Real \$100,000 Gold Brick. Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 8.—A \$100,000 gold brick, the largest ever melted in a Canadian mine, is soon to be sent down from the Kootenai district.

DEATHS OF A DAY. London, Nov. 8.—Mr. Jacob Bright, a brother of the famous John Bright, and chairman of John Bright and brothers, of Rochdale, is dead. He was born in 1821. London, Nov. 8.—Viscount Balmorhall (Henry St. John) is dead. He was born in 1825. Berlin, Pa., Nov. 8.—Dr. Walter J. Hoffman, United States consul at Mannheim, Germany, who came here in two months ago, died this afternoon of lung affection, aged 52 years. He was formerly connected with the Smithsonian institution and before that with the western scientific expeditions. He received decorations from a number of foreign rulers and scientific bodies. He was a native of Reading, a graduate of Jefferson-McDonnell college and was surgeon in the Franco-German war.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

WEATHER INDICATIONS TODAY: PARTLY CLOUDY.

- 1 General-Late Returns of Tuesday's Election. South African War Situation. The Philippines Campaign. Uncle Sam's Policy in the Orient. 2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania News, Financial and Commercial. 3 Local-Dr. Martha Everett on the Water Supply. 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local-Complete County Vote in Tuesday's Election. 6 Local-Attempt to End the Old Force Bill. Court Proceedings. 7 Local-Labor Interests Will Attempt to Overthrow Gunter's Decision. Coroner's Version of the Preeceburg Tragedy. 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the County. 10 Local-Live Industrial News.

PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN MEET

Fully 300 Members Present at Pittsburgh—Prosperous Condition of the Federation. Pittsburgh, Nov. 8.—Fully three hundred members present from all parts of the state at the first business session of the state federation of Pennsylvania women, in this city today. Mrs. Horace Brock presided. The annual report of the secretary showed a very prosperous condition of the federation. During the year 29 clubs with a total membership of 1,105 were added to the organization.

The report of Mrs. W. H. Houss, treasurer of the society, showed a balance of \$132.32 in the treasury with receipts of \$559.96 and expenditures of \$527.54.

The banner report of the state was that given for the western district by Miss Kate Cassatt McKnight, of this city. She stated that during the year 19 clubs had been formed, with a membership of 690 and that there were a number of other clubs in an embryo state of organization in her district. This was followed by brief reports from the individual clubs. Details of the work of a civic nature which the clubs have achieved were given. The Harrisburg club reported a number of municipal reforms effected, in regard to planting trees, cleaning streets, and sewers, with special attention to the health of the community. The other reports showed great interest in the care of streets, and parks and the beautifying of school grounds were shown in many parts of the state.

Mrs. Charles W. Basset, of Sevier, said she had visited many county fairs and had persuaded the officials of four fairs to hereafter set apart a day to be known as 'Woman's Club Day.' Mrs. C. C. Huff, a director, offered resolutions on the death of Mrs. Edward Longstreth, of Philadelphia, a prominent club worker during her life, and they were adopted by a rising vote.

Many of the women made addresses respecting Mrs. Longstreth. At the afternoon session a half hour was devoted to three minute reports from presidents of some of the clubs, after which the discussion of "Playgrounds and Vacation Schools" was opened by Mrs. Joseph P. Mumford, of Philadelphia, followed by short addresses by club members. "Town and Traveling Libraries" was then discussed at length by Mrs. George W. Kendrik, Jr., of Philadelphia, and others.

VICTORY FOR TIGERS. They Defeat the University of North Carolina. Princeton, N. J., Nov. 8.—The Tigers defeated the University of North Carolina here today by a score of 20 to 2. The game was slow and neither team put up notably strong work. Princeton scored 18 in the first half and 12 in the second.

In the first half Princeton punctured the North Carolina line with little difficulty and made several end runs for good gains. The southern boys took a brace in the second half and Princeton was held three times on downs. The feature of the game was a fifty-yard run by Palmer, Princeton's left end. Shull up the best game for North Carolina. Princeton lost ground five times on outside plays and did not get into play for a score. Unless the team loses it is thought that Princeton may suffer defeat when they meet the Indians on Saturday.

IT MEANS MCKINLEY. Chauncey Depew's Opinion of the Election. New York, Nov. 8.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew was asked for his views on yesterday's 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 of the next presidency. I believe that it means that Mr. McKinley will be nominee of the Republican party and that Mr. Bryan will again secure the Democratic nomination."

The Vanderbilt Will. New York, Nov. 8.—The will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt was offered for formal probate before Probate Clerk Washburn. At the first hearing on the will, which was executed June 15, 1895, and the two codicils, the first of which was executed April 24, 1897, at the second and April 4, 1899, were present and testified to their signatures on the will and codicils.

Fire at Massillon. Massillon, O., Nov. 8.—A big fire is raging in the business section of this city. The Altman & Putnam block has been destroyed and it now looks as though the Keater & Follen blocks were doomed. The fire started in the Altman & Putnam block. Canton has been wired to send help. The loss will probably reach from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Nov. 8.—Forecast for Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania, cloudy; Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; light variable winds.

CAMPAIGN IN PHILIPPINES

The American Troops Take Another Town.

Forwarded to President McKinley Through General Otis—The People Pleased by the Form of Government Presented by the United States. Manila, Nov. 8.—General MacArthur has occupied Malabac, His entire line, including the Twelfth, Seventeenth and Ninth infantry and part of the Fourth cavalry, is extended three miles in front of Angeles, in a good tactical position. Major Bell took Malabac. Being ordered to reconnoitre yesterday until he located the enemy, he pushed into the town, driving out two companies of insurgents and killing several Filipino officers. The Americans suffered no loss.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The following cablegram has been received at the War Department: The following received from Manila, Nov. 7, dated today: "To the president of the United States: The civil officer, counsellor, judges and secretaries who constitute the new government of this island in taking possession thereof this day have the high honor of affectionately saluting your excellency and trust that in the inauguration of this form of government, based upon the liberal and democratic institutions which have made that great republic so grand and prosperous, it may be a permanent and the best of its kind which will enable it to reach the ultimate goal of its inspiration—Memento Severe!" Otis.

Washington Advice. Washington, Nov. 8.—Mail advices to the war department state that a native with a commission as lieutenant-colonel in the insurgent army, had been captured in Manila. The prisoner had credentials from Aguinaldo to collect taxes from the inhabitants of Manila and had been doing so and remitting the money to the rebel commander. It is also stated that Major Thompson, of the signal corps, has been relieved from his position of press censor and that he has been succeeded by a member of General Otis' staff.

DEWEY GETS LICENSE. The Wedding Will Take Place Next Week. Washington, Nov. 8.—A marriage license was today issued to Admiral George Dewey and Mrs. Mildred Hazen. The application for the license was made by Lieutenant Harry H. Caldwell, United States navy, Admiral Dewey's secretary. In the information furnished the clerk and forth in the license is that Admiral Dewey is 61 years of age, and his bride elect 43; that both are citizens of the United States, and that in the case of each party there was one former marriage. To hasten the ceremony, Admiral Caldwell was required to make oath. It is stated this afternoon that the wedding will take place on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, though neither the admiral or Mrs. Hazen will give the exact day.

Wedding May Occur Today. Washington, Nov. 8.—The Post tomorrow will say: "Admiral George Dewey and Mrs. Mildred Hazen will probably be married today. No announcement has been made as to the exact time of the ceremony to take place where, but in a church was procured yesterday and it is asserted that Cardinal Gibbons will be here to officiate."

PILLSBURY'S PHILANTHROPY. Ex-Governor and His Wife Give \$100,000 to Children's Home. Minneapolis, Nov. 8.—The board of trustees for the Home of Children and Aged Women today received \$100,000 from Ex-Governor and Mrs. John Pillsbury to be invested in a permanent fund, the interest of which is to be spent toward the maintenance of the institution.

Smith Defeats McKeever. New York, Nov. 8.—"Mysterious Billy" Smith defeated Charles McKeever of Philadelphia, in a 25-round bout at catch weights at the Broadway Athletic club tonight. Smith weighed 165 pounds and his opponent tipped the scales at about the same weight. Both men were in prime condition, and the fight was fast and interesting from start to finish.

Sheehey Ball Dies. Harrisburg, Nov. 8.—Sheehey Ball, a well-known ball player, died today at a ball game, by Charles Washington, of Baltimore, to a charge over a woman, died today at the Harrisburg hospital. Washington is in jail here awaiting trial for murder.

Cavanaugh Escapes. Pittsburgh, Nov. 8.—John Cavanaugh and five others charged with the death of "Kid" Lavelle, who died from injuries received in a prize fight with Cavanaugh at Homestead last April, were today found State's freed. The costs were imposed on the defendants.

Rod and Rivet Mill Burned. Wilmington, Del., Nov. 8.—Fire early this morning destroyed the rod and rivet mill of the south side plant of the Delaware State Steel company, in this city, and seriously damaged all of the machinery. The loss is about \$200,000, fully covered by insurance.

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THE VOTE BY COUNTIES. Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—The county pluralities for Barnett and Cresney are as follows: Counties. Barnett. Cresney. Adams 652 219 Allegheny 18,000 1,400 Armstrong 1,591 1,120 Beaver 1,629 1,271 Bedford 571 424 Berks 820 671 Blair 652 499 Bradford 2,163 1,697 Bucks 40 219 Butler 1,529 1,120 Cambria 511 371 Cameron 145 102 Carbon 552 405 Centre 552 405 Chester 1,590 1,120 Clarion 729 511 Clinton 77 60 Columbia 2,000 1,529 Crawford 262 199 Cumberland 2,734 2,000 Delaware 4,181 3,115 Elk 321 231 Fayette 321 231 Forest 287 200 Franklin 89 63 Greene 1,229 910 Huntingdon 40 29 Indiana 1,057 798 Juniata 1,253 910 Laakevarna 421 291 Lancaster 8,251 6,129 Lebanon 1,359 1,009 Lehigh 1,618 1,129 Luzerne 1,819 1,374 McKean 425 315 Mercer 1,238 890 Mifflin 45 35 Monroe 1,782 1,332 Montgomery 1,529 1,120 Montour 51 36 Northampton 2,612 1,939 Northumberland 859 637 Pottsville 1,529 1,120 Philadelphia 62,741 44,424 Pike 44 32 Schuylkill 362 269 Snyder 595 453 Somerset 2,159 1,629 Susquehanna 57 42 Tioga 2,294 1,729 Union 51 37 York 419 310 Total 190,885 142,222 Barnett's apparent plurality, 109,465.

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Farmer Cresney Leads the Ticket, Candidates Elected. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Nov. 8.—The returns of the election in Luzerne county complete but not official show that Cresney (Democrat) for state treasurer, Brown (Republican), for supreme court, has a plurality of 800 over McCreary (Democrat), and Mitchell (Republican) has 491 plurality over Reilly. The vote of G. L. Halsey (Republican) for county clerk is 27,445. Halsey was endorsed by the Democrats. His only

opponent was the Prohibition candidate, who polled 1,068 votes. The Democrats elect their candidate for county treasurer, F. C. Kirkendall, by 1,459 plurality. The Republicans elect John Halsey for register of wills by 796 plurality. The Republicans elect a majority of the board of county commissioners, A. H. Hay and John Jones being the successful candidates. The Democratic county commissioner is P. F. Finn.

THE VOTE BY COUNTIES. Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—The county pluralities for Barnett and Cresney are as follows: Counties. Barnett. Cresney. Adams 652 219 Allegheny 18,000 1,400 Armstrong 1,591 1,120 Beaver 1,629 1,271 Bedford 571 424 Berks 820 671 Blair 652 499 Bradford 2,163 1,697 Bucks 40 219 Butler 1,529 1,120 Cambria 511 371 Cameron 145 102 Carbon 552 405 Centre 552 405 Chester 1,590 1,120 Clarion 729 511 Clinton 77 60 Columbia 2,000 1,529 Crawford 262 199 Cumberland 2,73