

BOERS CLOSE IN ON WHITE Are Reported as Being Within 1500 Yards of Ladysmith.

Determined to Resist All Attacks. Pretoria Hears That the Boers Advanced on Thursday Under Cover of Heavy Cannonading...

Cape Town, Friday, Nov. 16.—In a dispatch received here from Pretoria, under date of Thursday, November 9, it is said that...

An unladen dispatch from Mafeking, received by runner, via Mangalanye, on Wednesday, November 8, says: "Today all is quiet. We have been bombarded pretty heavily all week..."

General Cronje has always given due notice of a bombardment, and he allowed an ambulance party two hours, on Saturday, to recover the bodies of the six dead left in the vicinity of the Boer trenches...

Boers Damage Property. Cape Town, Friday, Nov. 16.—A dispatch from Bulawayo, dated Friday, November 3, says an armored train proceeded south close to Mafeking...

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE. About 19,000 Men and 13,000 Horses and Mules Land in Africa. London, Nov. 15.—The troopship Haverford Castle, with the Second Battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers...

KNIGHTS OF LABOR MEET AT BOSTON OPINIONS ON THE SITUATION ARE AKEID.

Master Workman Parsons Delivers an Able Address—Secretary and Treasurer Hayes Makes a Report in Which He Points Out the Danger That Would Attend a Rush of Ten Million Malay Laborers on the American Field of Toil.

DEAN WORCESTER ON PHILIPPINES Member of the Commission Gives a Lucid Statement Regarding the Situation on the Islands.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Dean C. Worcester, member of the Philippine commission, spoke at Central Music hall tonight upon "The Philippine Question."

Prof. Worcester said at the outset that the issues raised by the Philippine question, directly and indirectly, were more important, more far-reaching in their consequences than any our nation has been called upon to meet since its birth.

Prof. Worcester then proceeded to deny many of the accusations. He covered that Aguirre had never been promised independence and that there never had been co-operation between our land forces and the Filipinos...

At another point the speaker said: "If our claim to sovereignty was shadowy, what shall we say as to the claim of a tribe representing less than one-sixth of the population of the islands, the exercising jurisdiction over but a small part of the Philippine territory?"

As showing the bloody work of the insurgents, Prof. Worcester said: "At the time I left Manila, the province of Batangas was overrun with thieves and murderers. No attempt was being made to enforce law and order."

Railroad Lease Ratified. New York, Nov. 15.—At a special meeting here this afternoon, the directors of the New York Central railroad in directors today the lease of the Boston and Albany railroad was ratified.

GOOD GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES MEET FIFTH ANNUAL GATHERING OF MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

Hon. Samuel L. Black Former Mayor of Columbus Welcomes Delegates. Report of the Secretary, Clinton Rogers Woodruff of Philadelphia. Story of Increased Activity—Objects of the Organization of City Officials Recommended.

Columbus, O., Nov. 15.—The fifth annual meeting of the National Municipal League and the seventh national conference for good city government, opened in this city today.

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Statistics will not tell the story of our city. We must speak of the number of meetings held, of the amount of literature issued, of the number of newspaper notices received, and yet come far short of expressing in any adequate sense the impression which our conferences, our publications, our literature have produced.

Mr. Woodruff cited a number of instances to show that this principle of securing recognition. In April last Mayor Jones of Toledo was elected because his candidacy represented the pre-eminence of municipal affairs, and in Chicago the re-election of Mayor Carter Harrison was secured by his participation in state and national politics.

Stewart Still Claims to Be Innocent. Pittsburgh, Nov. 15.—Charles E. Stewart, charged with the murder of a woman, was arrested here on Monday, was committed to jail today by Magistrate Motiery on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

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MOLINEUX TRIAL. Efforts to Secure a Jury Are Fruitless.

New York, Nov. 15.—The trial of Roland H. Molineux, charged with the death of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, was continued today. Efforts were directed toward securing a jury, but notwithstanding the fact that forty-six talesmen were examined, not one jurymen was chosen.

Of those who failed to qualify, seven objected to the death penalty, about the same number declared their unwillingness to convict on circumstantial evidence, half a score were unable to define the meaning of terms submitted by the counsel, five had an insufficient knowledge of the English language, and the others, except those peremptorily challenged, were excused on account of ill-health and old age.

Announcement Made by Secretary of the Treasury. Washington, Nov. 15.—The secretary of the treasury late today made the following announcement of his readiness to buy \$25,000,000 of the five per cent. United States bonds of 1904 and four of 1907 at the price at which they were offered on the New York stock market yesterday.

GOEBEL MEN YIELDING. Most of the Democratic Politicians in Kentucky Acknowledge Defeat. Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 15.—There were no new developments at the state capitol yesterday in the middle over the government. A majority of the Democratic politicians are inclined to give up the fight.

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Charters Granted. Harrisburg, Nov. 15.—These charters were granted at the state department today: School Sheldon Fertilizer company, of 1906, capital \$100,000; Mountain Springs Water company, of Riley, capital \$100,000; William Coffee company, of Pittsburgh, capital \$100,000; Montour and Greer Railway company, build a line through the settlement of the Powderly case, capital \$100,000.

Postal Deficiency. Washington, Nov. 15.—A postal deficiency of \$24,771 for the fiscal year just closed, almost a 25 per cent decrease from last year's deficiency, is shown in the annual report of Third Assistant Postmaster General E. G. Manter. The total receipts from all sources were over \$25,000,000.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING Weather Indications Today: FAIR; VARIABLE WINDS.

General—President McKinley's Address to Aguinaldo. Boers Close in on Ladysmith. Knights of Labor Meet at Boston. National Municipal League in Session.

Hamburg-American Steamer Patria Burned—Passengers Rescued by the Crew of the Russian Steamer Ceres.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Nov. 15.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern +; Pennsylvania—Fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—H. J. Fillman, division ticket agent of the United Railroad of New Jersey, died at his home in Bordentown, N. J., last night. He was 55 years of age and had been connected with the Pennsylvania for over thirty years.