

BOER FIRE IS KEPT UP

Heavy Bombardment at Ladysmith Monday.

SCENES AT THE FRONT

British Naval Guns Silent—First of the Reinforcements Arrive at Estcourt—Reconnaissance by Armored Trains—Boers Leave Colenso—Cut the Railroad—Believed to Be Endeavoring to Isolate Estcourt—Indian Coolies Sent from the Transvaal to General White. Kruger May Go to the Front.

Durban, Nov. 13.—A member of the Natal field force, who has succeeded in traversing the Boer lines with Ladysmith dispatches, has arrived at Pietermaritzburg and reports that a determined attack was made by the Boers on the British position which was quite prepared, and met the advance with such a heavy and well-directed fire that the Boers were driven off, leaving many dead.

It is also said that British and Boer patrols came in touch and exchanged shots near Pretre, south of Colenso. A special despatch from Pietermaritzburg says that an armored train, engaged in reconnoitering, was attacked by the Boers with the result that one British soldier was killed and fifteen were wounded.

Estcourt, Natal, Monday, Nov. 13 (Noon).—The West Yorkshire regiment has arrived here. The bombardment of Ladysmith has been resumed. Heavy firing was heard early this morning. An armored train was sent out on a reconnaissance toward Colenso.

The train, on its return, reported that the Boers have blown up the line between Colenso and Chiveley. Not much damage has been done, but the rails are bent and a small culvert has been destroyed. On seeing the British patrols the Boers retired.

Every day lessens the chances of the Boers coming further south. Kaffirs report that a force of 400 to 500 Boers, with wagons, is going in the direction of Colenso. That it is said, is the foraging party sighted previously. The Kaffirs also report that General White's cavalry has had an engagement with the Boers at Ester's Station. The result is not known.

A message from Ladysmith, just received, gives a few details of the occurrences of Wednesday, Nov. 8, when the Boers' shell fire was increased during the afternoon. It is asserted that the enemy appeared to aim deliberately at the convent, on the hill in the center of the town, where there were only the sisters and a few nuns.

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Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—Samuel Salter, a deputy coroner, of this city; Joseph G. Rodgers, lieutenant of the capitol police, Washington, D. C., and Clarence Rodgers, employed in the copyright division of the congressional library, were today held in \$1,800 bail for trial on the charge of conspiracy to make fraudulent election returns in this city.

On that occasion it was testified that a party of alleged repeaters, numbering about fourteen, had been brought to this city from Washington by Lieutenant Rodgers. Two of these, George Kirkland and W. H. Cook, impersonated election officers in the Thirteenth division of the Seventh ward and assisted in falsifying the returns and stuffing the ballot box while the others were employed as repeaters.

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PURSUING AGUINALDO.

Situation of the American Forces in Philippines.

Washington, Nov. 15.—General Otis today called the war department as follows regarding the situation of the American advance in pursuit of Aguinaldo: Manila, Nov. 16. During thirty-six hours 4 1/2 inches rain still raining north. Lawton's telegraph line not beyond San Jose; last despatch, evening 10th, reported capture many supplies, transportation, north and east of San Nicholas, and our troops moving from Humungan and Tuzig west on Urdaneta, where insurgent force was reported. Lawton has abundant supplies, subsistence, forage and transportation at San Isidro and Calumpit. Aguinaldo unable to move to, MacArthur has railroad between Bamban and Tarlac in operation; five miles; road south Bamban being reconstructed. Aguinaldo sends four battalions (and one troop cavalry forward to Gerocita today; advance from Alaga at Victoria, five miles north of East Tarlac.

Insurgents Demoralized. Manila, Nov. 16.—9:30 p. m.—Reports have been received here from General Young, dated Humungan, yesterday, Humungan is about thirty miles east of San Fabian. General Young is supposed to have advanced considerably further toward San Fabian.

The anti-Quay people will probably issue a statement after the meeting. Among those present at today's conference were Congressman Dalzell, Senator William Filin, Director of Public Safety J. O. Brown, Calvin Wells and Archibald MacKerell, all of Pittsburgh; State Senator David Martin, State Senator Henry C. C. Weller, Bedford; ex-State Senator C. C. Kaufmann of Lancaster; Representative Edmlston of Bradford, and State Senator H. C. Chisom of Huntington.

DINNER TO ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

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Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—Rear Admiral Schley was given a dinner tonight by the Clover club, prior to his departure as commander of the South Atlantic squadron for South African waters. Among other guests were Colonel Clark, formerly of the cruiser Oregon, who was with Schley in the great naval battle of Santiago, and General Fitzhugh Lee, who is now on a visit to this city.

SAMPSON SPEAKS IN BOSTON.

The Rear Admiral a Guest of Boat and Shoe Club.

Boston, Nov. 15.—Rear Admiral Sampson was one of the guests at the Boat and Shoe club's annual ladies' night at the Brunswick hotel last night. He said that of the 200 Spanish sailors killed at Santiago in the naval engagement, perhaps 2000 owed their death to the wooden fixtures in their ships, which caused the vessels to take fire so readily, and to the lack of care in handling their powder, which was conducive to exploding the magazines.

PASSENGER TRAIN COLLISION.

Five Persons Injured in a Wreck in Kentucky.

Louisville, Nov. 15.—A head-on collision between passenger trains occurred today at Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky., eight miles south of this city. Passenger train No. 41 on the L. & N. and St. L. bound for St. Louis, and the Illinois Central, north bound from New Orleans, came together in a dense fog. G. B. Shaw, a postal clerk, and W. H. Hines, baggagemaster, A. M. Owens, conductor, Chamberlain, an engineer, and Ridgeway, a fireman, were injured. Shaw will die.

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