

SHELLING LADYSMITH Vivid Account Given in Censored Dispatches from Boers.

PRISONERS OF PRETORIA

The Eighteenth Hussars and Dublin Fusiliers are Well Fed and Well Cared for—Troopship Arcana Arrives at Cape Town—British Troops Capture Guns and Ammunition at Coleburg.

Kimberley, Thursday, Nov. 9 (Evening), via Hope Town, Sunday, Nov. 12.—The Boers were kept busy yesterday in throwing up fresh fortworks. There has been no further bombardment. The Boer lines are practically closed. Thousands of the employees are now domiciled in the center of the town and are being provisioned by the mayor's relief fund. The military authorities have ordered all civilians to give up their arms and ammunition, with the exception of preventing irresponsible firing at the Boers, in contravention of the laws of civilized warfare.

Kaffirs report that the Boers cheered each shell as it was fired yesterday, believing that it meant the destruction of Kimberley. The Boers are now wearing Khaki uniforms and blue puttees, making it difficult to distinguish them from the British. London, Nov. 17.—The following censored dispatch from Pretoria gives details of the engagement referred to in the Associated Press despatch from Pretoria, of Wednesday, Nov. 15: "The Free Staters had taken up a position on a small hill when an English battery advanced and attacked them, sending a heavy hail of shells on the hill for an hour, when the Transvaal cannon put some shells right in the midst of the battery, sending the English to cover behind a hill. Two burghers were killed and six were wounded. When the British fell back on Ladysmith several shells exploded among them, but the execution done could not be seen. At midnight all the Afrikaander cannon on the hills surrounding the town opened fire simultaneously on Ladysmith, turning the quiet and darkness of night into a hell of inferno of whistling, shrieking shells speeding from all points of the compass to the doomed city. Several buildings on fire were seen from Butwan Hill. During the day the troops left the city deserted and sought on the edge of the hills to escape our death-dealing shells."

A Pretoria Version. The dispatch from Pretoria also says that the prisoners taken include the Eighteenth Hussars, four officers and ninety-one non-commissioned officers and men; the Dublin Fusiliers, four officers and twelve non-commissioned officers and men; the Irish Fusiliers, ten officers and 523 non-commissioned officers and men; the Gloucestershire, fourteen officers and 1,000 non-commissioned officers and men; the Rifles, two officers and eighty-nine non-commissioned officers and men; the Dragoons, one man; the Natal police, one man; political, sixty-two men; sick, thirty-eight men.

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London, Nov. 17.—The admiralty announced this evening the arrival at Cape Town today of the troopship Arcana with a battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Prince of Wales's Light Infantry, and the reinforcements up to 23,500, of which 7,200 have already disembarked at Durban, with eighteen field guns, a number of machine guns, engineers and hospital troops, as well as 700 mules.

London, Nov. 18, 5 a. m.—The absence of news of any serious movement against Ladysmith seems to show that the Boers are repeating the strategy adopted by them at Dundee, when they appeared in front and endeavored to effect a surrounding movement. This seems to be their object regarding Estcourt, and since it is not unlikely that a further retreating movement on Mool river will be made.

Major Wolfe Murray has returned to Pietermaritzburg to take command of the line of communications, and Colonel Long, of the Royal artillery, has taken command at Estcourt. The forces now at Pietermaritzburg are too weak to attempt to re-open communications. Artillery and cavalry especially are badly needed and it necessarily will take a very long time to obtain either, owing to the difficulty of entraining and the necessity of allowing the horse to rest after long sea voyages.

For the indiscriminate distribution of the various divisions at unexpected points it seems clear that the original plans of General Buller, have been wholly changed. Not the slightest word regarding the new plans have been allowed to escape. It has been reported that the Belmont fight arose owing to the advance of a British column to relieve Kimberley, but this is incorrect, all of the most reliable accounts representing the engagement as growing out of a reconnaissance.

INSANE FATHER'S AWFUL DEED

Plotted to Kill His Entire Family and Then Commit Suicide—He Kills Two of the Children and Himself—Terrible Spectacle. Chicago, Nov. 17.—Carrying out a plot he had apparently planned with deliberation, Cornelius Corcoran today shot four of his children, killing two of them, and then ended his own life. The tragedy occurred at his home, 501 Dearborn street.

MOLINEUX JURY.

Four of Them Are Selected in Four Days. New York, Nov. 17.—The trial of Roland B. Molineux was interrupted this afternoon by the sudden illness of one of the jurors, Daniel Fraad. He was assisted from the court and physicians found the patient suffering from acute indigestion. Recorder Goff declared Mr. Fraad's seat in the jury box vacant. Two more jurors were accepted this morning and they took their places in the jury box. After examining twelve names, the thirteenth, Daniel Fraad, manager of a window-cleaning company, was accepted as the third juror. His illness followed and he was excused.

SIX NEW WARSHIPS.

Contracts Will Be Awarded for Protected Cruisers. Washington, Nov. 17.—The board of naval construction today agreed upon a report recommending that the navy department award the contracts for constructing the six new protected cruisers authorized by congress to the following concerns: Union Iron works, of San Francisco; Lewis Nixon, of the Crescent ship-building works, Elizabethport, N. J.; the Bath Iron works, of Bath, Me.; the Trig company, of Richmond, Va.; the Fore River company, of Mass.; and the Fore River company, of Mass.; and the Fore River company, of Mass.

ANTON LUTZ COMPROMISED.

Millionaire Brewer Settled Breach of Promise Case Out of Court. Pittsburgh, Nov. 17.—The breach of promise case brought by Ruth DeLand, of Chicago, against Anton Lutz, the millionaire brewer of this city, in which the damages were placed at \$100,000, came to a sudden termination today, when the counsel for the plaintiff announced to the court that an amicable settlement had been reached.

Cincinnati Club's Tour.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 17.—The Cincinnati base ball club, left here tonight for a tour of the south, opening at Memphis tomorrow. It is their intention to visit Chicago before their return. The makeup of the team is: Hahn, Kahon, Bentley, McPhee, McCormick, Godinger, Lever, Latimer and Tannehill, with Frank Hancock as manager.

THE SENATE FOOD INVESTIGATION

TESTIMONY REGARDING IMPURE GROCERIES. Witnesses Find the Markets Flooded with Foods Adulterated Almost Beyond Reason—Plaster of Paris Mustard, Charcoal Pepper, Sawdust Flour Among the Things Calculated to Destroy Digestive Organs.

New York, Nov. 17.—The United States senate committee on manufactures today continued its investigation into the adulteration of food prepared for the market. Senator Mason, of Illinois, was the chief representative of the committee.

Dr. Edward H. Jenkins, an agricultural chemist, vice director of the Connecticut agricultural experimental station, told his work in analyzing the food offered for sale in the Connecticut markets. He declared that the general adulteration of food products has increased with the business competition and demand for cheap meats.

STOPPED THEIR GAME.

Sharks Who Expected to Cause a Panic Are Prevented. New York, Nov. 17.—Russell Sage is quoted today as saying to a newspaper interviewer that he did not believe he thought of the United States treasury to buy \$25,000,000 of bonds.

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING TRUSTS

MR. CARNEGIE'S TESTIMONY THE LAST TO BE TAKEN. Mr. Rice Gives Testimony as to Details in Organizing Trusts and Considers That Combinations Tend to Cheapen the Price of Commodities to Consumers—Plans to Perfect Organization.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Signs of Shrinkage in the Demand for Iron and Steel Products Becomes More Clear. New York, Nov. 17.—R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review of Trade will say tomorrow.

FRANKLIN FIELD GAME.

Pennsylvania Defeats State College Score of 47 to 0. Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—Pennsylvania had no trouble in defeating the Pennsylvania college team on Franklin field today. The game being Pennsylvania, 47; State college, 0.

THEY WANT THE ISLAND.

Members of the Cuban League Make Demands. Havana, Nov. 17.—At a meeting of the Havana council of the delegates of the Cuban league and the national party tonight, a resolution was adopted declaring that the United States have recognized the right of Cuba to be free, Cubans might expect therefore the United States to deliver the island to an independent government.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today: PARTLY CLOUDY; WARMER. 1 General—Filipinos Preparing for an Attack. Bombardment of Ladysmith Continues. Investigating the Trusts. Senate Flood Investigation. 2 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Finance and Commercial. 3 Local—Martin's Paper on Palmistry. 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local—Social and Personal. 6 Local—Court Proceedings. Better Postal Service. 7 Local—Local Political Matters. Plate Factory Seems a Certainty. 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the County. 10 Local—Religious News of the Week. Sunday-school Lesson for Tomorrow. 11 Story—"Colonel Drury." 12 Local—Live Industrial News.

KENTUCKY MUDDLE.

Goebel's Lawyers Propose to Throw Out the Entire Vote of Jefferson County—Bradley's Position. Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 17.—The proposition today from Goebel's lawyers to throw out the entire vote of Jefferson county, which includes Louisville, was not wholly unlooked for by the Republican leaders here. It is now said Senator DeBoe's visit here last night was for the purpose of ascertaining definitely to what extent Governor Bradley will support Taylor in the event that Goebel is given the certificate of election, based on this proceeding. Senator De Boe and Governor Bradley are not on speaking terms and a third party acted as a "go between."

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POLITICS LEAD TO MURDER.

Middlesboro, Ky., Nov. 17.—John M. Tate, former representative of Lee county, Virginia, was shot and killed today by Deputy Sheriff Evan Bledsoe, of the same county. Tate was a leading Democratic politician, and Bledsoe, a leader among the Republicans. Trouble over politics led to the killing.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

New York, Nov. 17.—Died at Freeport Dunlap Sprout, D. D., died at Freeport, N. Y., today of cerebral paralysis. He was born in Allegheny, Pa., sixty-three years ago.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Forecast for the Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy with warmer Saturday. Sunday, fair and cooler; fresh southerly winds.

THE FILIPINOS ARE MASSING

May Give Battle to the Americans Near Tarlac. Manila, Nov. 17.—General MacArthur's and General Lawton's commands are near each other. General MacArthur is getting supplies to Tarlac on the railroad from Bamban with an engine which was freed from the river by the Ninth Infantry.

THE LAST STAND, PERHAPS

Two Thousand Insurgents Are Concentrating at Gerona—General Mascardo Menacing the Country Near Angeles—Lawton and MacArthur Near Each Other—Letter from American Prisoners Found. Heavy Rains Impede Operations.

SHIP ENOUNTERS HEAVY WEATHER AND COAL IS CONSUMED.

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—The American line steamship Rhyndland, from Liverpool, with seventy cabin passengers and 131 in the steerage, arrived here today, being four days overdue. The ship encountered heavy weather, but suffered no damage.

SCIENTISTS FIGHT.

They Object to Compulsory Vaccination. American, Ga., Nov. 17.—The cases of the Christian Scientists who refused to be vaccinated were settled today, as far as the mayor's court can settle them, by the sentencing of E. J. McMath to imprisonment at the city hall for thirty days and a fine of \$15. Five ladies of the congregation were sentenced to fifteen days' confinement also, the place to be designated by the chief of police, and to pay a fine of \$5 each.

EARTHQUAKE AT SANTIAGO.

Houses Damaged and Natives Badly Frightened. Santiago de Cuba, Nov. 17.—This morning at 9:15 o'clock an earthquake shock was felt here, lasting nearly half a minute. Several houses in the city were badly damaged, and the front of the marine hospital office fell, blocking the street.

WILL ESTABLISH CHURCHES.

Missionary Committee of Methodists Will Organize in Porto Rico. Washington, Nov. 17.—The general committee on missionary work in the Methodist church today decided after considerable discussion to organize two churches in Porto Rico, one at Fonce and one at San Juan.

ZULUS BECOME INSOLENT.

London, Nov. 17.—Advice from Zululand testify to the growing insolence of British residents, whose stores are looted by the Boers, with the result that the Zulus themselves are growing insolent, and to say the least that they are not at all the unarmable British population.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Pensions: Original, Conrad Buntry, Simon, Wayne, \$3.