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LOOK FOR LONG SIEGE.

English Are Forced to Admit
Boers Can Fight.

Bad News From the Cape—Whole Country Pictured as Being in Revolt—Native Dutch Tear Down and Trample On Proclamation Issued By General Sir Redvers Buller.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The week opens without a word of news such as the British public is so anxiously awaiting. With a larger army in the field than the country ever before mobilized, it can only be said that the loss of 3,500 men, entailed before the enemy's borders have been crossed, is a serious matter, and while there is no feeling of despondency as to the eventual result of the war, it is regretfully admitted on all sides that the strength of the Boer resistance has been woefully underrated.

It is now seen that the attempt to hold a useless position at Mafeking was a serious tactical mistake, as was also the endeavor to keep the large civil population in Kimberley.

Perhaps the brightest spot for English readers today is the announcement that President McKinley has designated the son of Secretary Hay to succeed Mr. Macrum in Pretoria. The Daily Telegraph says:

"This appointment is a graceful concession on the part of the United States government to British feeling. Our countrymen's interests will be safe in the hands of the new consul."

News Six Days Old.

South African news is now six days in arrears. The censorship does not permit details of the Modder river battle to be transmitted. Some vague statements have been published in the Capetown papers, and according to those the Boers numbered 8,000 men and were entrenched on both banks of the stream, although mostly on the northern bank. The British, according to the papers, drove the enemy across the river, compelling them to retreat and established themselves on both banks. These details, however, are too meagre to enable an accurate idea of the engagement to be formed.

A dispatch has reached London announcing that Lord Methuen is again in the field, and it is also said that Count Gleichen, who was wounded in the fighting at Modder river, was struck by a bullet in the neck.

Serious news comes from the northern sections of Cape Colony. The whole border district between Colesburg and Burgersdorp has declared for the Boers. In Venterstad alone more than 2,000 have joined the rebellion. The farmers have formed a commanding committee and talk confidently of a triumphant march on Capetown. General Buller's proclamation has been torn down and trampled upon, and the loyalists are bidden to hurry to Capetown to prepare coffee for the rebels.

With regard to Natal it is still doubtful whether the bridge over the Tagela at Colenso has been destroyed. There is a report that the British drove the Boers off while attempting to destroy it, but the probability is that the structure was mined and fired afterwards.

According to a dispatch from Pitters' Kraal, dated Tuesday, November 28, the Boers were then attempting turning movements from Steynsburg and the district north of Storkstrom in co-operation with the rebels, by way of Maraisburg and Tarkastad, against General Gatacre's column.

The wreck of the troopship Ismore resulted in the loss of 350 horses.

NAMED FOR MRS. THURSTON

Fund Started For Cuban Orphan's Home Named After Senator's First Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A movement for the raising of funds for a memorial orphan asylum for Cuban children which shall bear the name of Mrs. Thurston, the first wife of Senator John M. Thurston, and who died during a visit she made to Cuba, was started tonight in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Thurston Memorial association. The name of the proposed home is to be "The Thurston Home of Orphans and Homeless Children in Cuba," and General Vandervoort of Nebraska, one of the managers of the Cuban Mail Steamship company, has offered a tract of ground for the institution.

General Vandervoort and Mrs. G. E. Andrews of Echo Lake, N. J., were the speakers at the meeting tonight. General Vandervoort told of the large number of orphans in Cuba and of the need of some institution to care for them. The home is to be an industrial school, he said, as well as a mission. It is especially fitting, he thought, that this work be started as a memorial to Mrs. Thurston, whose death, her friends believed, was caused by a broken heart, the result of her visit to Cuba and seeing with her own eyes the conditions there.

The collection tonight was devoted to the fund and contribution slips were handed around on which a large number of members of the church pledged themselves to large amounts.

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THE CANVASS OF COUNTIES.

Election Commissioners Begin Final Act in the Goebel Taylor Controversy.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 4.—Fifty-one counties were canvassed by the Kentucky State Board of Election Commissioners today out of a total of 119 in the state. Of these fifty-one counties five were passed over to be considered immediately on conclusion of the work of the canvassing board.

The counties canvassed give Goebel a total vote of 74,164 and Taylor, 68,578. The counties passed over are Christian, Fleming, Green, Harlan and Harrison. The board met at 11:30 o'clock in the office of Secretary of State Finley, all three members, former Justice Pryor of the state supreme court, W. T. Ellis and C. B. Poyntz, having been present. No time was wasted and immediately the board got down to business.

It will probably take the board the greater part of tomorrow to canvass the return of the remaining counties, and it will then resolve itself into a contesting board, adjourn to the large hall in which the legislature meets, and for a time vocal fireworks will be in order. The real work that will count for the election of Goebel or Taylor will begin then, and every inch will be fought fiercely by both sides.

The city was very quiet today. A large number of men, most of them republicans, came in from outlying counties, and one enthusiast came in uniform without having been ordered to do so. Among the arrivals were Lieutenant Sparks and Scoville of the Laurel county militia, but they did not come on orders. They came, according to Adjutant General Collier, as private citizens, to see what was going on. There was not a semblance of a row of any kind during the day. Mayor Dehoney swore in sixty extra policemen, but they were as much on account of the crowds drawn by court day and the opening of the congressional campaign.

Telephone Consolidations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The arrangement announced in Boston by which the American Bell Telephone company transfers its assets to the American Telephone and Telegraph company will make New York instead of Boston the center of the vast Bell telephone system. The purpose, so far as can be learned, is to bring about a more complete centralization of control and a closer connection between the long distance and local lines operated under rights obtained from the Bell company. As far as can be ascertained no important individual interest will be affected by the transfer.

The American Bell Telephone company of Boston, which is the parent company of the Bell interests, has no wires or system of its own. It is the owner of the Bell patents and has issued the licenses to all the companies operating under them.

Send the NEWS to your friends.

LEADER IN TIGHT PLACE

Young Hopes to Find Aguinaldo in Mountain Pass.

Inhabitants of Santa Cruz and Other Towns Say Aguinaldo and His Entire Refugee Army Have Gone Into the Mountains—General Young Shows Letters From Lieutenant Gilmore.

MANILA, Dec. 4.—11 p. m.—An Associated Press dispatch from Dagupan, containing advices later than those from Santa Cruz, says that General Young hopes to find Aguinaldo in Benguet mountain pass and to capture him there. Both entrances to Benguet are fortified. Two troops of the Third cavalry will reinforce General Young in the pass.

Colonel Hood, while reconnoitering near San Miguel, drove a force of insurgents from Idefonso, killing several. Five Americans were slightly wounded.

MANILA, Dec. 4.—7:30 p. m.—An Associated Press dispatch from Santa Cruz, province of South Ilocos, forwarded by courier to San Fabian, says that General Young, with three troops of the Third cavalry, and Major Peyton C. March's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry arrived at Santa Cruz today. The Americans left Hamapan, province of Union, this morning, expecting to have a hard fight at Tagudin, in South Ilocos province, but they found on arriving there that 600 rebels under General Tino had evacuated thirty-six hours before, deserting an almost impregnable position.

The insurgents had been entrenched at Tagudin on the north side of the river, where 100 well disciplined troops could have slaughtered a whole brigade crossing the river with the men up to the armpits in water.

The residents of Tagudin received the Americans outside the town with a brass band. They had been robbed of almost everything by the insurgents and were glad to welcome friendly and protecting troops.

A similar reception awaited General Young at Santa Cruz. Prominent citizens, headed by a band, escorted the American officers to houses, where rest and refreshment were offered.

General Young's command was almost without food. The men had been living on the country, which affords but little, and the horses are completely worn out, most of them without shoes.

The inhabitants of Santa Cruz and of other towns through which the Americans passed say Aguinaldo and his entire refugee army have gone into the mountains eastward since the Oregon, Samar and Callao made the attack on Viguan and landed a force there.

In several towns General Young was shown letters written by Lieutenant Gilmore, showing that he had been critically treated by the citizens and had

been entertained by them when he passed through last May.

Reports indicate that all the American prisoners, some twenty-five or thirty, were at one time in Benguet province, but it is supposed now that they have been removed into Lapanto province.

General Young's desire is to pursue the rebels into the mountains. There is no communication between his small command and the army of the other American columns, except indirectly, perhaps, by sighting and signaling United States gunboats bound to or from Manila.

Captain Rumbold, with thirty-five men of Company G, Thirty-second infantry, while escorting the signal corps laying the wire from Porac to Florida Blanca, charged and routed seventy insurgents, killing a captain and several privates. The Americans found on the captain the sword and revolver that were taken from the body of Naval Cadet Welborn C. Wood, who was killed by the insurgents while in command of the gunboat Urdaneta when it was captured in the Orani river.

Note From Lieutenant Gilmore.

The Spanish secretary, Senor Benquete, has arrived here with a note from Lieutenant Gilmore to his sister, Mrs. Major Price. He says he has been ill, but is now in fairly good health. The Spaniards befriended him and gave him money and clothes.

CONDENSED WIRE NEWS.

Four steamers, from Santos, Brazil, with coffee, are detained at Quarantine, N. Y., having come from a bubonic plague port.

Private L. D. Merritt, Third artillery, committed suicide at San Francisco by shooting. He enlisted last April at Indianapolis.

A national convention of the liberal party of Mexico has been called to assemble at Mexico City February 10 to nominate a candidate for president.

Arthur Gardiner, Earl Kiser and Tom Cooper, the bicyclists, will go to Paris next year. Prizes offered by the exposition company will amount to \$55,000.

Joseph Brown, ex-mayor of St. Louis, died there of a complication of diseases, aged sixty-six years. He was well known in spiritualistic circles throughout the country.

Sunday the family of Willis Fox of Mitchell, Ind., was poisoned by eating hologna sausage. One child is dead and other members of the family are in a critical condition.

Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, sails from New York Wednesday for a three months' trip to South Africa. He will spend a portion of the time in the Transvaal.

The Turnverein is preparing a great Christmas entertainment, which will be given during two evenings, Dec. 23 and 25, at the Turner hall. Splendid program in prospect. Details later. Watch for them.

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Jewelry for Buddha's Tooth.

The solitary tooth of Buddha is to be contained in what will probably be the most valuable coffer in the world. A Shan chieftain recently sent to Moumein in Burmah, an emerald worth, it is declared, two lakhs of rupees, in order that the Burmese Buddhists might include it among the jewels which they are going to send to Ceylon in order to adorn the tooth-holding coffer. Jewelry worth 50,000 rupees had been already received from Rangoon and Mandalay, and the Moumein Buddhists have themselves secured jewelry to the value of 85,000 rupees. Thus the total value of the jewelry adorning the coffer will be about three and a half lakhs (\$170,000).

There is a Class of People

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