

THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS.

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MAKING IN DANGER.

Now Menaced by Four Thousand Boers.

ONLY SIX HUNDRED TO DEFEND IT.

Word Received That Boers Have Attacked and Captured a Natal Train—Conflicting Rumors Place Exact State of Affairs in Doubt.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Intense excitement prevails in expectation of an immediate aggressive move by the Boers. Much anxiety is felt at the war office concerning the British position at Mafeking, a frontier station on the Bechuanaland border, whence the Jameson raid started. Its defense is committed to a force of 600 men, specially raised, and commanded by Colonel Baden-Powell. This corps is menaced by 4,000 Boers under Commandant Cronje, who defeated Jameson at Krugersdorp.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, declares that war has been begun by the Boers in Natal. The correspondent says: "Free State burghers have seized a train at Harrismith, which was the property of the Natal government. Last night a mounted patrol was stoned by Boers. The men's orders were not to fire until they were fired on."

A dispatch from Glencoe camp, dated Wednesday noon, says the Boers are reported to be beyond the president's control and hostilities are expected at any moment.

A dispatch to The Times from Sand-spruit, dated Wednesday, reports that parades were held there in honor of the anniversary of President Kruger's birth. The correspondent says: "The Boers are pleased with the heavy rain fall, which will improve the grass. By General Joubert's kindness I have been in the Boer camp four days. Nothing noteworthy has occurred. General Joubert's headquarters and the artillery camp are about 10 miles from the border. He carefully patrols the frontier, but forbids large armed bodies to cross the border or to show themselves near the border."

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Great preparations are being made at Southampton for the departure Saturday of General Sir Redvers Buller. It is announced that the fleet of transports conveying Sir Redvers Buller's corps will be escorted by warships, while further dispatch boats and gunboats will be sent to South Africa waters.

The outbreak of war has sent up the price of English wheat and on various country markets the farmers have refused to sell wheat under 30 shillings per quarter, in some cases even holding out for a still higher price.

A flood of oratory on the Transvaal situation burst out last night. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury; Sir Herbert Asquith and others spoke in various parts of the country.

Honor of Assassination.

CAFE TOWN, Oct. 12.—A dispatch from Sand-spruit, dated Oct. 10, says a council of war has been held and developments are expected on Thursday. No further council will be held, as all plans are matured. The dragging of the enormous siege gun, which has been placed on the Free State-Natal border to aid Wakerstrom, up to the point where it is to be placed is a splendid piece of work. Four teams of oxen failed to move the gun, whereupon a body of men built a road and dragged the gun up the declivity in six hours. It is rumored that Conyngham Greene, the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, has been assassinated there. The report however, is unconfirmed and is discredited at the colonial office.

Butte Sliding Down Hill.

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 12.—The startling fact has become evident that for several weeks a large portion of the city of Butte has been sliding down hill. The evidence of it is seen on a number of large buildings and residences including the county court house and the residence of United States Senator W. A. Clark, which have been cracked and fissured. Geologists express the opinion that the buildings damaged are located on a seam of rock or earth along which a cleavage is taking place.

Women's Clubs at York.

YORK, Neb., Oct. 12.—York's new auditorium was filled yesterday with members of Woman's Federation of Clubs and visitors. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Carscadden of York. The response was by Anna Apperson of Tecumseh. The president's address, by Mrs. S. C. Langworthy of Seward, traced the growth of the federation and its work. Mrs. Sackett of Weeping Water reported 75 clubs. A gift of 5 cents to be paid by each woman was voted.

No Alaska Settlement Yet.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Sir Louis Davies, Canadian minister of fisheries, will confer again today regarding the Alaskan question with Mr. Chamberlain. Sir Louis informed the Associated Press that the temporary line, upon which it is expected an agreement will be reached, will be a mere tentative measure, for the purpose of preventing local friction, while the negotiations on the main question are in progress.

Fort Meade Troops at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Oct. 12.—Troop H of Fort Meade has reached here on the annual practice march and will be drilled in various maneuvers here for four days before proceeding.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES.

Opening Session at Des Moines Devoted to Address on Municipal Ownership. DES MOINES, Oct. 12.—The League of Iowa Municipalities began its annual session here yesterday. The opening session was devoted to addresses on various phases of the municipal ownership question, addresses being made by Mayor John MacVicar of Des Moines, Mayor John H. Redmond of Cedar Rapids and President George A. Gages of Iowa college, Grinnell.

Twelve bills will be presented to the legislature this winter with the recommendation of the league simplifying and bettering existing municipal laws and conditions. These relate to paid fire departments; bridge levies in cities of 7,000 or over; loaning waterworks funds, abolishing separate treasurers for park and public works buildings, prohibiting levying of tax in cities for country roads; relating to sidewalks; prohibiting licensing of clairvoyants, palmists, mind readers, fortune tellers and other fakirs; regulation of city railroads, etc. The convention is largely attended.

Red Men Elect Officers.

DES MOINES, Oct. 12.—The Grand Council of Iowa Red Men elected officers for the year as follows: Great sachem, C. P. Orent, Maquoketa; great senior sagamore, William Knott, Farmington; great junior sagamore, F. A. Day, Des Moines; great keeper of wampum, F. E. Lambkin, Fort Dodge; great keeper of records, Fred Nave, Davenport; great prophet, J. T. Smith, Burlington. Next year's meeting will be held at Des Moines.

Edwards Appointed Receiver.

DES MOINES, Oct. 12.—A. K. Edwards of Waterloo was, on motion of the attorney general, appointed receiver of the Equitable Mutual Life association of that city and has taken possession. Three other companies recently consolidated with the Equitable are affected by the action. They are: St. Stephen's Brotherhood, \$108,000 insurance in force; Canton Masonic, \$992,000 insurance in force; Iowa Masonic Benevolent, \$1,408,000 insurance in force.

Inquest for a Scientist Case.

CLINTON, Ill., Oct. 12.—Frank Koepf, aged 16, died here after a month's illness, with what was supposed to be typhoid fever. Young Koepf was treated by Christian Scientists and Dr. C. F. Kellogg, city health physician, has issued an order to the city clerk not to issue a burial certificate until there has been an investigation by a regular physician.

Iowa Assembly Candidates.

DES MOINES, Oct. 12.—The filing of nominations for members of the legislature shows there will be five tickets in the field in Iowa, including the Republican, Democratic, People's Party, Prohibition and Socialist Labor. The last party made nominations in only two counties, Scott and Clinton.

Boers to Occupy Newcastle.

DURBAN, Oct. 12.—Authentic information from Ladysmith confirms the report that it is the intention of the Boers to occupy Newcastle immediately.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The synod of Wisconsin by a decisive vote rejected the proposition to combine the Wisconsin college with the Lake Forest university.

D. C. O'Malley and Harrison Parker, who were wounded Thursday in a street duel at New Orleans, are declared to have a chance of life.

Tuberculosis and Texas fever in cattle was discussed at the third annual convention of the interstate live stock sanitary board at Chicago Wednesday.

At Cincinnati, Edgar Robinson, lieutenant of police, was killed by Alfred Reynolds, a bartender, Wednesday night as the result of a quarrel over a drink.

The Woman's National Industrial league Wednesday took the initial steps to raise a fund with which to purchase a home in Washington for Admiral Schley.

Miss Vesta R. Lindblom, daughter of Robert B. Lindblom, was married at Chicago Wednesday night to Lieutenant Pauli of the Skarouska dragons, Sweden.

The Mobile line steamer Flordia arrived at Santiago Wednesday with her first officer and chief engineer ill with yellow fever, which they had contracted at Havana.

James K. Stratton, the noted mail-box robber and forger, has escaped from the penitentiary at Canon City, Colo., where he was serving a sentence of 21 years imprisonment.

Judge Basil Laplace, a prominent plauter and a member of the Louisiana state senate, was killed on his plantation, near New Orleans, by a masked mob Wednesday night.

Dispatches from Racine and Kenosha, Wis., say what is thought to have been an earthquake was felt in those places Wednesday night. In many houses dishes and furniture was shaken.

General John A. McClelland is again in a serious condition at Springfield, Ills. He is nearly 90 years old and for that reason there is much apprehension of the result of the present illness.

C. K. G. Billings, the Chicago millionaire, owner of Bumps, 2903, has bought from R. W. Harris for \$7,000 the sensational race mare Lucille to drive on the New York speedway this winter.

Texas is at present having no little trouble with labor organizations and capital. So serious is the situation growing in some sections that the state officials have had to take cognizance of the situation and place the rangers in charge.

The electrical workers who are in the employ of the consolidated street car and electric light interests of San Antonio joined the striking street car employes Wednesday. Not a street car has been moved in San Antonio since Saturday night.

WELCOME TO KANSANS

Hearty Reception Accorded Them at San Francisco.

CHEER SUNFLOWER SOLDIERS.

March to the Presidio an Exciting One for the Volunteers—General Funston Declares Himself on Subject of Expansion, Saying He is Not Opposed to It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The Twentieth Kansas and the 400 discharged soldiers who arrived here on the transport Tartar were landed yesterday.

The march to the Presidio reservation was an exciting one for the soldiers. The welcome they received was second only to that accorded the home troops on their return. Both sides of Market street and the other streets through which the soldiers passed were thronged with excited people, all anxious to do them homage. Cheers upon cheers passed up and down the lines of people. Cannon were fired at intervals, bells changed and whistles and steam whistles added their respective noises to the occasion.

The throngs surged around General Funston and he had great difficulty making progress through the crowds. Cheer after cheer greeted him, but his only acknowledgment was a military salute and an occasional doffing of his cap. A great break in the parade occurred here, and an admiring mass of people filled the interval. The crowds simply would not let the soldiers pass in peace. Breaks occurred every few minutes. Relatives and friends broke into the ranks and marched with the soldiers, some smiling and laughing and others crying, but all happy and glad. The regimental colors, little the worse for wear, in spite of the arduous campaign through which they had passed, called forth a tremendous burst of applause whenever they were sighted. Taking it all in all, the soldiers looked to be in fair health, but of course there were some who showed the effects of the severe ordeal through which they have passed.

The parade was reviewed on Van Ness avenue by General Shafter and Governor Stanley.

General Funston in an interview yesterday said: "I have only this to say of the campaign in the Philippines, everything is being done that could be to carry the war to an early and successful conclusion. The report that I am an anti-expansionist is ridiculous and not worthy of serious consideration. I never intimated such a thing. The people must stop to consider when they are passing judgment that there are countless conditions to be constantly combated and overcome there before headway can be made. I fear the exact difficulties of the situation are not fully understood. Some mistakes may have been made, but the campaign has been conducted in a most able and conscientious manner and every man has done his best. No grave errors have occurred, but it is always easy to look back and comment upon what has been done, even though that might have been accomplished under trying circumstances."

Nebraska Knights of Pythias.

LINCOLN, Oct. 12.—The 32d annual convocation of the Nebraska grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias closed here with the election of the following officers: John H. Bexten, Omaha, grand chancellor; R. J. Sloan, Geneva, vice chancellor; Joseph Nickolls, Madison, prelate; John B. Wright, Lincoln, master of the exchequer; Will H. Love, Lincoln, keeper of records and seals; George Wolze, Fremont, master of ceremonies; Peter Campbell, Weston, inner guard; Robert Lynn, Wausa, outer guard; Richard O'Neill, Lincoln, supreme representative; David Rees, Norfolk, grand trustee. The next annual meeting of the grand lodge will be held in this city.

Volunteer Killed by a Train.

FORT CROOK, Neb., Oct. 12.—A Thirty-ninth volunteer infantry soldier was run over and killed by a Missouri Pacific train last evening. The engineer of the train, a southbound through freight, saw the body lying across the track, but could not stop his train before it had dragged the body some distance and ground the head and shoulders beyond recognition.

Battle Due in Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The navy department yesterday received a dispatch from Commander Hempliff of the Detroit at Puerto Cabello, which confirmed the report that all hope of an understanding between the government and the insurgents in Venezuela had been abandoned and that a decisive battle might be expected at almost any time.

Nebraska Synod Meets at Wayne.

WAYNE, Neb., Oct. 12.—The Nebraska synod of the Presbyterian church is holding its annual session in the handsome Presbyterian church building in this city and about 100 ministers are in attendance. Rev. A. W. Holsby and Rev. John Dixon of New York among the number.

JESTER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Defense Creates a Sensation by Admitting the Identity of the Prisoner.

PARIS, Mo., Oct. 12.—The case of Alexander Jester, charged with the murder of Gilbert Gates in 1871, was called here yesterday. After Prosecuting Attorney Rhodes had stated that the state was ready for trial, Attorney Patrick Cullen, counsel for Jester, created a sensation by saying: "The defense, in order to expedite business and dispel useless theories, desires to answer that it is ready for trial and to state that the prisoner at the bar is Alexander Jester, the same Alexander Jester who passed through Monroe county in 1871 and who was indicted in that year on the charge of murdering Gilbert Gates. We also plead not guilty."

Up to this time the defense has denied the prisoner's identity. A. A. Gates, father of Jester's alleged victim, was the only witness introduced by the prosecution. He was still on the stand at noon.

POPULIST REGENTS WIN.

Appellate Court Holds That Governor Stanley Illegally Removed Them.

COSCOGIO, Kan., Oct. 12.—The appellate court yesterday handed down an opinion in the case of Lambucker against McDowell and Hoffman against Yoe as regents of the state agricultural college, holding that Governor Stanley illegally removed Lambucker and Hoffman from office as regents and a writ of mandamus was issued against Yoe and McDowell, the present regents and an order reinstating Lambucker and Hoffman. Governor Stanley removed the Populist regents soon after his inauguration and this action was followed by the dismissal of the Populist members of the faculty and the installation of Republican teachers.

FAVOR A SHIP CANAL.

Congress Will Be Urged to Take Up the Deep Waterway Project.

PEORIA, Oct. 12.—Congress will be petitioned this winter to consider the deep waterway or ship canal project. The deep waterway convention, which closed at noon, passed strong resolutions favoring the ship canal enterprise, and a committee of prominent workers in the state was named to take the matter in charge. In a few weeks they expect to outline the plan of campaign. They hope to have liberal support of many leading men in congress. Senator Cullom, in his speech before the convention, pledged his hearty support to the work.

Little Prospect of Yacht Race.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The outlook for a race between Shamrock and Columbia today is none of the best. Even the hitherto optimistic weather bureau did not promise a breeze. The revised agreement calls for a start every week day from this on, so there is a possibility of the fate of the cup being decided this week.

Conductor Killed in Iowa.

FORT DODGE, Oct. 12.—The regular local eastbound freight train on the Illinois Central road out of Cherokee was wrecked on the Storm Lake hill shortly after noon yesterday. Conductor Charles A. Densmore was killed.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The campaign against the Maya Indians, in revolt in Yucatan, will be energetically pushed.

The British government has chartered five more large steamers for the South African service.

Two Frenchmen, Etienne Comroun and Edupin, have been murdered by the Indians in the state of Morelos, Mexico.

The seamen's strike of Liverpool, which began some time ago, but never attained serious dimensions, has entirely collapsed.

Dr. McAdams of the marine hospital service is critically ill at Key West, and his attending physicians have little hope of his recovery.

The war department has issued orders to the Forty-fifth regiment at Fort Snelling, Minn., to start for San Francisco Oct. 22, to embark there for the Philippines.

At Wednesday's session of the Evangelical association at St. Paul, Bishop Breyfogel's plan of church extension was adopted unanimously after a spirited debate.

Sheriff Edgar of Ouray, Colo., Wednesday received a telegram from Deputy Sheriff George Kinchen, announcing that he had killed John Carter, alias Kid Adams, one of the outlaws who held up the Snediffs stage.

Count Egloffstein, a prominent member of the Club der Harmlosen, the trial of certain members of which, on charges of gambling, was begun on Oct. 3, is sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for cheating at cards.

In November the rate on export corn from Chicago to New York will be raised to 18 cents per hundred pounds, and on domestic corn 20 cents. On all other articles of grain or grain products the export rate will be 20 cents and the domestic rate 23 cents.

Governor Smith of Montana has received a letter of inquiry from Secretary Hay concerning the vagabond Creek Indians, who now overrun that state, which leads him to believe the government contemplates sending the Indians back to Canada, where they belong.

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