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DURBAN IS PREPARING

Proximity of Boers Causes Capital to Arrange Defenses.

SITUATION IN NATAL ALARMING.

General Joubert's Forces Closing In on Pietermaritzburg—Boers Open Fire on the British Camp at Mool River—Estcourt is Still Isolated.

DURBAN, Nov. 23.—Owing to the proximity of the Boers to Pietermaritzburg, it has been necessary to alter the defenses of Durban. Estcourt is still silent. All accounts point conclusively to a determined rush of the Boers toward Pietermaritzburg with a very large force. Seven thousand men with guns are reported 25 miles from Howick. They are said to be under the personal command of General Joubert. Yesterday's engagement at the Mool river found the British almost entirely on the defensive. A correspondent of the Natal Advertiser said a Boer shell fell within a few yards of the detachment of their infantry and that the shells did little or no damage and the firing continued for half an hour at intervals of from three to five minutes. According to this account the British troops prepared with the utmost promptitude and advanced under cover wherever possible. There was but little firing, the correspondent said, but the enemy possessed at least one howitzer with a range of five miles and several six pounders.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Although it is known that the situation in Natal is becoming alarming, nothing can be learned to allay public anxiety or the curiosity felt regarding the disposition of the reinforcements recently landed at Durban. The war office dispatches are confined to a mere recital of a few casualties at Mool river, which confirms the reports of skirmishes there, but give no details as to how the engagements happened. The special correspondents are only permitted to describe Major General Barton's camp at Mool river vaguely as "large" or "ample."

One correspondent says that 7,000 Boers are within 25 miles of Howick Falls, near Pietermaritzburg, and that the inhabitants are fleeing to the capital. Evidently a considerable force of the enemy is now within 30 or 40 miles of Pietermaritzburg, but it is officially announced from there that no anxiety prevails, the garrison numbering 1,000 men, with six guns. General Joubert's plan apparently is a daring attempt to defeat the British relieving column from Durban in detail while still attempting the reduction of Ladysmith. A serious attack on Mool river camp is now hourly expected, with the object of destroying the bridge at Weston. Should this be accomplished the Boers would be free to turn their attention to Estcourt, while, if it failed, the enemy would retire again on Weenen and rejoin the investing forces around Ladysmith.

All Quiet at Rio Grande City
AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 23.—There are no new developments in the race trouble at Rio Grande City between the federal negro soldiers and the population of that town. Governor Sayres received a telegram from the sheriff at Rio Grande City stating that everything was quiet there and he thought they would remain so. Secretary of War Root telegraphed that he had sent experienced officers to the scene of the trouble to make investigation and pending their report he hoped the people would remain quiet. The population of Rio Grande City is largely Mexican and bad blood has existed between them and the negro soldiers for some time.

Trouble Among Sulu Islanders.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Latest mail advices from Manila indicate the existence of serious trouble among the Sulu islanders, growing out of the killing by some of the followers of the sultan of nine adherents of Dato Jakanine, the most powerful sub-chief of the archipelago. The men were killed by the sultan's soldiers because they resisted the attempt of the latter to seize some fish they had caught. The chief has sworn to be avenged and declares that he will commence war upon the sultan. From the nature of the Moros, the residents of Jolo express the fear that the war cannot be prevented.

Rescue Crew of Sinking Steamer.
BALTIMORE, Nov. 23.—The Donaldson line steamship Lokania, Captain McNeill, arrived at this port yesterday with the crew of the British steamship Manchester Enterprise, which foundered Nov. 15, 480 miles southeast of Cape Race. The rescued number 53, of whom nine are gentlemen returning from Liverpool. The Manchester Enterprise sprung a leak during a severe gale on Nov. 13.

Ship Goods to Hong Kong.
KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 23.—The Kearney cotton mills are consigning their goods direct to the Chinese empire. A carload of brown sheeting was recently billed from Kearney to Hong Kong and an order has just been received from Shanghai, China, for one quarter million yards. The manager, Charles Brown, says the quality of goods ordered is the very best.

McCoy a Physical Wreck.
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A report comes from White Plains that Kid McCoy, who has been training at William Muldoon's farm for the match with Peter Maher, has collapsed physically and will probably never be able to enter the ring again. It is said his nervous system is almost a complete wreck.

PURSUING AGUINALDO.

Filipino Leader is Striking For the Mountain Region.

MANILA, Nov. 23.—General Young reports that Aguinaldo with a party of 200, including some women and a few carts, passed Aringay, on the coast between San Fabian and San Fernando, in the province of Union, on Friday, Nov. 17. The general adds that Aguinaldo probably intended to strike inland through the Binqua mountains toward Bayombong, in the province of Nueva Viscaya.

General Young, with cavalry and Macabebes, is pursuing the Filipino leader, part of the American force taking the direction of San Fernando. In a fight with Aguinaldo's rear guard at Aringay, one Macabebe was wounded and the insurgents retreated. Their loss is unknown.

News from the pursuit of Aguinaldo is not expected for a day or two. Yesterday a report reached General Lawton by courier from General Young that people knowing the country think Aguinaldo's destination is Iloilo. With General Lawton's troops in a position to move toward Bayombong by every road from the south and with impetuous semi-savage tribes, behind, Bayombong would be a poor refuge. It is reported that General Lawton is moving northward from Tayug with infantry to head off Aguinaldo. General Young has only one troop of cavalry and the Macabebes, who numbered originally 300. Aguinaldo is supposed to have two days' start.

INTERPRETS BILL OF RIGHTS

Court Refuses to Enforce Co-Education of Whites and Blacks.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn has denied the appeal of Elizabeth Cisco, colored, from the decision of the special term refusing a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the school board of Queens borough to admit her children to the public school on Brenton avenue and make no distinction on account of color. Mrs. Cisco claimed the right to have her children accepted as pupils in the school in question, but was told that they must go to a separate school for colored children.

Justice Goodrich, writing the opinion for the appellate division, says that the provision of the constitution which provides that equal school facilities shall be furnished to all children cannot be held to mean that the white children and the black children must be permitted to attend the same school. As to the question of the excellence of the instruction in the school for colored children in comparison with the schools for white children Justice Goodrich does not find that there is any difference.

BOTH TRAIN CREWS KILLED.

Baltimore and Ohio Passenger Runs Into a Freight.

GARRETT, Ind., Nov. 23.—The heavy Baltimore and Ohio limited passenger train, drawn by two locomotives, ran into the rear end of a freight train near McCool yesterday afternoon. Both the passenger engines were derailed and their crew were killed. The freight train was almost a total wreck. Its conductor, Mr. Butts, and Rear Brake-man Hamilton are missing, and it is supposed they are buried under the debris of their caboose. A special train reached here about noon, having the following named victims of the wreck. The dead:

HENRY BRADFORD, engineer.
E. H. SARRER, engineer.
EMERSON, fireman.
JOHN STYER, fireman.
The injured:
James Gannon, Allegheny, wrist crushed.
F. Ferguson, Chicago, postal clerk, bruised head and body.

FAVORS LEGALIZED POOLS.

Paul Morton Declares That Stability in Rates Would Thus Be Attained.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—A strong argument in favor of legalized pooling was made before the subcommittee of the industrial commission today by Paul Morton, second vice president of the Santa Fe. He went into the subject at considerable length and declared that a system of legalized pooling would come nearer to attaining stability of rates than anything yet proposed. He also said that the system would protect small shippers and small towns to an extent not possible under present methods. He disapproved government ownership of railroads, claiming that it would bring higher rates and inferior service. He expressed the opinion that ticket scalpers are the cause of much dishonesty and ought not to be tolerated.

Hamlin Garland Weds.

HANOVER, Kan., Nov. 23.—The announcement was made yesterday of the marriage of Hamlin Garland, the author, to Miss Zulema Taft. The ceremony was performed last Saturday at the home of the bride's father, D. C. Taft, a banker. The wedding was to have taken place today, but pressing literary engagements in the east caused the groom to advance the date of the nuptials.

Raising a Fund For the Boers.

LEMAIS, Nov. 23.—Subscription papers were started here yesterday and simultaneously at Orange City, Alton, Sioux Center, Hoopers, Middleburg, Newkirk, Maurice and other Dutch settlements for the benefit of the Boers in South Africa.

PRETORIA, Nov. 23.—The official returns of the Transvaal casualties since the outbreak of the war show that 90 men have been killed and 200 wounded, of whom a number have recovered and returned to the front.

INDIANS IN UGLY MOOD

Sac and Fox Redskins in Iowa Ready For Warpath.

INTERCESSION AVERTS TROUBLE.

Agent Seizes an Indian Girl and Forcefully Keeps Her Prisoner—Judge Shiras Will Be Asked For Writ of Habeas Corpus to Release Her.

DES MOINES, Nov. 23.—Four hundred and fifty Redskins at the Sac and Fox Indian reservation in Tama county are ready to start on the warpath, with rifle and tomahawk.

E. I. Wilcox of Mantou was in consultation with Judge Shiras of the federal court here yesterday and said that it was only because of his personal intercession that the Indians had been prevented from making an assault on the people of Tama City and Toledo to avenge themselves for wrongs inflicted by the Indian agent.

Wilcox finally arranged with Judge Shiras to go to Cedar Rapids and there file a petition for habeas corpus for the release of an Indian girl, aged 18, confined in the government Indian training school at Toledo for a month. Wilcox returned to his home, assuring the officials that he will be able to control the Indians as long as the courts have the controversy in hand.

The woman in the case is Lelah-Puch-Ka-Choe, and she is married. Her husband is Ta-Ta-Pi-Chi. When the training school was established by the government at Toledo, Indian Agent W. G. Malin sent out an order for all Indian children under 18 to enroll in the school. The Indians refused and hid their children. The girl in question was taken into another county and was enrolled in a school near Belle Plaine.

An Indian interpreter was charged with helping children to escape from the reservation and on the trial the state summoned the woman in this case as a witness. Wilcox induced her parents and husband to accompany her into court at Tama City. The interpreter was discharged, but the Indian agent and Superintendent G. N. Nellis of the school seized the girl, took her away from her husband by force, and conveying her to the Indian school building confined her there. She has been detained there since the first of the month. It is for her release that Wilcox now seeks a writ of habeas corpus. The husband is nominally the plaintiff and the claim is made that the government has no right to force the Indians to go to school, and in this case, has no right to detain a married woman.

More than 300 of the Indians have refused to accept their government pay for more than a year on account of this controversy with the government and on account of other complaints, one of which relates to the opening of roads through the reservation.

Drake University Out of Debt.

DES MOINES, Nov. 23.—The board of trustees of Drake university met yesterday and canvassed the donations to the fund to raise the institution's debt. At last spring's meeting it was announced that a special effort would be made during the year to raise the \$65,000 debt of the institution. A canvass of the donations yesterday had shown that \$40,000 was raised. Ex-Governor Drake announced that on his return home he would send his check for \$25,000 to make up the full amount. D. R. Ewing of Des Moines announced that he would build the institution a \$45,000 library building, and then Governor Drake is to pay the expense of an extension of the chapel, about \$5,000.

Iowa Apple Crop Short.

OMAHA, Nov. 23.—Reports from southwestern Iowa, which is one of the heaviest apple producing sections of the country, indicate that dealers have suffered heavy losses through the sweating and subsequent rotting of apples. The unusually warm weather for this season of the year is responsible for the loss. The crop was only a moderate one to start with, and coupled with these losses, the amount available for shipment will not exceed half the usual number of barrels.

State to Investigate Killing.

LINCOLN, Nov. 23.—It is more than probable that there will be an investigation of the shooting and killing of Private Morgan at LaPlatte by Corporal Faire and Private Jokers, who had been sent out to catch him. The governor is not satisfied with the situation as it was left by the surrender of the local civil authorities to the claims of the army officers that the men should be turned over to them and not tried by the civil courts.


Faith Cure Falls Again.

SIoux CITY, Nov. 23.—Another death because of no medical treatment has occurred in Sioux City. Again it is an infant child, and the health officers have learned it was suffering from membranous croup, and that the parents tried to cure it by faith. It was the child of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brown and they are devout Christian Scientists.

Paxton Case is Submitted.

LINCOLN, Nov. 23.—The case of William A. Paxton and others against the state of Nebraska, in which the plaintiffs seek a reversal of the decision of the district court of Douglas county, holding them liable on the bond of ex-State Treasurer Bartly, was argued and submitted to the supreme court late yesterday.

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