

LONDON'S BLUEST DAY SINCE SEPOY REBELLION

Boer's Strategy In Out-Maneuvering England's Soldiers Causes Humiliation.

STREETS FILLED WITH DISMAY

No Sign of Flinching In Any Quarter and War Will go On to the Bitter End--British Prestige Must be Restored.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The forecast of defeat over which keen observers were brooding before midnight Monday was officially confirmed before 10 o'clock yesterday. It was the bluest and blackest day London has known since the first tidings of the Sepoy rebellion.

The tidings that the Boers had completely out-manuevered General White and, while luring on the British center and right, had ambuscaded the left wing, cut two battalions to pieces and forced it to surrender, together with a mountain battery, filled the streets with dismay and gloom. John Bull is not accustomed to being beaten by anybody and he takes punishment, when it comes, with poor grace and a sense of bewilderment, albeit with complete self-command.

Disaster was written large in every newspaper placard during the day, but the newshoys were surrounded with grim swarms of purchasers, setting teeth together and determined to know the worst, yet marveling how so overwhelming a defeat had been within the range of possibility in the queen's dominions.

It was not enough for General White to declare that he alone had blundered, nor for the war office to order out three additional battalions and a mounted battery to replace the losses sustained at Glencoe and Ladysmith.

What every Englishman knew in his heart was the truth, that the rustic Boer, whose strategy and training had been despised by the military staff and nation, had contrived both at Glencoe and Ladysmith to out-manuever British generals and ensnare large bodies of the finest and most experienced soldiers into ambuscades from which there was no escape.

Humiliating to English pride as was this confession, there were no signs of flinching in any quarter. John Bull's heart was hardened, not softened, by the unexpected disaster. The most ardent peace advocate did not venture to take up his parable yesterday.

There was only one expression heard in the club houses, exchanges and streets; this was that the war must go on to the bitter end with redoubled energy and overwhelming resources, and British prestige must be restored for the honor and safety of the empire.

What will the Natal field force do now? Is the question on every tongue. It is itself supplying an answer by fighting with spirit and discipline. When the Boers have renewed their attack, will it retreat or stand its ground, remaining on the defensive and fighting desperately? The latter alternative is accepted by nearly all military writers, since it cannot find a better defensive position than at Colemans, and a retreat to Pietermaritzburg and Durban would involve a long march of 150 miles with the Boers harrassing the rear column.

Buller will now settle the question, not White, and he is now considered by many critics or intimate friends as likely to begin a campaign by ordering an abandonment of Natal and sending a blaze of disaffection among the Dutch of Cape Colony. Yet the most candid military men admit that the position at Ladysmith is very weak from a defensive point of view.

The valley where the town lies, is sheltered by a circle of irregular hills, on the crests of which the garrison is introduced. Outside this circle is another concentric one with a similar circuit of hills, and beyond there is another.

The tidings of the severe loss incurred by the Gloucester regiment and the Irish Fusiliers are discussed most respectfully by English Afrikanders and those Englishmen who know South Africa

Hall was one, and young Dodge, son of the proprietor, was knocked senseless during the melee. Seeing his son lying on the floor, and supposing him to be dead, Dodge fired at the person he thought had struck the young man. The crowd scattered and Hall fell dead on the sidewalk outside the door.

Dodge has been arrested and charged with murder.

NOTED SINGER DEAD.

STOCKTON, Cal., Nov. 1.—Ugo Talbo, the famous tenor singer and teacher, is dead, after an illness of two weeks. He was a noted singer in England 30 years ago and has prominent relatives there. He was once an officer in the English army.

SENATOR ALLISON ON PHILIPPINES

PRESIDENT DOING HIS DUTY

Should Not Withdraw Army and Navy if He Wished--Congress Alone Has Power.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Senator Allison, of Iowa, discussing matters in the Philippines in the forthcoming issue of the Independent will say:

"It does not seem to me that there can be two sides to the question of what is our present duty in the Philippines. By our treaty with Spain and with the exchange of ratifications of the treaty, these islands became ours. Our title to them is clear and unquestionable under our constitution and under the law and usages of nations. The insurrection there against our authority began after the treaty was signed at Paris and continues to this time. Our duty requires us to suppress this insurrection and to establish peace and order.

"With the restoration of order there I take it for granted that congress will provide a government for the people of the islands in the spirit of liberty and justice and with a view to their highest possible civilization. Hereafter when possessions have been acquired by the United States, congress dealt with the people residing in those territories in the spirit of liberty and justice, which prevails in our constitution and our laws, and I have no reason to give or even suspect that future congresses will not make such rules and regulations for these inhabitants as will provide for the largest measures of liberty possible for them as well as the largest local participation in the government with the situation there under our sovereignty and under our flag.

"So far as I can see the only practical alternative to this is the abandonment of the islands, the withdrawal of our troops and the withdrawal of our navy as well.

"The president has no power to direct this, as he cannot alienate territory acquired. Congress can do so by law and will soon be in session and those who think we should surrender what we have gained there and withdraw our army and navy will have an opportunity of testing the sense of congress by offering propositions to that end."

JEFFRIES-SHARKEY FIGHT.

Receipts from Sale of Seats Will Be Greatest of Any Affair in History.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—There will be no interference from the authorities at the Jeffries-Sharkey fight for the heavyweight championship battle, to take place at Coney Island on Friday night. Chief of police Devereux is authority for this statement. Said the chief:

"I have no idea of stopping the bout. The Fitzsimmons-Jeffries affair, held in the same club house was properly conducted and I have assurances from the officials of the Coney Island club which is a regularly incorporated organization, that everything pertaining to the match will be strictly according to the Horton law. The police arrangements will be very similar to those that prevailed at the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons contest. I will probably take personal command of the men at the ring-side."

A feature at the club house on Friday night will be the lighting apparatus operating the moving picture machine. There will be 400 incandescent lights shedding brilliancy on the ring. It was found in experimenting with the lights last that they greatly enhanced

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the view of the men in the arena. Present indications are that the gate receipts will be larger by many thousands of dollars--by tens of thousands of dollars--than the gate receipts of any sporting or dramatic event, of any other event to which an admission fee is charged, in the history of the country.

Irving and Patti in rival houses or in the same house could not draw so much money in two weeks, playing every night in the week. The receipts of no turf or trotting event, football match or baseball match would approach it and at the Brooklyn handicap of 1885, the gate receipts were upward of \$10,000.

If the entire house for this fight should be sold out it will mean \$110,000. The total sale up to last night was in the neighborhood of \$40,000 with the prospect that this sum will be increased to \$50,000 before the doors are thrown open on Friday night. Every box seat has been sold, which in itself represents about \$25,000. The box prices are \$30, \$25, \$20, and \$15. The prices for other seats are \$5, \$10, and \$15, according to their location. It is not likely that there will be a vacant seat in the club house when the men enter the ring. Indeed, the probabilities are that standing room will be at a premium.

Of itself New York is the strongest and most generous sporting constituency in America and for that matter, in the world. On this occasion the hosts of New York sporting men are to be supplemented by sporting men from every city in America--from Halifax to San Francisco, and from cities far on the other side of the Canadian boundary line to cities and towns on the gulf. They are coming from San Francisco and Denver; from Omaha and Kansas City; Chicago and St. Louis; St. Paul and Minneapolis; and Cleveland, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and numerous other American cities as well as from many Canadian points.

The flag under which all women should march is the banner of good health. A woman owes it to herself, her husband and children to enlist under this flag. If she does not do so she will live a life of wretchedness, herself, and unless her husband is an exceptionally good man, he will be completely indifferent to her, her home will be unhappy and her children will be puny and sickly.

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