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## BRITISH TROOPS WIN VICTORY

### In Advance to Relief of Kimberley—Free State Troops Driven From Position.

## STORMED THREE RIDGES

### Last Over 225 Men in Doing So—This is the Engagement of the British Campaign.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Long after midnight an official dispatch was received at the war office bringing news of a battle fought by General Methuen at Belmont with the Free States, the result being a complete victory for the Kimberley relief column.

General Methuen found the Boers strongly entrenched and provided with plenty of guns. The ground they chose to defend was cleverly selected, and in driving them from their position, the British troops had to carry three ridges in succession, which seems almost a repetition of the battle of Eland's Laagte. The British losses as officially reported were three officers killed and 22 wounded; 56 men killed, 130 wounded and 22 missing. The Boers lost heavily, and forty prisoners were taken, besides a great quantity of stores.

MAGALANG, Cape Colony, Sunday, Nov. 19.—A dispatch received here from Mafeking, Wednesday, November 15, says: "The garrison is cheerful, but the position is daily growing worse and more difficult. The Boers are always drawing their intrenchments closer and persistently plying the British with artillery and musketry fire. The garrison is living almost entirely in underground shelters, and the health of the troops is suffering."

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The pathetic scenes which marked the days following the engagement between the British and Boers at Glencoe and Nicholson's Nek found their counterpart at the war office here today. Long before the doors of the war office opened troubled and anxious women and men in all stations of life were assembled here, and when inquiries were finally admitted, their anxious questions showed they feared that yesterday evening's official bulletin, though black enough, had not recorded the full story of British losses at Belmont.

Up to noon the government officials had issued no further dispatches and so nervous distrust of the public remains unalleviated. General Methuen's message leaves a great deal to be explained. According to all previous facts obtainable as to relative strength of forces, the Boers must have been in a decided minority, yet the total British loss of 225 killed, wounded and missing proves the effectiveness of their resistance and amply justifies Methuen's tribute of the courage and skill with which the burghers fought.

## TO GIVE THOSE PRESENTS BACK

### Contributors' Money Will Be Returned to All Who Apply—Public Favor Has Been a Great Source of Grief to Mrs. Dewey—McLean Talks.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—A special to the World from Washington says: Any subscriber to the Dewey home fund who wishes to, may have his or her money back. John R. McLean, speaking for his sister, Mrs. Dewey, said: "Mrs. Dewey and the admiral have been overwhelmed with, not hundreds, but thousands, of telegrams of sympathy for the affliction which has befallen them in this furious and thoughtless attack made upon their domestic life. Admiral Dewey's statement has had great effect to accomplish this revision of sentiment. "Among the telegrams received was one from Emerson McMillan, of New York, to the effect that if any person desired the return of his subscription to the home fund, if the admiral would forward the list of contributors to him, to-

gether with any letters or dispatches requesting refunding of the money, he, Mr. McMillan, would immediately reimburse all applicants in full.

"I am authorized to say most positively that all such requests will receive the promptest attention. All that is necessary for these people to do is to forward their requests to the admiral himself and not to rush to the newspaper offices with them. All that come in proper style will receive attention.

"I also desire to say that nothing that has happened to us throughout our lives has been such a source of grief as this public furor. Mrs. Dewey has always been the favorite in our family and has been almost idolized. We feel her grief very keenly and propose to defend her. At present she is in no condition to say anything for publication.

"This trouble has also seriously afflicted our aged mother, who looked forward to the coming of Admiral Dewey with such pleasure and admiration, and who was so happy in her daughter's marriage. We certainly never anticipated the outburst, and acted in absolute good faith, as we supposed, with everybody."

## REBELS HAVE NO GOOD GOVERNMENT

### Most of It is in Possession of Uncle Sam's Soldiers and Remainder Has Crawled in the First Convenience Hole.

MANILA, Nov. 24.—Bautista, president of the Filipino congress, presented himself to General MacArthur today and formally renounced all further connection with the insurrection. He was one of the influential Filipinos who hesitated at the beginning of the war as to which side with which to cast his lot. He was offered a judgeship of the supreme court, but declined. He now announces that he desires to accept the position and says the Filipino congress and cabinet are scattered, never to reassemble. Some of the members, he adds, have returned to their homes, while others are flying for safety. Many of the congressmen have resigned, and he believes the Filipino soldiers will lay down their arms everywhere as soon as they learn the truth.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—General Otis summarizes the situation in Luzon in a dispatch to the war department today, in which he says the insurgent government can no longer claim to exist, its troops and officials are scattered, and Aguinaldo is hiding. The dispatch follows in part:

"Manila.—The claim to a government by the insurgents can be made no longer under any fiction, its treasurer, secretary of the interior and president of congress being in our hands. Its president and the remaining cabinet officers are hiding, evidently in different central Luzon provinces, and its generals and troops in small bands are scattered through these provinces, acting as bandits, or dispersed, playing the role of 'amigos,' with arms concealed. Indications are that Aguinaldo did not escape through the lines of Lawton or Wheaton, but fled westward from the Bayambang railway station.

## THE DEATH OF A MISER

### Lived in Squalor in a Floorless Log Barn—Had Been Dead For Days When Found.

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 23.—Sitting bolt upright in his chair, with money and certificates of deposit aggregating \$4500 concealed about his person, Michael McGrath was found dead in his cabin in King's valley yesterday morning. Life had apparently been extinct for four or five days, and the verdict of the coroner's jury was that death was from natural causes. The cabin was a log barn, rude and floorless, and, as far as the finders could ascertain, the dead man's food had apparently been chiefly potatoes. Nothing in the line of food supply, save potatoes, a few pounds of beans, bacon and a little flour, was found about the premises. Of the money, there were about \$100 in cash, and the remainder was checks and certificates of deposit on Portland banks. Some of the certificates had been running for 10 years, and were drawing 5 per cent interest. The certificates ranged in amounts from \$400 to \$1500.

## IS BAD FOR THE BRITISH

### Nothing Encouraging in the News From South Africa.

## BELMONT FIGHT DECIDED NOTHING

### Anxiety for White's Army at Ladysmith—Bridge South of Naauwpoort Blown Up.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The position in Natal remains full of perplexities, which the censorship has increased. Although a division and a half have now reached Durban, that place is practically powerless until supplied with cavalry and artillery, and until these arrive the situation will undoubtedly remain grave. With three beleaguered garrisons in Natal, besides Kimberley and Mafeking, and no signs of succor in the immediate future, it is no wonder that the outlook is regarded as distinctly gloomy tonight, and that the most possible is made of General Methuen's success, such as it was.

That battle decided nothing, and it seems certain that many experts are of the opinion that the story of the return of the pursuing cavalry, without getting in touch with the retreating Boers, indicates that the cavalry discovered in time that if it had gone on it would soon have been on the Pretoria race course with its comrades of the hussars. It will not surprise any one greatly if the Boers are shortly again discovered in an entrenched position near the spot from which General Methuen has just evicted them.

From no other point can even a semblance of success be reported. Mafeking appears in worse plight than the Britishers have hitherto cared to admit, and it is difficult to see how it can be relieved for some time to come.

While the official dispatch from the Boer head laager, outside Ladysmith, dated November 24, showed that the town was still flying the union jack Friday, the cheerful tone of the message, and the evident anticipation of the speedy reduction of Ladysmith, is not calculated to cheer anxious relatives. The reported silence of the British guns also again arouses fears of a shortness of ammunition, and the fact that the Boers have just placed in position another siege gun shows that they have not yet done their worst. The arrival of the German officers, who, it is understood, gained large experience in reducing fortified towns in 1870-71, is calculated to lead to a change of tactics which will add to the suspense of the solely tried garrison.

The situation in the northern portion of Cape Colony is about as unsatisfactory as it can be. Boers are turning up in all directions. A Cape Town dispatch received at a late hour tonight reports the enemy has blown up a railway bridge between Rosmead junction and Middleburg, with the object of preventing an advance upon Port Elizabeth. This was effected by a small commando, which, it is stated, remains in the neighborhood. The effect of blowing up this bridge will tend to isolate Naauwpoort, which was recently recaptured by the British, and must delay the advance of the troops just arrived at Port Elizabeth.

## HAS CAPTURED AGUINALDO'S BABY

### Also Secretary of State, Who Was Taken to Manila and Told the Story of Escape.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The adjutant-general has received the following cablegram from General Otis:

"Manila.—A vessel from Lingayen gulf with dispatches from Wheaton to the 23d inst., brought in Buenavista, the insurgent secretary of state, captured on the 21st inst. He says Aguinaldo and his party left Tarlac on the night of the 13th to be escorted north by 2000 troops from Bayombong and Dagupan. These troops Wheaton struck at San Jacinto, and Young eastward.

"Aguinaldo, with part of his family,

escaped north with 200 men, passing between Young and Wheaton. Young is still in pursuit at last accounts, and has been rationed at San Fernando. Aguinaldo's mother and oldest child, with Buenavista, became separated from the rest of the party, the mother getting lost in the woods and the child, four years old, is now with Wheaton's troops. Two thousand dollars in gold, belonging to the mother, was captured and is now in the Manila treasury.

"A heavy storm in Lingayen gulf has prevented the loading of troops there for the north. MacArthur has captured the insurgent director of the railroad, who endeavored to destroy the railroad to Dagupan; also Captain Lawrence, an Englishman, who served in Aguinaldo's artillery.

The telegraph is not working north of Tarlac today.

"Lawton is believed to be on the military road to Bayombong. The roads are now practicable for wagons and supplies for him, and they are being forwarded.

The troops have liberated 300 Spanish prisoners, recently."

## Lynching Was Thwarted

UNION, Or., Nov. 25.—Al Losen, the colored bootblack who shot down a gambler, Hugh Young, on the streets of Baker City yesterday, was brought to Union this morning and lodged in the Union county jail. Dick Johnson, also colored, who was held under a charge of incendiarism in Baker City, was also brought here at the same time.

This move was made on the part of the officers of Baker county to thwart a threatened lynching. The prisoners were taken in a carriage to the town of Haines, thence to Union on a freight train, arriving here at 2 o'clock in the morning.

## Son Lost in Harvest Fields

PRELTON, Or., Nov. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Huey, of Walla Walla, have lost their son, Arthur Huey, somewhere in this country. He has been missing since July 20, when he left his Walla Walla home, with the consent of his parents, to work in Umatilla county harvest fields. Young Huey is sixteen years old, is five feet one inch in height, has dark hair, brown eyes, full, round face, and walks with a slight limp.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

## Timber Going Up

TACOMA, Nov. 27.—The purchase of large tracts of fir forests by Eastern lumbermen has caused a sharp advance in the price of both logs and standing timber. Stumpage prices have risen within the past thirty days from 10 to 20 cents, according to the accessibility of the timber belts.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption.

## Potatoes Injured by Rain

SALEM, Nov. 27.—Farmers in this vicinity report that much damage has been done to potatoes that have not yet been dug. The excessive rains have caused the tubers to rot to an extent that renders them unmerchantable.

## BOERS DEFEATED AT ESTCOURT

### Defeated Force Destroyed Bridge—British After Them.

## ADVANCE ON COLENZO ORDERED

### Important Steps Toward the Relief of Ladysmith Accomplished With Loss of Less Than an Hundred Men.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The war department has received the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Pietermaritzburg, Sunday:

"Hildyard, going from Estcourt, made a successful attack November 23 with three battalions, one field battery, a naval gun and seventy mounted troops on the enemy, occupying Beacon Hill, which dominates William Grange, and has interrupted his communication. As a result of operations, the enemy is retiring and the railway and telegraph lines have been restored between Estcourt and Weston. Our loss was about fourteen killed and fifty wounded. Hildyard has advanced to a position near Frere, as he hopes to cut off the enemy, who is believed to be retiring on Colenso via Weenan.

"Barton, from Weston, has advanced to Estcourt. As soon as communication is restored, I will telegraph particulars. So far as I can make out the operation is one for which Hildyard and the troops deserve much credit. The railway is now open to Frere."

ESTCOURT, Sunday.—The railroad bridge at Frere, spanning a wide stream, has been destroyed by the Boers, who are reported to be retiring rapidly. A general advance upon Colenso has been ordered, and a flying column has left here to intercept the Boer raiding parties.

## Methuen's Movements

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 27.—(Afternoon.)—It is reported that General Methuen has captured Honey Nestkrook, ten miles north of Graspan, and 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

## Relief of Ladysmith

LONDON, Nov. 27.—For the moment the Boer invasion southward in Natal seems not only to have spent its force, but to have developed into a retrograde movement. Though with forces so mobile as those of the Boers, it is difficult to surmise where they will appear next. Apparently General Clery's advance to the relief of Ladysmith has really commenced.

So far as ascertainable Hildyard's force, which is already at Frere, must number 1000 men, and should be able to occupy Colenso, where it may have to await reinforcements of artillery and cavalry before joining hands with General White. General Barton now occupies Estcourt, and the Mool river will be occupied by reinforcements from Pietermaritzburg. The whole situation has been distinctly cleared since the arrival of Buller in Natal, though doubtless the British will have many difficulties to overcome before White is relieved.

The big battle is likely to occur at the passage of the Tagela river, and it may be expected that the Boers will make a stand there. In any case, wherever they elect to try to stem the British advance, there will be desperate fighting and of a sanguinary character.

The outlook in Cape Colony is dark for the British. That General Gatacre has no easy task is proved by the latest dispatches from Queenstown and elsewhere, showing that the majority of the population on the frontier have openly declared themselves on the side of the Boers.

## Millions Given Away

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors

of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Blakeley & Houghton.

## Rebels in a Hurry

MANILA, Nov. 27.—The insurgents have evacuated Mangalaren, province of Pangasinan, leaving seven Americans and ninety-four Spanish prisoners, who escaped in the Filipino retreat.

Colonel Bell, of the Thirty-fourth volunteers, arrived at Mangalaren last evening, after a hard march, and, fording the Agno, he found that Fowler's company of the Thirty-third had occupied the town for two days. The insurgents, General Alejandrine commanding, retreated to the mountains behind the town, short of food and ammunition. Besides this, his men were deserting him, and six cannons which the insurgents were dragging impeded their march.

Colonel Bell proposes to follow the Filipinos until he can bring about a decisive fight or they are scattered. Mangalaren was strongly fortified with rifle pits commanding the road, but the insurgents abandoned the place without firing a shot.

## Working Night and Day

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25 cents per box. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton.

## Unknown Man Killed

WESTON STATION, Or., Nov. 26.—An unknown man was struck by a freight train. His horse was killed instantly, and man and cart were lifted onto the pilot and carried partly across the Pine-creek trestle before the train could be stopped. It was then concluded to carry him on the pilot the remainder of the way to the depot. Physicians were summoned from town and examined the injured man, who was unconscious. He received a severe cut in the back of the head, and a broken collar-bone and other injuries, whether dangerous or not cannot yet be determined. He is about 35 years old.

## Red Hot From the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for twenty years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. It cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. Twenty-five cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

## Majority is Against Him

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Though comparatively few of the representatives-elect have not yet arrived in Washington, the expressions of those that are here make it very apparent that there will be a large majority of the members of the house opposed to allowing Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, to sit with them. Interviews with those who have arrived lead irresistibly to the conclusion that either Mr. Roberts will not be allowed to take his seat at all, or that he will be expelled from it after the house has had the report of a committee and has heard both sides of the case.

## Chamberlain's Pain Balm Cures Others. Why Not You?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well. —ADOLPH L. MILLET, Manchester, N.H. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

## Plague in China

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—A special dispatch to the Chronicle from Tacoma says: Yokohama advices state that a terrible condition of affairs prevails at New Chwang, Manchuria, with respect to the bubonic plague. Hundreds of deaths are occurring weekly, the mortality reaching 40 to 60 every day. The disease is beginning to spread over Manchuria, owing to the fact that the Chinese authorities have utterly refused to take any sanitary or quarantine precautions.

Clarke & Falk have on sale a full line of paint and artist's brushes.