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DEFENSES OF THE PACIFIC

General Miles Found Them in Good Condition.

MORE MEN ARE NEEDED

Miles Favors One Soldier for Each Thousand Population, a Very Small Army in Comparison With Those of Some Other Countries.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: General Miles, who has just returned from a long tour of inspection in the far West and South, said tonight:

"The fortifications along the Pacific coast and the Gulf are in very good condition. The engineers have done good work. While the harbors are only partly protected, it would not be safe for a hostile battle-ship or fleet to enter them now. None of the harbors are completely fortified. The four great harbors of the Pacific coast at which defensive works are being erected are Puget sound, the mouth of the Columbia river, San Francisco and San Diego.

"There are only enough artillerymen stationed on the coast to take care of the guns—not to man them. The guns are great pieces of machinery and require very skilled artillerymen to take care of them and to handle them. More artillery is lodged along the entire coast of 4000 miles, including the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf.

"The garrisons were not sufficiently strong at the posts I visited. This is due to the fact that most of the army is out of the country at present. Congress authorized a regular army of 65,000 and 31,000 men for the existing emergency. For a good many years I have been in favor of one soldier for every thousand of our people. I think 65,000 men should be skilled in the modern art of war and the use of modern appliances. That would be a very small number as compared with other armies of the world, yet sufficiently large to keep abreast of the improvements in warfare which are being made.

"Of course, the size of the army should be to some extent commensurate with the population and wealth and position of the government. A country like Mexico would not require an army as large as that of Germany or Russia. Our country is nearly twice as large as Germany or France, and a small force of comparatively skilled, well educated, trained soldiers would not only be wise and judicious, but would be in the interest of safe and good administration.

"The best illustration of disregarding the necessity and welfare of a nation in this respect, is China, which possesses the greatest population and has been repeatedly whipped and overrun and placed under indemnity, and in fact her very existence is threatened at present simply because she has become a nation of non-combatants."

WILL GET HOBART'S PLACE

It May Be Roosevelt, But Is More Likely to Be Root.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—United States Senator A. G. Foster, of Washington, said last night that in his opinion the Republican national convention next year would accord the vice-presidential nomination to the choice of New York state.

"I don't think there is a doubt of it," he added. "Governor Roosevelt would be very acceptable."

"But it is understood here that the governor would not accept," it was suggested.

"Well, how about Secretary Elihu Root?" asked the senator. "He is ambitious, and while Mr. McKinley would probably want to retain him in his present position Mr. Root might prefer the other place. Anyway, a New York man will probably be named.

"As to our colonial possessions," the senator continued, "I believe in retaining them. The war in the Philippines

is practically ended. In a few days we shall learn of the capture of Aguinaldo or of his arrival at Hong Kong. The Democrats will then have to withdraw the so-called imperialism issue. But it makes little difference whether they do or not. I don't think many people seriously doubt the election of the Republican presidential ticket next year."

TRAGEDY OF MONT BLANC.

One of the Calamities That Frequently Visit the Famous Mountain.

The story of the destruction of the baths of St. Gervais, at the foot of Mont Blanc, in 1895, is told in "The Annals of Mont Blanc." This was one of the calamities that scarcely could have been predicted or averted.

Owing to the stoppage of the sub-glacial drainage, in some way never ascertained, a lake was formed under the Tete Rousse glacier, in which an enormous body of water was pent up at a spot 15,000 feet above the sea level. Between one and two o'clock on the night of July 12, 1895, the ice that had held the lake gave way.

The water swept in a torrent of tremendous force over the Desert de Pierre Ronde, gathering up thousands of tons of rock and stones in its course. It passed with a terrific roar under the hamlet of Bionnassay, which it did not injure, destroyed half the village of Bionnassay, on the highroad between Constantine and St. Gervais, and, tearing up trees as it went along, joined the main river of the Mont-Saint.

Following the river bed, and destroying on its way the old Pont du Diabie, it hurried its seething flood of water, timber, stones and mud upon the solid buildings of the St. Gervais baths and crushed them into fragments. Then, crossing the Chamonia road, it spread itself out in the form of a hideous fan over the valley of the Arve, destroying part of the village of Le Fayet in its way.

Such was the catastrophe of St. Gervais which claimed over 150 victims. Utter ruin was everywhere. The once lovely gardens of the baths were five or six feet deep in mud, fine trees had been snapped like reeds and enormous blocks of stone were strewn over the dreary waste.

VANDERBILTS NOW HAVE THE B. & O.

They Have Also Acquired Morgan Holdings in Big Four and Chesapeake & Ohio.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Extraordinary accomplishments have been completed in Eastern Trunk Line railway affairs, according to the Times. Changes are brought about to three important railroad systems. The Pennsylvania company acquires control of the B. & O. W. K. Vanderbilt, in the interest of the New York Central, takes over controlling holdings of J. P. Morgan in the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, and the Chesapeake & Ohio. The two deals have been accomplished together. The executive heads of the Pennsylvania and New York Central have worked together.

It is improbable that either the one great system acquired by the Pennsylvania or the two important properties acquired by New York Central interests will be forthwith attached in open corporation mergers.

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. MILLETT, Manchester, N.H. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Three Days in a Typhoon.

MANILA, Nov. 23.—The transport Mananewa, with Lieutenant-Colonel Webb C. Hays and three companies of the Thirty-first infantry on board, has arrived here. She narrowly escaped disaster. The officers and soldiers were for twelve days balling with buckets. The steamer was unceasingly undermanned and short of provisions. Her engines broke down and she rolled three days in a typhoon.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits.

DEALING WITH ROBERTS CASE

No Plans Have Yet Matured for His Expulsion.

IS ENTITLED TO BE SWORN IN

Leaders of Both Parties Want It to Be a Dignified, Regular and Non-Partisan Proceeding.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: No plans have yet been matured for the exclusion of B. H. Roberts from membership in the house. Mr. Roberts' credentials are regular in form and he is as much entitled to be sworn in as a member as any other representative-elect who may present himself at the bar of the house next Monday. His right to take part in the election of a speaker will not be questioned by the hold-over clerk, and it is doubtful if any precedents can be found to sustain the speaker thereafter in refusing to administer the customary oath.

Precedents made in dealing with former delegates from the territory of Utah are conceded not to apply to the full-fledged representative whom Utah as a state now sends to congress. Both Democratic and Republican leaders are seeking some method of dealing with the Roberts case which will take it wholly out of partisan politics. Undoubtedly the fairest and most satisfactory procedure would be to acknowledge the legality of the Utah member's credentials and to refer his disputed qualifications, as the constitution provides, to the subsequent judgment of the house.

A resolution to expel him on the ground of his polygamous relations would require a two-thirds vote, and in securing the majority, the co-operation of the two parties in the house would be more convincingly demonstrated than in any irregular effort to jungle him out of his eligibility on a point of order requiring only a majority vote. It is felt by the more experienced managers on both sides that the issue raised by Mr. Roberts' election, to be met effectively, should be met in a deliberate, dignified and altogether regular way.

VICTORY WAS DEARLY BOUGHT

Such Is the Report of General Methuen's Battle at Instan.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A dispatch has been received here from General Buller giving a list of casualties among the troops engaged in the battle of Graspan, but which is now officially designated as the battle of Instan. It proves, as was anticipated, that the British success was heavily bought. The losses announced today, added to the naval brigade casualties previously notified, make a grand total of 108, as the cost of General Methuen's second battle.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—In general Methuen's engagement with the Boers at Instan the Yorkshires apparently bore, with the naval brigade, the brunt of the fighting, as there were in addition to three officers, forty-eight of the rank and file killed, wounded and missing. The fact that the list contained the casualties of the Ninth Lancers seems to dispose of the fears that the cavalry was surrounded and captured, especially as none of the lancers are reported missing.

River and Harbor Committee.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Congressmen are now busy slating the various candidates for positions on committees. The indications are that on the rivers and harbors committee, the interests of Pacific coast states will be represented by either Congressman Thomas H. Tongue, of Oregon, or Congressman Russell J. Waters, of Southern California.

Fall Fishing Was Poor.

ASTORIA, Nov. 30.—The fall fishing season, which has just closed, has been quite as unsuccessful as was the spring season, and the pack has been very small. It was expected that, because of

the lateness of the spring run, which was over a month later than usual, the fall season would be a good one, but the contrary has proved true. Several canneries operated throughout the season, among them the combine's packing-houses, but it is impossible as yet to get figures as to the pack. The shortage of the year's fishing will doubtless create a good market next year and prices in Eastern and foreign markets will be higher than they were this year.

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.

CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN LUZON

The American Troops Pushing Ahead Rapidly.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—General Oiler's advices to the war department today show that the troops are pushing rapidly ahead, and indicate that the demoralization of the insurgents is complete. Two dispatches were received today. The first related to the operations in the north west part of Luzon, and is as follows:

"The following from the Northwest Luzon coast: Young left San Fernando the 23d inst., where Marsh's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry arrived the 26th, on which day Young was at Nampacan, where he was supplied by the navy gunboat Samar. He marched out next day. The battle-ship Oregon landed 200 men at Vigan the 24th inst. There was no opposition. The sailors were welcomed by the inhabitants. I believe the Spanish and American prisoners are still in the vicinity of Bangued, guarded by a small insurgent force. Reports from the northeast indicate that 500 insurgent troops at Bayombong, Nueva Viscaya province, surrendered yesterday to Lawton's troops. He advanced by both the San Nicholas and Carranglan trails."

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.

THE COMING MESSAGE

Republicans Hoping for a Clear-cut Document.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Republican congressmen are hoping and praying for a clear-cut message, something that will go straight to the heart of the various public questions to be discussed. They want a message that they can stand by and support with legislation. One of the Republican leaders says:

"What the president ought to do, in my judgment, is to announce some definite policy. The Democrats would, I am sure, be only too glad to seize an opportunity to cut loose from the anti-expansion coterie."

Senator Palmer, who led the gold Democrats in 1896, says there will be no ticket of that kind next year, as gold Democrats will vote solidly against Bryan.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for gripe and its after effects.

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The Absolutely Pure BAKING-POWDER

Made from Grape Cream of Tartar.

Baking powders made from alum and other harsh, caustic acids are lower in price, but inferior in work and injurious to the stomach.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

BOERS SUFFER AT WEENER

Twelfth Lancers Attacked Pieretiel's Forces and Inflicted Severe Punishment.

JOUBERT MADE A RETREAT

Burglers Loss Was 30 Killed and Over 100 Wounded—Open River Is Announced.

ESTOUET, Nov. 30.—The Twelfth Lancers are reported to have attacked Pieretiel's forces at Weener, and have inflicted great loss on the Boers.

Hildyard's troops bivouaced last night at Frere. Two Boers were captured, one of them a doctor, who entered the British camp under the belief it was a Boer bivouac.

Jonbert is reported to have retreated to Colenso yesterday. He traveled in an omnibus drawn by six horses. It is also rumored that he is hurrying back to oppose Colonel Baden-Powell.

Two Estouet trains arrived at Frere last evening. There is rejoicing at the reopening of the line. Boer prisoners report that Hildyard's night attack with cold steel paralyzed the burglers, whose loss was thirty killed and over 100 wounded.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The war office today makes the following dispatch public from the commanding general at Cape Town, under date of November 29:

"Kimberley all well to November 23. Rail and telegraph is open to Modder river. Gatacre reports the following from Bullen, dated Pietermaritzburg, Wednesday, November 29:

"Mitchell, telegrapher, has just made his way out from Ladysmith to Weener, whence he sends the following messages: "On November 9, we beat back the Boers with great loss to the enemy. Our total casualties were remarkably small. There were only eight men killed during the siege by shells and in all battles, etc., only 100 men have been killed or wounded. I left Ladysmith on the night of November 29. Since November 9 no attempt has been made to attack Ladysmith in force."

Although telegraph and railroad communication is open to the Modder river, no further news of Methuen's movements or the big fight had been given out up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. This is generally taken to indicate that Methuen is again on the march and that as heretofore, he will not again be heard from until he has fought another battle and gained another stage.

Want Better Service.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 28.—A mass meeting of citizens was called this afternoon to consider the action of the O. R. & N., regarding the apparent side-tracking of Walla Walla when the new schedule shall go into effect. A committee was appointed to confer with General Passenger Agent Harbert and other O. R. & N. officials, who arrived tonight. Another meeting will be held tomorrow relative to the situation.

Citizens are much wrought up over the matter, and the outcome of these negotiations is awaited with interest.

EIGHT THOUSAND BOERS DEFEATED

Fight Lasted Ten Hours—A Hard, Trying Battle.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Cape Town, Tuesday, Nov. 28.—General Methuen reports: 'Modder River, Tuesday, Nov. 23.—Reconnoitered at 5 a. m. the enemy's position on the river Modder and found them strongly entrenched and concealed. No means of outflanking, the river being full. Action commenced with the artillery, mounted infantry and cavalry at 5:30 a. m. The Guards on the right and the Ninth brigade on the left attacked the position in a widely extended formation, at 6:30, and supported by the artillery found itself in front of the whole Boer force, 8000 strong, with two large guns, four Krupp, etc. The naval brigade rendered great assistance from the railway."

"After desperate, hard fighting, which lasted ten hours, our men, without water or food and in the burning sun, made the enemy quit his position. General Pole Carew was successful in getting a small party across the river, gallantly assisted by 300 Sappers."

"I speak in terms of high praise of the conduct of all who were engaged in one of the hardest and most trying fights in the annals of the British army. If I can mention one man particularly, it is the two batteries of artillery."

Change of Time on the O. R. & N.

Beginning Dec. 1st, the O. R. & N. will run their Spokane Flyer via Walla Walla and the S. R. V. R. R.: Train No. 4 will leave Portland at 3:45 p. m., arriving at Spokane at 7:15 a. m. Train No. 3 will leave Spokane at 4:30 p. m., and arrive in Portland at 8:00 a. m.

In connection with the above trains, the O. R. & N. will put on a passenger train leaving Dayton at 9:00 p. m. and Walla Walla at 10:30 p. m., connecting at Walla Walla with No. 4 from Portland at 11:20 p. m., and with No. 3 from Spokane at 12:05 a. m.; leaving Walla Walla at 12:10 a. m., and arriving at Walla Walla at 1:20 a. m., and Dayton at 3 a. m.

Charles Coghlan is Dead.

GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 27.—Charles Coghlan, the distinguished English actor and author, died here today of gastritis, aged 56 years. He had been ill in Galveston since his theatrical engagement here four weeks ago. His wife was at his bedside when the end came, and is prostrated with grief. The remains will be shipped immediately to Prince Edward Island, Mr. Coghlan's former home.

Used by British Soldiers in Africa.

Capt. C. G. Denison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Gallahe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.