

WOLSELEY ACCUSED OF COMING THE OTIS ACT

English "Yellows" Claim He Has Doctored Accounts From the Seat of War.

RESULTS HAVE FAVORED THE BOERS

General Joubert Believed to be in a Tight Pinch and a Decisive Battle Is Expected to Take Place Today.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Lord Wolseley has apparently now been convicted of "doctoring" official reports from the front, and there is a strenuous demand on all sides for a reversion to the earlier practice, when the reports of White, the British commander in Natal, were given out textually as soon as received.

The commander-in-chief's summary, read in the house of commons yesterday, spoke of General White having fought a successful action, whereas White's own account puts an entirely different complexion on the situation, and reduces the movement to its proper proportions, and shows that further exciting intelligence may be expected from the same quarter at any moment.

It is quite evident that war in Natal has only commenced, and that the Boers are by no means discouraged at losing the first two battles, and many experts are satisfied that General Joubert is even now close to the heels of the British, and that a decisive action may be fought today or tomorrow.

The main fact that the British were forced to evacuate the Natal triangle, which the Boers naturally rightly claim as a conspicuous success, and which they may even emphasize by a proclamation annexing Northern Natal, is proving an unpalatable pill to the public, whose appetite has been whetted by previous successes, which had been represented as being greater than they were really, as the determination and

gallantry of the Boers enabled them to quickly recognize and achieve the desired objects by other methods.

Later estimates of Boer losses at Eland's Laagte give 306 killed. Their coolness, bravery and good aim can be judged from the fact that out of 17 or 18 officers with the half battalion of Gordon Highlanders, four were killed and 12 were wounded, while the casualties among the rank and file were 27 per cent during less than three hours' fighting.

The situation in the West is being complicated. The Boer proclamation of annexation and claims of victory at Glencoe are likely to induce the Dutch to side with their countrymen already in the field. It is also believed that the Dutch beyond Griquatown are only awaiting encouragement to declare for the Transvaal. Advice from Phillips-town yesterday say the searchlights of the Kimberly defense were visible the previous night, and therefore Kimberly is still intact.

According to a Brussels dispatch, Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal in Europe, has issued a statement that the Boers have now nearly 100,000 men in the field, made up as follows:

Boer regulars, 35,000; artillery, 1,250; police, 1,750; Orange Free State troops, 35,000; Natal Boers, 3,000; Bechuana-land and Rhodesian forces, 8,000; foreign legion, 900; Americans, 4,000; Germans, 6,000; Dutch, 2,000; Irish, 1,000; Scandinavians, 600; French, Swiss and Italians, 200.

frained from whistling before out of the woods, the general feeling of tension and uneasiness was greatly relieved in the London clubs last night. General White's third victory, when its full effect is known will strengthen the beneficial effect produced by the previous battles upon the Dutch in Cape Colony and that is one of the strongest points in the game.

The whole conduct of the field force thus far reflects credit upon the Indian generals, White, Symons and Yule and Colonel Hamilton are all officers of purely Indian training, pupils of Lord Roberts and exponents of his school of warfare.

The statement was current last night that President Steyn was advancing on Allwal North, was near the town and that he had actually issued a proclamation claiming all Cape Colony north of the Vaal river. Whether the claim is serious it is impossible to tell, but I am able to say on the authority of a great English banker that to his knowledge President Steyn has sent to England large drafts representing his entire fortune. Mrs. Steyn is also out of harn's way at Cape Town.

DID NOT LOOT.

Colonel Frost Defends the American Soldiers.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—A special to the Times from Washington says: "The stories of American soldiers looting churches are false," said Col. A. S. Frost, of the South Dakota regiment, who had a long interview with Secretary Root in regard to the Philippine situation.

"As General MacArthur advanced the principle churches were set on fire by Aguinaldo's men, notably the churches at San Fernando and Malolos and the looting was done by the insurgent stragglers and Chinese. It is not true that the Philippine prisoners were inhumanely treated. There are no kinder men in the world than the American soldier. I have seen him share his food with and divide shelter with wounded Filipinos. The Filipino wounded are

taken to the hospitals on the same trains with ours."

Colonel Frost highly praised General Otis, declaring him to be a man of splendid character.

"He makes enemies," said the colonel, "because he is a strong man."

DEPEND ON US.

Englishmen Establish a Paper Mill in This Country.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The Tribune says: It has just been learned that a number of Englishmen recently came to this country for the purpose of establishing a mill for the manufacture of paper to be used in the printing of newspapers, and that they are still here. The party includes S. Charles Phillips, Frank Lloyd and several other prominent men. Mr. Phillips is the publisher of a number of English trade journals. He is the head of the S. C. Phillips Company of England. Frank Lloyd is a well-known publisher of London.

It is understood that they are to put up a big plant in the neighborhood of Niagara Falls. John C. Logan, who, prior to the organization of the International Paper Company, was general manager of the Niagara Falls Paper Company, will be the manager of this plant.

GERMANY'S DENIAL.

An Official Organ Says She Never Agreed to Go into a Combine Against England.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The Tageblatt denies the statement of the Eclair of Paris that Germany, after promising assistance to France and Russia for the purpose of intervening in the Transvaal, seems now to withdraw it.

The Tageblatt declares: "We believe we are well informed when we state that the German government did not participate in any combination for intervening."

RUSSIAN RESTLESSNESS.

She Is Spoiling for a Fight and Will Contrive to Get It Somewhere.

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Will Urge the Abolition of Cost Limit Imposed Upon Government Armor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Long will make a recommendation for but a limited increase of the new navy in his forthcoming annual report. It is his intention to especially devote his pen to urging the abolition of the limit of cost now imposed upon armor purchased by the government; and to ask for sufficient appropriations to enable the department to procure Krupp armor for the battleships of the Maine class and the projected battleships and armored cruisers.

The three battleships and three armored cruisers authorized by the last congress have not yet been laid down, the law prohibiting the awarding of contracts for their hull and machinery in advance of the contracts for armor. Yet the secretary believes that an increase, however small, should be made during the coming session.

It can be stated that he will certainly not recommend the authorization of more than three protected cruisers of the Olympia type, and he may determine to recommend in their place that congress authorize several small sheathed cruisers and gunboats capable of doing effective work in the Philippines.

Considerable progress has been made by the naval board of construction in the preparation of the circular for the battleships and armored cruisers for which Secretary Long will ask the authorization of the Krupp armor.

In reply to the board's recommendation that the battleship Kearsarge be placed in commission as soon as possible and her superimposed turret given an exhaustive trial, Secretary Long has informed Rear-Admiral O'Neill, president of the board, that such trial will be had immediately after the vessel is turned over to the government and she is placed in commission.

Final decision will doubtless not be taken by the board on this point until the trial is held.

The armored cruisers will not be supplied with double turrets.

All the ships will be sheathed so that the speed which they will make cannot be regarded as fictitious as in the

case of the unsheathed vessels and they will be unable to repeat their trial trip record after having been in the water several months.

KANSAS FLAG DAY.

The Governor So Designates the Time of the Regiment's Return.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—A special to the Times-Herald from Topeka, Kan., says: Governor Stanley has issued the following proclamation:

To the People of Kansas: "The members of the Twentieth Kansas, now at San Francisco, are expected to arrive in Kansas Thursday, the 2d of November. Their splendid record in the Philippines, their manly deportment in camp and their soldierly quality in battle have endeared them to the people. As the gallant soldiers of Kansas carried the flag to the front a generation ago in this country, so the Kansas soldier of today has carried the same banner in the forefront of battle in the Philippines. Because of the valor of American soldiers, past and present, the flag is respected by more people today than ever before.

"I hereby designate the day of the return of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers as flag day, and recommend that on that day the flag be displayed from all public and all private buildings; that all trains and street cars, omnibuses, hacks and private conveyances be decorated with the national colors; that appropriate exercises be held in all the public schools.

"I most respectfully invite all editors, ministers and teachers in our universities, colleges and public schools, state, county and city officers to use their efforts and join in making the day one to be remembered by reason of expressions of patriotism and good will."

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