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General Miles is now on the Sound and it is practically certain that he will visit the fortifications at the mouth of the Columbia soon. It behooves our representative men to see that he is properly received. A little judicious attention will do much toward securing favorable consideration for those projects which Astoria wishes the war department to execute.

Last year showed high water mark in the exports of goods of American manufacture, the total value reaching $307,924,994. For the first three-quarters of 1899 the exports reached $277,500,000. If this ratio is maintained until the end of the year, of which there is at present every indication, the exports will reach $370,000,000. The exports for September were $31,373,264 as against $25,020,047 in September of last year, showing that the ratio of increase is rising as the end of the year approaches, and it would not be surprising if the gain over last year should reach very close to $100,000,000. It is evident that goods of American manufacture are making gratifying headway in foreign markets, and the National Export Exposition should give this movement a marked impetus.

The Oregonian's recent editorial "A Look at the Situation" was strictly a double entendre. Some construe it one way and some another. It has created widespread interest. The Astorian has no wish to raise a club to strike the Union Pacific system if there is any chance for that road to do right "by Portland, by Astoria and by itself," as the Oregonian seems to think is true. "Doing right" by these means making Astoria a terminal for exports, at equal rates with Tacoma, with a differential, if need be, in favor of Portland because of its shorter line on the same water level as Astoria. If that is what the Oregonian means to say it believes the Union Pacific is getting ready to do in behalf of the water levels of the Columbian basin. If this is to be the policy of the Union Pacific, then the Astorian has no club to raise against that system nor against any of its Western members, which, in that case, must be Astoria's warmest allies. Will the Oregonian explain its double meaning editorial by saying whether this is the intention of the Union Pacific?

ENGLISH FIGHTING AGAINST ODDS.

A striking peculiarity of the present situation in South Africa is that it reverses for the moment the relative positions of the weak and of the strong power. Much sympathy has been aroused for the Boers on the plea that they have been forced into a war with a mighty empire, but if a mere disparity in numbers justifies such a plea then the sympathy and the admiration which go out to the man who fights against odds belong of right to the British soldiers who have done such gallant work under General White in Natal and under Baden-Powell at Mafeking.

In judging this personal gallantry and the skillful direction it enjoys, it makes no difference that the odds will be changed ultimately. The heroic officers who were so conspicuous in the brilliant charges up the heights at Dundee and Elandslaagte were the leaders of the smaller army just the same, and knew that there was no prospect of large and immediate reinforcements. Theirs was the uphill struggle on every account.

With respect to numbers the various estimates leave no room for doubt that the Boers have an immense advantage throughout Natal and Bechuanaland too. The figures in Natal are given as three to one, two to one, 12,000 to 5,000, 16,000 to 12,000 (London Telegraph), 30,000 to 12,000 (London Times). Amid all these differences the Boer superiority is clear enough. Even if we accept the smallest calculation, which is four to three, defeat would certainly not be inglorious to the defenders.

On the west the disproportion is even greater. Cronje, the Boer commander, has, it is said, about 10,000 men, while there are only 3,000 British troops at Kimberley and Baden-Powell's little force is less than 1,000. That Mafeking should have been able to stand off the Boer attack at all is matter for wonder.

But this is only part of the story. The Boers have their reserves within much easier call than the British. If the latter should land reinforcements at Durban after a long sea journey they would still be 189 miles from Ladysmith. On the other hand, it is only some thirty miles from Ladysmith to the Free State frontier on the west, sixty miles to the Transvaal frontier on the northeast, and less than 100 miles to the mountain passes of the extreme north. And while bughers from both republics may pour over the western borders of their states against Kimberley and Mafeking the bulk of the British aid must come from Cape Town, which is 647 miles from the one place and 870 miles from the other.

FUNSTON'S SPIRITED REPLY.

With commendable public spirit, the "Topeka Capital," of Topeka, Kan., collected money with which to purchase a sword for gallant General Funston when he should return home from his brilliant campaign in the Philippines. Upon the blade of this sword had been engraved the general's reply at the battle of Caloocan when asked by Gen. MacArthur if he could hold his part of the line. "Until my regiment is mustered out."

When the sword was ready a story was started to the effect that General Funston had declared that he never made such a reply, and that he would not accept the present unless the inscription was erased. The statement was made with so much positiveness that the "Capital" people wired General Funston, who was at San Francisco on his way home, and received the following spirited and characteristic answer:

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 23, 1899.
"Capital," Topeka, Kan.:
Many thanks for the kind message. Shall be proud to receive sword. Stories regarding inscription originate with liars, knockers, copperheads and jackleg politicians. Inscription historically correct. Publish this. FUNSTON.

It may be said of this falsehood that it is on a par with many others that are sent from the Philippines by correspondents of yellow journals, with this difference, that the Funston canard was limited in its effects to one man, while most of the other falsehoods are intended to shake the confidence of the people at large in the government, and counteract the efforts of all those who are defending the flag at the front.

THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVE

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British government, Lord Rosebery and common sense had corroborated his judgment. He does not explain why the flying squadron was ordered out.

LADYSMITH HOLDING OUT.

Rumors of Its Investment Not Believed in London, Because Railroad Is Not Cut.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—While there is a habit here to assume that the news of Boer victories emanating from the continent cannot be true because of the censorship, the fact is forgotten that foreign governments are fully privileged to send and receive cipher messages to and from their representatives in South Africa.

While the wires to Ladysmith are cut, the optimism of the war officials to even believe that Ladysmith was completely invested or Colenso captured, appears to be justified, as this morning it was asserted that the railroad is still open, though traffic has been conducted with the greatest caution.

What, however, was only a rumor yesterday evening, it is claimed may be a reality at any moment, as General Joubert, with his large and wonderfully mobile force, is expected to detach a force of several thousand men and make a dash at the railroad. Rumors of all kinds are turning up here. It is even asserted that General White has been compelled to fall back on Pietermaritzburg, leaving his wounded behind.

Probably such rumors have their origin in recollections of the ominous silence which preceded hte evacuation of Dundee. But, on the other hand, it is asserted the conditions are altered, and the British guns seem more than equal to the artillery of the Boers, thus enhancing the difficulty of any assault on the British lines.

PROTEST AGAINST LYDDITE.

Havoc of British Shells Causes Joubert to Write to General White—Boer Losses.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Belated dispathes from the British camp at Ladysmith add little information regarding Monday's fight except estimates of the Boer losses, which are now said to be 95 killed and 200 wounded, mostly victims of artillery shells, which have wrought such great havoc that it is said General Joubert has written a letter to General White, British commander, protesting against the use of lyddite.

According to all accounts, the presence at Ladysmith of long-range naval guns and the splendid shooting of the blue-jackets have materially improved the position of the British. A temporary armistice was declared Monday evening, to allow the collection of dead and wounded.

A Cape Town dispatch reports the repulse of the Boers by the British yesterday.

LOSSES IN THE RANKS.

List of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Killed and Wounded at Farquhar Farm.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The list of casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men at Farquhar farm shows the Gloucesters lost 20 killed and 53 wounded, the fusileers 10 killed and 41 wounded and the Tenth mountain battery two wounded, before they surrendered.

The captured, who are given under the head of missing, are divided as follows: Gloucesters, 19 officers and 350 men; Tenth mountain battery, 5 officers and 84 men; fusileers, not yet reported.

MILITIA HURRIED OUT.

Thirty-five battalions Ordered to Mobolize After November 20.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—An army order issued this evening orders the authorities to mobolize the 35 battalions of militia at their respective headquarters on various dates after November 20.

FIRST VOICE FOR THE BOERS

PARIS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Urges European Intervention in Behalf of the Transvaal Burghers to End the War.

PARIS, Nov. 3.—The municipal council today passed resolutions offering its entire sympathy to the Boers, who are "struggling for independence," and expressing regret that the European powers had not interfered to prevent the conflict and hoping that peace would be speedily secured.

GETTING TOGETHER.

Meeting of Vanderbilt Presidents for Closer Union of System.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—The Times says:

A meeting of all the Vanderbilt presidents has been called for in this city at once. It is believed that at this meeting there will be submitted by W. K. Vanderbilt a plan for the closer unification of the systems so that thereby the properties may be brought into more economical operating relations.

WANT TO BE TAKEN IN.

Makers of Baking Powder Trying to Sell Out to the Trust.

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—A special to the Times-Herald from Indianapolis says:

A number of Chicago men and several representatives of other cities have been here since Wednesday in consultation with reference to forming an anti-trust baking powder company, and it is announced that the details have been completed and that one of the largest baking powder plants in the country will be established in Chicago.

When the conference closed last evening, several of the representatives went to Cincinnati for the purpose of purchasing machinery to place in the new plant.

THE IOWA RECEPTION.

Great Preparations Making to Give the Volunteers Fitting Welcome.

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—A special to the Times-Herald from Des Moines says:

Plans are now complete for the reception of the Fifty-first regiment of Iowa volunteers in all the towns that have companies. The state reception will be at Council Bluffs Monday afternoon and every company is expected to reach home that night.

The Des Moines companies will be given a brief reception on their arrival, when 51 girls will pin medals on the men. The medals are given by the city and cost $5 each. Thursday evening a grand reception will be given the Des Moines companies at the state house, and following it the official banquet at the Savery hotel. Plenty of noise and fireworks will accompany the demonstrations. The two local companies and both the G. A. R. posts will take part in the parade on the arrival of the boys.

Most of the local receptions will be held Wednesday or Thursday, on account of election, and to give the boys time to see their families first. Banquets, medals and all sorts of honors will be showered upon the soldiers. Red Oak will spend $1,000 and Creston will have a triumphal arch.

PROFITABLE CRUISE.

Whaling Bark Morgan Returns with Big Cargo of Oil and Ambergris.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—The whaling bark Charles W. Morgan, which has arrived here from the Okhotsk sea, during her year's cruise secured 1,400 barrels of sperm oil, 2,600 pounds of bone and 60 pounds of ambergris. The latter was an especially good find, as it will bring from $250 to $400 a pound. The ambergris was landed in Japan, and has already been sent to the owners of the vessel, J. and W. R. Wing of New Bedford.

The Morgan caught in all 48 sperm whales and two right whales. On the way home one of the bark's boats was wrecked by a whale which had been struck, but all the men were rescued. On September 2 the bark California was spoken. She then had 400 barrels of whale oil, 900 barrels of sperm oil and 5,000 pounds of bone.

Martin Cosgrove, a member of the California's crew, who has well-to-do relatives in Indiana, was caught by the reel which holds the line and dragged overboard by a whale in June. His body was not recovered.

EXPANSION HELPS FRISCO.

Great Trade has Grown up Between California and the Hawiian Islands.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Shippers and shipowners attribute the quickened activity prevailing on the water front to the policy of expansion. Since Hawaii has become a part of the United States a great trade has grown up between this port and the islands, although little more than a year has elapsed since the annexation. And now the fine fleet of sailing vessels owned by Flint & Co. of New York has been transferred to Pacific waters and will claim San Francisco as their home port. This fleet has been bought by a local syndicate with the avowed purpose of meeting the demand for freight space on Honolulu bound vessels. Pacific coast vessels have been taxed beyond their capacity by this increased demand. Every steamer that has sailed recently for Hawaiian ports has been forced to refuse freight. But the Flint vessels will reach out still further.

"We certainly expect to take our new vessels to the Philippine islands as soon as the present trouble is settled," said William H. Migheli yesterday, the new managing owner of the fleet. "We expect the carrying trade to our new possessions to advance immeasurably within the next few years, and this was one of the things we had in mind when we bought the Flint vessels. The demand of Pacific coast and Oriental trade justifies a new fleet for this port. Shippers are already experiencing the stimulus of expansion and the shipping interests of this state and city are bound to prosper."

True is the observation of Confucious, that we take greater pains to persuade others that we are happy, than endeavoring to think so ourselves.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago having declared that the Dewey celebration in New York was cold and apathetic as far as the people of that city were concerned, now says the Chicago fall festival, during which President McKinley laid the corner stone of the post office building, was simply a republican campaign meeting, but he promises that "if Dewey comes to Chicago" things will be different.

MEALS LIKE AT HOME.

When you are in Portland and want a really good home meal, just give Mr. Brown a trial. 108 Fourth St., near Washington. You will like it surely. This restaurant is open all night.

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

Ladies who go to Portland and desire something especially fine in the way of tailor-made suits will do well to remember that they can be well fitted at I. D. Boyer's 177 Fourth street, in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Not only does he keep a strictly first-class cutter for men's wear, but also one exclusively for ladies' work, and all can rest assured of getting not only good work, but the best of materials, as Mr. Boyer is an expert on woolen cloths.

FINE OPENING.

The North Pacific Dental College, whose advertisement appears in another column, opened its doors October 5, with 75 students on its roster. The college is well equipped with every facility to graduate students in all the late knowledge of dentistry. A. R. Baker, D.D. S., is demonstrator in charge, and is well qualified to instruct all students who attend this college.

THEY CUT TO FIT.

Yes they do and the style and finish they give to men's suits, rank these gentlemen as expert practical merchant tailors. The material they use is also the very best and you will always find them busy at 269½ Yamhill St., Portland. Get your next suit there, and get it now.

RADICAL LITERATURE.

We know of only one book store in Portland where so complete a line of novels can be obtained, on all the radical subjects of the day under discussion as can be seen at Jones' Book Store, 291 Alder street.

WHERE TO EAT.

Why at 'The Eastern,' of course, 170 Third St., Portland. You can get a good layout for 15 cents here, which will satisfy your hunger and bring you back again to the same place. Remember the Eastern.

A POEM ON MANKIND.

Like what is man, but like a sprouting weed,
That grows and ripens but to cast its seed
Among the thistles and the tares of life
And then to see it strangled in the stife?
Or like the clouds that wander with the breeze
And pass unnoticed from a life of ease?
Or like a mushroom, sprung to life, alas!
To starve or strangle in the tangled grass?

These are thoughts that are apt to come to many people at times, especially when they are sick and have to pay big prices for medicines. But there is one drug store in Oregon where you can save from 10 to 25 per cent on everything you buy, and that is J. A. Clemenson's Drug Store, at 227 Yamhill street, Portland, Ore. At that store you can get Hood's Sarsaparilla at 79c; Mellen's Food, $1 size, 55c; Bromo Seltzer, $1 size, 70c, and everything else at the same low rate. You can get red trading stamps there, and if you need the Natural Body Brace, you can get it there.

THE LOUVRE.

Strangers visiting in the city will find the Louvre an attractive resort wherein to spend the evening. The Anne Sisters Ladies' Orchestra is still on the bills and presents nightly a musical program of exceptional merit. Handsome pool and billiard rooms are a feature in connection with the house. Palatable lunches will be served at all hours.

LOGGERS ATTENTION!

Headquarters for Cutters' Logging Shoes and Loggers' Outfits. THE RED FRONT, 269 Morrison street, Portland.

FOR SALE.

Improved ranch, consisting of 120 acres, on Young's river. Apply to John L. Hayseth, Wise, Or.