

ENGLAND WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNAWARES

She is Hurriedly Strengthening the Fortifications at Esquimalt.

APPREHENDS AN ATTACK BY RUSSIA

Great Britain Sending a Large Force of Marines to Its Pacific Stronghold as a Precautionary Measure--Significant Russian Actions.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—A special to the Times from Montreal, says: England does not intend to be taken unawares in any move that may be made in the Pacific as a result of a possible combination of two or more hostile powers against her interests in that quarter of the globe. It is learned that a strong detachment of marines whose sailing from England was not announced will arrive at Halifax tomorrow or the day after en route to Esquimalt, the strongest British stronghold and naval base in the Pacific ocean.

The fortifications at Esquimalt are also undergoing considerable strengthening, and enlargement and a number of heavy guns have recently been shipped across the continent to be mounted at that fortress.

The reason for the hurried strengthening of Esquimalt lies in the apprehension of the imperial government that Russia may seize the opportunity of the Boer war to attack England in the East.

Recent concerted action of the Russian and French fleets in the Mediterranean which drew out a protest from Great Britain, taken in conjunction with significant utterances by the Russian and French press may have led the British war office to determine the precautionary measures of which the strengthening of Esquimalt and Halifax form a part.

The actual strength of the force of marines now on their way to Esquimalt is not known.

A number of marines will be left at Halifax but the bulk will go to Esquimalt.

NEW STYLE OF WARFARE.—Boers Again Violate the Principles of the White Flag.

LOURENZO MARQUES, Nov. 8.—(Delayed in transmission.)—A runner from Inyavuma, Zululand, brings news that on November 1, 350 Boers invaded British territory and advanced towards the forts at Inyavuma with a white flag. When they were 100 yards distant they fired volleys into the forts, which, however, had been evacuated.

The Boers burned all the stores on the Lobomo and thoroughly ransacked Femersdorf, which they burned to the ground.

BASTOS ARE RISING.

England Will Be Obligated to Raise a Second Army Corps Immediately.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The danger of a Bastos uprising is now admitted to be imminent, and this will affect General Buller's plan of campaign and may render necessary the mobilization of a second army corps.

The Bastos have a large force of mounted warriors armed with rifles and highly skilled mounted infantry, and they have an innate passion for fighting and strong animosity towards the Dutch.

Certainly, with the Free State at war with England, it is impossible for the British troops to police the Basutoland border or take any effective precautionary measures for averting a dire catastrophe. The black menace is the darkest cloud now settling over South Africa.

CONTRACT CLOSED.

The Wireless System of Telegraphy Will Be Used in Hawaii by February.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Frederick J. Cross of Honolulu has arrived in Chicago from New York, where he has completed arrangements with the owners of the Marconi system for its establishment in the Hawaiian islands. The system of wireless telegraphy in the islands is expected to be in working order February 1st. Mr. Cross said:

"As soon as I heard of the Marconi system I was detailed by a number of Honolulu capitalists to investigate it. I obtained sole rights from the Wireless Telegraph and Signal Company of London, which owns the patents for the Marconi system.

"The work will begin January 1, and in a month's time we expect to be flashing messages from the islands."

A REPUBLICAN MAYOR.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 8.—Geo. Clark, republican, has been chosen mayor of Sacramento by 1,822 majority.

MOVEMENT OF TRANSPORTS.

Coming and Departing From San Francisco with the Usual Regularity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—The transport St. Paul has reached this port after a rough passage of 21 days from Nagasaki. She had but 11 passengers, including several discharged soldiers.

The transport Indiana, with the Tennessee regiment aboard, was at Nagasaki when the St. Paul sailed. Besides she had over 100 prisoners aboard. Most of these are destined for Alcatraz. The Illinois prison on Luzon is so crowded that many prisoners escape court martial, as there is no place to confine them. When the St. Paul left Manila it was understood that each transport would bring 50 to 100 to Alcatraz. Most of the men are charged with minor offenses, though three were convicted of assaulting an officer and one of desertion.

The United States cattle transport Wynefield has arrived from Manila. Her voyage was uneventful.

THE DELAYED FORTY-SECOND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—The companies of the Forty-second regiment, which were detained on their way from the East by a railroad accident in which twenty men were slightly injured, have arrived here on their way to the Philippines. Lieutenant Colonel Bacon will be in command of the regiment until it reaches Manila, where Colonel J. M. Thompson awaits its arrival. The regiment includes 45 officers and 1,200 men.

RICHEST EVER KNOWN.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 8.—A \$199,999 gold brick, the largest ever melted in a Canadian mine, is to be sent down from the Kootenay district shortly. This year's wash-up is the richest ever known in the district.

SLOCAN STRIKE UNSETTLED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 8.—The Slocan strike is still unsettled. Non-union miners being brought in has caused the strike to spread to several hitherto unaffected districts. A. W. McCune of Salt Lake will, it is said, make a test of the eight-hour law, which caused the trouble.

TREATY TO BE SUBMITTED.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—The Cautois asserts that the minister of commerce will submit the Franco-American commercial treaty to the chamber of Deputies immediately upon its reassembling.

BUYING CANADIAN LUMBER.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 8.—The bark Kattie F. Troop is loading 1,000,000 feet specially selected timber here for

the Cramps of Philadelphia, to be used in building United States ships.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Besides Phelan, San Francisco Has Nearly All the Rest of the Ticket.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—The full returns of the municipal election had not been received this morning, but a close estimate places the plurality of James D. Phelan, democrat, for mayor, at over 6,000. The democrats also elected the assessor, city attorney, recorder, district attorney, coroner, public administrator, four police judges and 15 of the 15 supervisors. The republicans have probably elected the auditor, county clerk, tax collector, treasurer and three supervisors.

HANDSOME DONATION.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 8.—The board of trustees of the home for children and aged women has received from ex-Governor and Mrs. John S. Pillsbury the sum of \$100,000 to be invested in a permanent fund, the interest of which is to be spent towards the maintenance of the institution.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MEETING.

BOSTON, Nov. 8.—The regular semi-annual meeting of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, the mother church of Christian Science, in this city, was held last night.

BRYAN PLEASED WITH NEBRASKA

He Receives the Congratulations of His Friends in His Assured Re-nomination Next Year.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—A special to the Times-Herald from Lincoln, Nebraska, says:

At the Bryan house last night the telephone kept up a constant clamor with reports from the populist headquarters down town. The first bulletins from the telegraph company delivered while the family were still at dinner came from the town of Crete, normally republican by 100, but which this year gives fusion 78 majority.

"A good omen," said Bryan.

"Don't forget that I spoke in Crete," said Chairman Charles A. Towne of the silver republican party. After returning from Omaha at noon, Bryan gave up the day to driving, walking about his farm and chatting more on political prospects in other states than upon the outlook in Nebraska.

The first bulletin which seemed to arouse Colonel Bryan's enthusiasm was one from Louisville declaring that Goebel had carried the city by 2,000. It was quickly contradicted by later returns, but the pleasure with which Bryan hailed the erroneous report showed how sincere was his interest in the regular nominee.

The disappointment caused by the later unfavorable news from Kentucky was to a great degree offset by bulletins which reported great democratic gains in Ohio and in Massachusetts. Chairman McNary of the state committee in the latter state wired Colonel Bryan that Palme, democrat, had carried Boston by 7,500, while McKinley carried it by 18,000.

"That shows where the gold democrats have been," said Towne. By 9:30 Colonel Bryan was sufficiently assured of success in his state to send out an answer to innumerable inquiries from papers and politician friends.

By 10:20 o'clock it became apparent that the fusionists had carried Nebraska. Even Lincoln, which time and again has dealt Bryan the severest blows, elected three nominees on the county ticket, and Douglas county, including Omaha, deserted the republicans for the first time in its history. Colonel Bryan made no attempt to conceal his pleasure.

"It was an election fought on national issues and the result is an endorsement of our principles," he said to Senator Blackburn, and to James K. Jones he wired the news, putting the indicated fusion majority at 15,000. The dispatches were hardly off before later bulletins led him to raise his estimate to 25,000.

Governor Poynter, in the executive mansion, kept the telephone wires hot with exultant messages, and as the night wore on, the members of the state committee flocked to the Bryan home with congratulations. It was as



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though the national leader was himself a victorious character. By 11 o'clock the certainty of a fusion victory was complete, and Bryan, Towne, Governor Poynter and a few guests took carriages for the populist headquarters, where a crowd greeted them with cheers.

At midnight returns were still fragmentary but definite enough to indicate that the victory in the state was even more sweeping than in 1896.

The Bryan household, from Mrs. Bryan's white-haired father to the tiniest children, has been wrapped up in this contest, and while there was little of exultation, every face frankly told its story of great satisfaction.

"Do you ascribe the victory to the anti-imperialist sentiment?" he was asked after victory was assured.

"Well, so many factors entered into our contest," he replied, "that it is difficult to select one as the determining one."

TO KEEP RATS AWAY.

Device Used on Ships in the Plague Ports.

Russian authorities, alive to the necessity of keeping out the plague, have resorted to this way of preventing rats from boarding ships, which is described by Consul Heenan of Odessa:

"I saw the other day a curious device attached to the mooring rope or cable of a steamer which was loading at this port. The cable was run through a piece of iron pipe about a foot long, and welded on the end of the pipe was a large flange or funnel which looked like the end of a trumpet, with the wide end facing the ship. The iron pipe was stuffed with oakum, to prevent it from slipping, and also to prevent rats from passing through it. This novel construction was close to the ship.

"On inquiring what purpose this device served, I was informed that the Russian authorities furnished these appliances, and obliged all ships to use them whenever they came from a port infected with the plague, to prevent the rats on the ship from coming on shore. It is conceded generally that the plague has been carried and spread by rats which have left the ships coming from infected ports. It is known that rats make use of the cable to come ashore, and this iron pipe with its funnel-shaped arrangement was employed to prevent such visits, if possible. These devices are attached to each cable to which the ship is moored. In addition to this precaution the master of the ship is obliged to take down his loading stages every night and erect them the following morning, to prevent the rats from coming on shore in the night."

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