

BUOYANT FEELING IN BRITISH MILITARY CIRCLES

General White's Ability to Hold Off the Boers is Now Considered Settled.

THE CENSORSHIP REMARKABLY STRICT

No Information of Any Character Can Be Obtained as to the Arrival of Re-inforcements and Buller's Plan of Action.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London, says:

The tone in high quarters is confident and cheerful. Military authorities, since General Carleton's reverse, have hoped that General White would remain quiet and act on strictly defensive lines until the arrival of the bulk of the army corps and they are contented with the situation and highly gratified that nothing has happened except a sluggish, ineffective bombardment of Ladysmith and indecisive skirmishes on the western border. They smile incredulously when any one suggests that General Joubert's forces may attempt to carry Ladysmith by storm.

Meanwhile the exigencies of afternoon journalism are met by the publication of Mafeking and the military writers in this morning's papers are puzzling over the admiralty reports of the movements of the transports for clues respecting General Buller's plan of campaign and the strength of the relief column now forming at lower Natal. The censorship is well managed for just enough news comes through to confuse every expert and render an intelligent judgment out of the question.

Apparently General Buller has a soul above red tape and is disposing his troops as they arrive without regard for the original scheme of organizations. If all arrivals have been reported over 15,000 troops have reached South Africa of which nearly 8,000 have been sent to Durban and about a thousand to East London while over 9,000 have remained at Cape Town.

This distribution of forces serves to indicate that the situation at Ladysmith cannot be regarded by General Buller as critical for otherwise he would not have detained so large a force at Cape Town.

The dearth of news encouraged speculation respecting lines of British attack when an army corps is fairly on the grounds.

Sober minded critics contend that when Ladysmith is relieved the Free Staters will retire to Van Rensselaers Pass and the Boers to Lang's Nek where each body can hold strong defensive positions but that the British army will not be drawn on in either direction.

The German emperor's program for his visit is enlarged today by the announcement of a large and impressive suite, but the English journals are now somewhat coy in their advances and are content to allow the queen and the Prince of Wales to manage the entertainment of the nation's strictly private guest.

SILENCE STILL CONTINUES.

But England is Consoled With the Belief That Nothing is Happening.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says:

The impenetrable veil of silence as to the movements of the British troops in Natal and Cape Colony continues, but this must not be taken to mean that there is nothing important happening. On the contrary, the very reverse may well be the case.

When the war began news of the fighting at Dundee was being sold on the streets of London while the battle was actually going on.

The lack of news now from Ladysmith is not owing to the defective means of communication, but simply to the fact that practically no information as to the military movements is allowed to come. General Buller and General White are once more in direct communication with each other.

A very peculiar feeling is apparent to the public mind, the strain of receiving no news for so long a time from the seat of the war and the certainty that the armies are on the eve of

big engagement combining to make people very uneasy.

This was particularly remarkable first at the clubs where the news boards were scanned and left each face disappointed. "What, no news again? What does it mean?" was heard over and over again. The briefest and best reply heard was "business." That is the general conviction that the lack of news means "business."

At the war office there were more callers with anxious faces than have been seen for some time but there was not one atom of news and anxiety was only still further increased.

In the stock exchange the rush of investment in kaffirs was not to be stemmed and the rands and others of good class were up in some cases nearly a point.

The total British casualties so far as at present known amount to 2,382. The killed are returned at 267 and the missing at 1,202.

FATHER MATTHEWS HEARD FROM

THE SURRENDER UNAVOIDABLE

Fusiliers and Gloucesters Made a Desperate Resistance to Overwhelming Numbers Before Giving Up.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Times correspondent, under the date of Sunday, November 12, evening, says:

Chaplain Matthews arrived here today. He testified to the splendid defense of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucester regiment against an overwhelming force of Boers, who held positions on three sides of the British troops. Retirement on the fourth side was impossible, as the way was too precipitous and surrender was the only alternative to annihilation, as the Boers were on the point of opening a shell fire upon them.

It was pathetic to hear the Fusiliers bemoaning their misfortune, several with tearful eyes crying, "Father I would rather have been shot than this."

"Commandant General Joubert ordered Father Matthews release on condition that he assist the Boer wounded, but afterward countermanded the order and the chaplain was taken with the other prisoners in wagons 20 miles to Weschbank where he with the rest was placed on a train for Pretoria.

"The Boers have a few tents and are thought to be suffering privations.

"While in Pretoria Father Matthews understood that President Kruger was about to visit Natal to encourage the burghers there. Many empty trucks have been sent to Natal, but the Boers declare that these are to bring the Ladysmith garrison to Pretoria."

CORRESPONDENT KILLED.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Daily Mail's Mafeking correspondent, telegraphing under date of November 2, says F. G. Parslow, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle was shot through the brain and instantly killed by a revolver discharged accidentally in the hands of Lieutenant Moschiss, in the market place. Dr. Parslow was a Cape Town man.

MILES GOING HOME.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 16.—General Miles has carefully inspected the fortifications at Ballast Point and will leave tomorrow for Galveston and New Orleans. He expects to reach Washington about the 25th.

ARMORED TRAIN EXCURSION.

No Boers Encountered, but News From Ladysmith Brought In.

ESTONCOURT, Natal, Friday, Nov. 10.—Evening. The armored train has returned from another trip on which Colenso was reached. No Boers were seen. On its way back the train picked up a native runner at Frere carrying a number of letters, who had been searched by the Boers, but had in some manner managed to keep his documents from falling into the hands of the searchers.

This runner stated that Ladysmith was bombarded on Thursday, Nov. 9, by six forty pounders, one shot from which struck Illing's store. The British big naval guns were still silent when he left. Little damage was done by the Boer bombardment and there were few casualties. The runner further said that the Boers intend to visit Colenso tomorrow.

Another reconnaissance was made by train today with a company of the Boer regiment on board, but nothing noteworthy occurred. It is reported on good authority that a large party of Boers traveled from Colenso to Chevelley and then branched to the west. Another party of Boers is reported to have visited Bieys Farm, wrecking the household.

All the troops attended divine service this afternoon. Guns were heard in the direction of Ladysmith early this morning.

SENATOR DANIEL'S OPINION.

Sees New Encouragement to Democrats in the Results of Last Elections.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, in a signed dispatch to the World, says:

"I have made no public expressions touching democratic candidates or platform for 1900, and such as have been attributed to me were in answer to hypothetical question or made in private conversation and have appeared in reports without the qualifications given them.

"I know no more than the general public, being constantly occupied in matters to be dealt with now and have so suggestions or advice to offer which I think worthy of attention.

"It is premature to shape issues before the conditions of 1900 are developed, as they may be very different from those existing now. I am a believer in the principles of the platform of 1896 which was largely opposed in the proposition that it was misunderstood or misrepresented, but it is a self evident fact that the platform of 1900 may require additions and qualifications to the work of 1896 which were not then and may not now be apparent.

"I have not lately seen or conferred with my colleagues, Senator Martin, and it is not true, as has been stated that we have any concerted views or plans on the subject. I see new encouragements to democrats in the recent elections."

ANOTHER FOREIGN CONTRACT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—It is announced at the offices of the Federal Steel Company that the company has just closed a contract to furnish a large supply of steel railway materials in Glasgow, Scotland, the total value of which aggregates \$500,000.

DECREASED DEFICIENCY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—A postal deficiency of \$6,619,775 for the fiscal year just closed, almost a 27 per cent decrease from last year's deficiency, is shown in the annual report of Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden. The total receipts from all sources were over \$97,000,000. Over 4,700,000 stamps in all have been supplied to the Philippines; 4,989,000 to Puerto Rico; 15,423,000 to Cuba, and 45,999 to Guam during the fiscal year.

WORK OF BRINGING SEA WATER TO LONDON.

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First ward—Judges, Charles S. Wright, Martin Johnson and A. C. Fisher; polling place at county court house.

Second ward—Judges, D. H. Welch, Walter Robb and R. Carruthers; polling place, Welch block.

Third ward—Judges, T. S. Cornellius, C. Gramms and Maxwell Young; polling place, old school house.

The number of delegates to be elected at said election being 11 from each ward. It is recommended by the republican city central committee that said convention be held on the 21st day of November, 1899.

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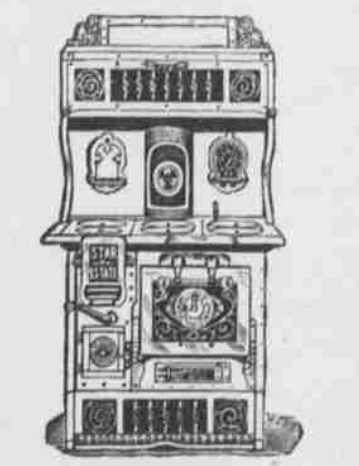
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