DETAILS OF AFFAIRS AT LADYSMITH NOW RECEIVED

The Town is Being Shelled by Heavy Guns Both Night and Day.

REINFORCEMENTS ARE BEING RUSHED

Fears are Entertained That the English Garrisons are Weak In Artillery and That Ammunition is Also Running Low—More News of Symons' Death.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

News is beginning to dribble in with details sufficient to form an outline of what has happened at Ladysmith since the recommencement of the bombardment on November 7. Severe engagements appear to have taken place on the 9th, 10th, and 14th.

Lastly, early on the morning of the 18th, heavy firing was heard in Estcourt from the direction of Ladysmith. A Times dispatch states that the town is being shelled night and day and hard pressed, the Boers doubtless straining every nerve to crush the defense and either force General White to surrender or abandon his stores and baggage and make a desperate effort to cut his way through their lines.

The relieving column is slowing being formed at Pietermaritzburg where General Hildyard appears to be the senior officer. The greater part of the first division is now in Natal.

The Boers have quickly followed up their success in entrapping a hundred Dublin Fusiladers and Natal volunteers, by advancing in strong force toward Estcourt. They were reported Friday to be within five miles of the town with eight guns and there were unconfirmed rumors toward midnight that the British garrison might be compelled to fall back. General Hildyard's second brigade had sent him to Durban with the Coldstreams from the first brigade and the sixteenth brigade and a Fusilier battalion from the third division, and all had arrived, from last reports, except the Coldstreams and the Second Devonshires. This with a strong infantry force, of which the Second West Yorkshires had reached Estcourt.

The garrison there was weak in artillery, unless the naval brigade had brought up its guns from the ships and on this account it might not be prepared for attack from the Boer guns. These batteries of field artillery were disembarked from the Armenian at Durban yesterday, but time would be required for carrying up the country and getting the horses into condition after their long voyage.

Cool military experts to whom I have been speaking contended that everything could not be done in a day; that the men and stores must be taken off the ships, that arrangements must be made for feeding the troops and animals, and Pietermaritzburg was seventy miles inland.

The war office yesterday issued General Buller's account of the armored train ambuscade, confirming press dispatches, minimizing the affair, but admitting that 100 men were missing. Comment upon this episode in the clubs was bitter, although everyone had a good word for the gallantry of Lieutenant Winston Churchill.

The only cavalry reserves at Cape Town are the Aldershot company of mounted infantry with a machine gun section and a force of 600 Lancers arriving yesterday. The admiralty has something to answer for in sending cavalry and field artillery on slow ships, but scant provision has been made by the military staff for securing good scouting against an exceedingly mobile enemy consisting mainly of mounted infantry.

The tone of the war office authorities remains confident and it is estimated that General Buller knows what is going on in Ladysmith from day to day.

Meanwhile there are many rumors from Boer sources respecting the continuance of the bombardment from the hills and investment of the town within a narrow range of fire. Public anxiety is increasing with lack of authentic news from Ladysmith, but there is a hopeful feeling respecting the western border. Colonel Baden-Powell is consider more than a match for the Boers in craft, and, indeed, is the only commander on the British side who can fight them in their own way.

There are also signs that the column for the relief of Kimberley is well on its way and within 50 miles of the town. General Buller with 12,000 fresh troops at Cape Town has ample resources for a decisive attempt to raise the siege of Kimberley. The Times and Mail publish graphic accounts of the battle at Elands Laagto, received by letter from war correspondents at the front.

The Times correspondent also gives a stirring description of the storming of Talmana hill and mentions that General Symons fell mortally wounded when galloping along the line to tell the troops that the hill must be taken. He describes the storming of the hill as one of the greatest ashievements of the British infantry.

BOERS HOVERING AROUND ESTCOURT

NO ATTACK YET MADE

English Forces Advance to Give Them Battle and They Refuse the Challenge.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A special to the Herald from Logdon, says:

This dispatch from its special correspondent is published by the Daily Mail:

ESTCOURT, Nov. 14.— The Boers must have made a detour last night as this morning the commando was reported to be within six miles of the village to the north and east.

The alarm was given and troops moved out and took up position fronting the Boer advance. The enemy were seen moving about, but made no attempt to leave the hills.

The enemy, seen near Chively yesterday have gone back on Colenso. The camp has been reinforced by an infantry regiment under Colonel Kitchener and a long range naval gun from the cruiser Terrible.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from London, says:

The Daily Telegraph printed these advices from its special correspondent:

Estcourt, Nov. 16.—A few Boers are laagered near Frere. A few others have been seen moving east.

An ambulance train has gone forward to try to recover our wounded.

Yesterday's losses in the armored train engagement have been ascertained to have been in wounded or missing.

Dublin Fusiliers, Captain Haldane, Lieutenant Frankland and 45 men; Durban light infantry, Captain Wylie and 24 men.

A heavy musketry fire was heard in the direction of Ladysmith at 2 o'clock this morning but there was no sound of cannon.

BISHOP POTTER'S TRIP.

Has Arrived at Yokohoma and May Go to India From Manila.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The Herald says:

Bishop Potter has sent a cablegram from Kokohoma announcing his arrival in Japan and a stay in Honolulu of a day and a half. He is accompanied by the Rev. Percy S. Grant, of the church of the Ascension. They are on their way to the Philippines, but may go to India before they return.

Bishop Potter's Honolulu errand was to meet the Right Rev. Dr. Alfred Willis, the bishop there. The political relations of the island having changed, it appears that there was expectation that a transfer of the diocese might have to be made to the American house of bishops before this, but for the inaction of the Honolulu bishop.

His diocese is an independent one, but it has a nominal connection with the church of England, from the fact that the nomination to the bishopric is vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

Naval Board in Charge of Recent Experiments Recommends its Adoption

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington, says:

"The system is adapted for use on all vessels in the navy," is the finding of the special board of navy officers that had in charge the investigation of the Marconi wireless telegraphy. The conclusions of this board and its recommendation that the system be given a trial in the navy were given out today by Admiral Bradford, the chief executive of the bureau of equipment, under which supervisor the governmental tests on board the New York and Massachusetts were recently made.

BOERS LACK FOOD.

Complete Cordon Around Ladysmith But British Well and Cheerful.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from London, says:

The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from its special correspondent at Pietermaritzburg, Nov. 11:

The natives report that the enemy have drawn a complete cordon around Ladysmith and ingress is now most difficult. Our troops are cheerful and there is little sickness.

The Boers are in great straits for want of food. The Free Staters have become almost mutinous.

NEW ELECTRIC MOTOR.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. Nov. 18.—A practical demonstration of the advance in the power of electric motors, especially as applied to automobiles has just been given over the South Jersey bicycle course.

The record for the best previous performance of a storage battery in an automobile, being double the weight in both batteries and vehicles to that used here without re-charging, 85 miles, made during the summer in France by Count Laubert, was eclipsed, the automobile making 100 miles without having the battery recharged.

DANGERS OF PUGET SOUND.

TACOMA, Nov. 18.—An unknown man either fell or was thrown from a room in the Baldwin hotel and was found dead on the pavement early this morning. Joe Malone, a gambler, who is the last person seen with the dead man, is now held in jail on suspicion.

Later—The dead man has been positively identified as Captain Anderseon, master of the schooner from San Francisco now loading at Seattle.

SHORTAGE IN APPLES.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—The Record says:

South Water street commission-men mourn $200,000 lost in apples. Three weeks of exceptionally hot weather in October when the cream of the winter stock was shipped by Michigan, New York and Indiana growers, "cooked," the majority of the consignments being so bad that even cold storage could not save them from decay.

EXTENDING THE CURFEW.

DES MOINES, Nov. 18.—The city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting all persons walking the streets after 11 p. m. unless they can give satisfactory reasons therefore, returning to business or some necessary occupation. The penalty is a fine of $10 and it applies to adults as well as children.

LAST OF CHICKERING.

BOSTON, Nov. 18.—George H. Chickering, the last of the family which became famous for piano fortes is dead at his home at Milton, Mass., aged 70 years.

CHANGES IN S. P. DIRECTORY

A NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Sale of Stanford-Crocker Interests Will Lead to Numerous Resignations and Retirements.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—The Chronicle says:

"The sale of the Crocker and Stanford interests in the Southern Pacific will be followed by several changes in the board of directors of the Kentucky corporation in the near future.

Mrs. Stafford is expected here from New York next week and George Crocker will arrive the latter part of the month or early in December. Shortly thereafter a special meeting of the Southern Pacific board of directors will be held and the resignation of George Crocker and W. H. Crocker as well as the resignations of Mrs. Stanford's two directors, Russel J. Wilson and Charles G. Lathrop will be presented.

One or two of the new directors in all probability will be Southern Pacific officials.

"The other directors are expected to be chosen from the business community.

"It is said that H. E. Huntington and J. C. Stubbs have been appointed a committee to select the successors of the Crockers and the Stanford directors.

"The retirement of George Crocker will create a vacancy in the position of second vice president of the Southern Pacific and there is a general belief in local railroad circles that H. E. Huntington will be appinted. It is also believed that H. E. Huntington will succeed to the presidency of the Pacific Improvement Company, the resignation of George Crocker being expected."