

ENGLISH GENSORSHIP SYSTEM A COMPLETE SUCCESS

Joubert Might Read the London Papers Without Detriment to British Arms in Africa.

SUPERIOR NUMBERS GIVES CONFIDENCE

Ladysmith Now Regarded as Entirely Safe Through the Withdrawal of Part of Joubert's Forces to Meet Clerj's Advance.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London, says:

If General Joubert were in possession of all the war news contained in today's London journals he would not have a single helpful cue. He would be forced to pick and choose among a dozen different estimates of the British force in lower Natal and on the southern and western frontiers of the Free State, with the certainty that every one was below the mark.

He would not find any clue to the distribution or composition of Clerj's troops between Estcourt and Durban, nor a single glimpse of what is going on within General White's lines at Ladysmith. He would have reason to question his own sanity were he to attempt to reconcile the conflicting theories advanced by military writers respecting his strategy, immediate objects and point of view.

This situation causes bewilderment, but no alarm. Confidence is inspired by the superiority of numbers which the British army now has in lower Natal and on the borders of the Free State, and by the assurance that Ladysmith is doubly safe when a portion of Joubert's force has been withdrawn for a series of southern raids and for the hazardous operation of blocking Clerj's advance.

Military men in close touch with the war office assert that no misgivings are entertained there, and that no news is withheld from the public.

The lack of war news encourages some optimists to write hopefully of the alleged intent of Hofmeyer and Schreiner to induce President Steyn to draw out from the campaign and sue for peace, but this result lies outside the range of serious discussion. The Star with a truer instinct, displays a Vienna dispatch containing information from St. Petersburg that the Russian have occupied Herat.

This is not improbable, as it coincides with the forecast which the Times published ten days ago from its St. Petersburg correspondent. But the report lacks definiteness and official authority. It may easily be that a surprise of this kind has been carefully planned for the entertainment of the queen's guests at Windsor and it would be well aimed for a critical movement of the British campaign in Africa.

NOT FOR AFRICA

Admiral Schley Ordered to Await Further Commands as to That Station.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

That it has never been the intention of the navy department to permit Rear Admiral Schley to proceed to South African ports is shown by the official instructions given him by the department on Monday last.

The secretary especially instructs Admiral Schley not to direct any of the vessels of his command to proceed to African waters without specific instructions from the department.

The state department does not desire to have any American men of war in South African waters at present, believing that the circumstance might be detrimental to American interests, and the navy department therefore will not allow any vessel to proceed to South African waters unless the situation in South Africa should change materially.

The instructions to Rear Admiral Schley are very disappointing in his friends. They had believed that the department had planned no restriction as to the ports he should visit. This is a copy of the navy department's orders:

Nov. 20, 1899. "Sir: When the United States ship Chicago is in all respects ready for sea proceed with that vessel

United States, the headquarters of the republic.

Mr. Pratt in one of his letters appended, congratulated Aguinaldo on his speedy triumph, as it proves his own wisdom in recommending him to Admiral Dewey. Consul Wildman, in another letter, advises Aguinaldo to treat the Spanish as they would have treated the Filipinos and keep them on rice and water, advice, which the secretary says, "Our humane leader declined to accept."

But the secretary says the object of God in assigning the United States to free the Philippines has been frustrated "by whom?" he asks. He then proceeds:

"Alack, esteemed citizens of the great American republic, you know well who is the cause of such reckless perturbations. It is your president, William McKinley, who, using as a pretext alleged rights obtained through the purchase of more than doubtful sovereignty from Spain, gives evidence of his intention to ignore the bonds of friendship which should unite the two nations by imposing upon us by force of arms the sovereignty of the United States."

Is this conduct in line with the canons of morality, whereby the United States grew great? Surely not. For if moral obligations are applicable to internal affairs, there should be no evasion of the great republic duty to stand by and protect the Filipino nation. In the name of Almighty God, of humanity, and of national honor, I appeal to the citizens of the United States to fulfill these obligations by passing a just resolution recognizing our independence, thus ending a wicked and inhuman war.

The second point is that the Filipinos captured 2,000 prisoners and set up a republic and were practically recognized by the United States officers, that Dewey wrote to Aguinaldo asking for passes for British subjects to travel through the islands, that Oles, Anderson and Merritt all addressed Aguinaldo as "General Commanding the Philippine army," and that Anderson asked him for camping grounds and quarters, as well as other assistance against "our common enemy," that Dewey handed over to Aguinaldo a complaint about the French steamer Compañia de Filipinas, stating that he had no jurisdiction in the matter; that Anderson and Merritt addressed telegrams to Aguinaldo asking him to evacuate the suburbs of Manila and promising to negotiate with him afterward on the subject.

"As for the session of sovereignty," proceeds the secretary, "it is null and void for it has been celebrated in contravention of all principles of international law and in opposition to the principles of justice. For it is not moral nor just nor in accordance with international law to say to a nation, 'I will help you to sweep away Spanish sovereignty and make you independent and after helping you so to do I will come and buy your sovereignty from Spain and impose it by force of arms on the protected people.'"

Citations are made from international law and then it is contended that Spain has lost her sovereignty and could not rede what she did not have. The third point follows in full: "We are a community of eight million people politically organized on well defined territory, with our own government which is competent to protect our citizens and to assume full responsibility for our conduct toward other states. We have an official language—Spanish. We have an enlightened religion—the Roman Catholic. Strict morality which emanates from christianizing influences governs our manners and customs. Our laws are on a par with those of other civilized states. And, last, we live in families in towns and cities, affording permanent evidence of a cultured and civilized society. These are the reasons why we appeal for recognition to the people of the United States who are to decide our fate—a fate which would be better, if, heeding the dictates of humanity, your president, Mr. McKinley, had not chosen to wage against us a cruel, devastating war."

A DULL LOT.

It was in an Irish court that a man was called into the witness box not long ago, and, being old and just a little blind, he went too far in more than one sense, and instead of going up the stairs that led to the box mounted those that led to the bench. Said the judge, good humoredly: "Is it a judge you want to be, my good man?"

"Oh, sure, your honor," was the reply. "I'm an old man now, and maybe it's all I'm fit for."

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OPPOSITION IN MARYLAND

Senator Gorman in Consultation With Crocker for New York Support in the Movement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Herald says:

Maryland democrats will lead in an anti-Bryan movement if any encouragement is offered them by the leaders of this state and other eastern states.

This fact was announced to Richard Crocker by Ex-Senator Arthur P. Gorman and Governor-elect John Walton Smith.

Senator Gorman is quoted as saying to a friend last evening that a sufficient number of anti-Bryan delegates would be sent to the next national convention to prevent the Nebraska leader from obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote necessary for nomination.

While in New York Senator Gorman and Governor-elect Smith have been in close consultation concerning the democratic policies which Maryland may develop during the next six months.

With them at the Waldorf-Astoria was Buchanan Schley, cousin of Admiral Schley and surveyor of the port of Baltimore under the last Cleveland administration. Mr. Schley is a close friend of Senator Gorman and his presence started the rumor that eastern democrats would unite in presenting the name of Admiral Schley in the next convention.

It is said, however, that Admiral Schley has announced that he will have nothing to do with politics whatever, and would not accept the presidency as a gift.

If Senator Gorman's plans reach their full fruition, Maryland will hold a very early state convention at which a delegation to the national convention will be named which will be solidly and openly opposed to Bryan.

Other eastern states and some southern states are expected to follow Maryland's example. No candidate has been named yet. It is said, with whom to oppose Bryan.

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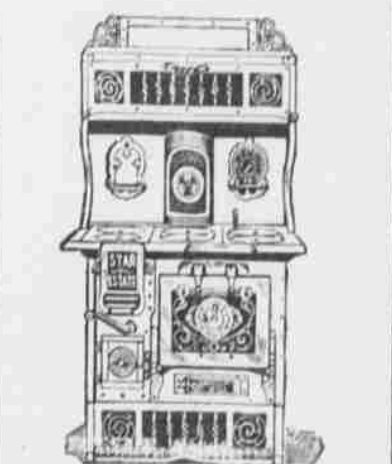
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