

THE BATTLE OF BOLTON DECISIVE BRITISH VICTORY

It Opens Up the Road to Kimberly and Admits Advance of the Relief Column.

SUCCESSFUL SORTIE FROM LADYSMITH

Boers Resorting to Guerrilla Tactics to Harrass the British Reinforcements and Seeking to Organize a Native Uprising.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—A dispatch from the Tribune from London, says: Long after midnight an official dispatch was received at the war office bringing news of a battle fought by General Methuen at Belmont with the Free Staters, the result being a complete victory for the Kimberly relief column. General Methuen found the Boers strongly entrenched and provided with plenty of guns.

The ground they chose to defend was cleverly selected and in driving them from their position the British troops had to carry three ridges in succession which seems almost a repetition of the battlefield of Flanders Laagte. The last ridge was carried at the point of the bayonet by the guards. The British losses as officially reported were three officers killed and 22 wounded; 34 men killed, 120 wounded and 22 missing. The Boers lost heavily and 40 prisoners were taken, besides a great quantity of stores.

This victory is of special importance because it is the first blow dealt by the British force acting purely on the offensive and is part of the development of the British plan of campaign.

It will doubtless open up the road to Kimberly, at all events as far as the Modder river where the advance of the column will probably be again opposed.

Further details of the fighting will be anxiously awaited by the British public although it is already clear that the victory is decisive.

A dispatch is also at hand from General Gatacre, who in reporting the latest disposition of the British troops makes ominous mention of the continued Dutch rising in the Broken Nall district. A party of armed Dutch is said to have left Cradock on the eastern line to Port Elizabeth to join the Boers taking armed natives with them.

General French who was reported to be moving east from De Aar has found the Boers holding a strong position at Arundel, a few miles north of Maatpoort. The British force withdrew with three wounded.

There is no news from Estcourt, but a rumor has reached Maritzburg that General White has made a successful sortie from Ladysmith, capturing some Boer positions with guns and material and inflicting loss on the enemy.

"Big Battle" was placarded in large letters on newspaper posters last night, but it turned out to be one of the old kind in the Sudan, were 2500 Derivishes had been attacked by General Wingate with an English force which utterly routed them. Over four hundred were killed.

The Anglo-Egyptian loss was three men wounded—a low price for a complete victory. This is the training which British armies have had for a generation in fighting savages or semi-civilized foes and it has unfitted them for battling with the Boers who do not mow their forces and cannot be rushed.

The situation in lower Natal offers a striking contrast to all the conditions of warfare to which the British people are accustomed. The Dutch allies, after invading Ladysmith, have turned about to deal with the British relief column.

By dividing their forces into mobile bands of raiders and cutting in between Estcourt and the Modder river, and threatening to dash in at Howick, between the Modder and Pietermaritzburg, they are isolating one British detachment after another by their superior mobility without making a decisive attack at any point or concentrating their forces for a supreme effort.

It is guerrilla warfare with the long range guns and howitzers added for keeping the British at a distance. John Bull is naturally irritated by the irregular tactics, but he ought not to be amazed by them for General Jou-

the assistance of Aguinaldo against "the common enemy."

"It is true, I addressed Aguinaldo as commanding general," General Anderson said. "It was a common form of salutation used by all generals commanding United States troops during correspondence with the Filipino leader. All this correspondence is a matter of record. I praised Aguinaldo for his bravery in fighting the common enemy in the same letter in which I stated my inability to recognize his civil authority."

The entire correspondence of General Anderson as well as the correspondence of General Merritt with Aguinaldo is printed in the message of the president to the senate giving details of the treaty with Spain. In a letter written at the arsenal, Cavite, on July 5, 1898, General Anderson said:

It must be apparent to you that we do not intend to remain here inactive, but to move promptly against our common enemy; but for a short time we must organize and land supplies and also retain a place for storing them near our fleet and transports."

Further along General Anderson suggests cooperation of the medical officers of both armies.

Only July 17, Major S. R. Jones, at General Anderson's request, wrote Aguinaldo asking the assistance of the Filipinos.

On July 22, General Anderson said in a letter:

"I observe that your excellency has announced yourself as dictator and proclaimed martial law. As I am here simply in a military capacity I have no authority to recognize this assumption. I have no orders from my government on the subject; and so far as I can ascertain your independent status has not been recognized by any foreign power. Your fine intellect must perceive that, happy as I am to see you fighting so bravely and so successfully against a common enemy, I cannot without orders recognize your civil authority."



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It is probable that the University of Chicago football team will go to San Francisco to play the University of California during the holidays. Director Stagg has received an offer from the manager of the California University team for a game on grounds across the bay at the Golden Gate. He said that the offer was such as to cover all expenses for the trip, but in some respects was not satisfactory.

The players on the Maroon team are confident that they are to be given the trip as a reward for their long and hard season's work with every game on the home gridiron. They are satisfied that the members of the board who have been opposed to any extension of the season can be won over.

ON A COLD TRAIL

Former Spanish Subject Wants Damage for His Treatment in Porto Rico.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Harris Azar, a Syrian by birth but a naturalized citizen of the United States, arrived in this country on the steamship San Marcos a few days ago to look after a suit for \$100,000 damages to health and property which he says he suffered at the hands of the Spanish. At the time the war broke out he had a jewelry store in San Salvador street, in the town of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. On April 4, he says, he was arrested by Lieutenant Moralez, as a spy. All his property, consisting of jewelry and gems valued at many thousands of dollars, was carried away.

In his place of business was found a New York newspaper, and this confirmed the belief of the authorities that he was a spy. He was incarcerated in a narrow cell and was given insufficient food and wears glasses as the result of his impaired eyesight. He will go to Washington to press his claim.

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