

# BRITISH FORWARD MOVEMENT MEETING MUCH OPPOSITION

## Fighting Takes Place at Every Vantage Point the Boers Can Occupy.

# NAVY'S HEAVY LOSS AT GRASPAN

## The Boers Not Likely to Make a Stand South of Ladysmith But Will Push on to Kimberly.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from London, says: In all three forward movements of the British forces an extremely interesting situation is developing. General Gatacre and General French, on the north border of Cape Colony have begun moving along the De Aar-Nauwpoort line for an advance from Colesburg and Norvalspont.

Lord Methuen continues his progress towards Kimberly. Because he has a fight at each railway station from Orange River, some credence was given to an agency telegram in the late afternoon papers that he had had a third engagement with the enemy nine miles from Graspan, and that he had captured two million rounds of Boer ammunition. But up to 2 o'clock this morning there is no confirmation of this third encounter.

The next battle is to be expected at Symfontein, where there is a good position.

The British advance must necessarily proceed along the railway line. The river will be no obstacle, as it is small and easily fordable. At Symfontein there are a few scattered hills. This is the only point where the Boers will be able to avail themselves with cover.

The British movement is undoubtedly difficult and dangerous. The greatest peril arises from the possibility

of the Boers moving men across the Free State from Natal to Jacobsdale and to Modder river. Such a movement would occupy about ten days for any considerable force and about seven or eight days for a force of less than 10,000. If it is carried out Methuen's column may prove unequal to its task.

No news has been received yet of the Ninth Lancers who were sent to cut off the Boers when Methuen attacked the enemy at Graspan. Some uneasiness prevails concerning their safety.

The losses of the naval brigade in the battle at Graspan was enormous. Out of 500 seamen and marines 185 fell, being more than 30 per cent.

It seems doubtful whether the enemy will make any stand south of Ladysmith but the latest advices would indicate that both forces are moving north on converging lines that will cross near Colenso. If the Boers make a stand south of Colenso they will have behind them the Tugela river in flood and only fordable in a few places. This means complete annihilation if they are defeated. If they make a stand behind Tugela river they are not out of reach of General White who with his cavalry, might strike their only possible line of retreat.

It is thought they are most likely to fall back and push men over to Kimberly.

# SILVER REPUBLICANS IN CONVENTION

## ALL GATHER AT CHICAGO

### Question of Where They are to Get Future Places Has Become a Burning Issue.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—The Executive Committee of the National Silver Republican party commenced a meeting at the Auditorium Annex this afternoon to discuss plans for the next presidential campaign. The committee will probably be in session two days. Congressman Charles A. Towne, who is chairman of the national and executive committees says the silver republicans have organizations in 31 states.

Former Senator Dubois, of Idaho, Nathan Cole, Jr., of Los Angeles, Cal., Colonel D. P. Chisholm, chairman of the Montana State Silver Republican committee and Congressman Towne hold a conference last evening. No statement was made as to the action of the committee this afternoon.

Mr. Dubois in speaking of the political situation said:

"The issue will be practically the same as in 1896. I do not think that the caucus finance bill will be passed as easily as the administration people seem to think and there is a reasonable doubt that it will be passed at all. There is no change in ideas nor any of the western states on the silver question. Senator Teller arrived last night but refused to discuss political matters.

Among those expected to arrive this morning for committee meeting and from whom positive assurances have been received, are Congressman Hartman of Montana; Shafroth, of Colorado; and Wilson, Idaho. National silver republican committeemen: Major F. C. Watkins, Michigan; Judge J. J. Harper, Ohio; Judge F. J. Van Voorhis, Indiana; B. S. Dean, New York; A. H. Stevenson, Colorado and Judge W. T. Brown, of Ohio.

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# KNIGHTS OF LABOR TO ENTER POLITICS

## WILL BE NON-PARTISAN

### Its Votes to go to the Organization Which Promises to do the Most for the Cause of Labor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—A special to the Times from Washington, says:

John W. Hayes, general secretary of the Knights of Labor, who has returned to this city from Boston, said that the Knights are going to abandon their time honored custom of taking no part in politics.

"The course of public events," he said, "has forced the order to change its views and to abandon its old policy of political lethargy. It has been resolved to take an active part in the politics of the country and to formulate a plan whereby political questions will be discussed and decided upon. The discussions will be non-partisan entirely and the influence and strength of the order will be given to that party which coincides with and espouses the same view of matters as the order."

"The organization resolved furthermore to establish at the headquarters of the order a school of civics and social and political science, history, oratory and composition in order that young men may qualify themselves at nominal cost to intelligently promulgate and defend Knights of Labor principles and study the problems of the present and the future with the aid



**Star Belling.** About one young woman in ten now-a-days would dare to run out bare headed and bare handed in the snow and sleet and snow ball in midwinter. They have to be muffled up like hot-house flowers before they dare venture out in severe weather, and even then would shudder at the thought of rolling in the snow as their grand-mothers did.

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of all that history can bring to their assistance. The school is to be established in Washington. All the work of the students will be carried on at home and will be directed by correspondence."

# GAME FOR NEW ZEALAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The government of New Zealand proposes to stock its lands with choice American game birds. The steamer Alameda which sails tomorrow will take 63 dozen of Kansas quail, and following this shipment will be 72 pairs of ring-necked pheasant, 72 pairs of prairie chickens and four dozen of wood ducks, the whole to come from Kansas.

# THE GOLD OF THE RAND

Are the Transvaal Diggins the Source of the Gold of Ophir?

Commercial Intelligence.

At the time when all eyes are on South Africa a few particulars of the mineral wealth which brought outlanders to the Transvaal will prove of interest. Wonderful, indeed, are these great "Witwatersrand" gold fields of the South African Republic. The Dutch word "Witwatersrand" means literally "white water range," and the strip of territory a few hundred miles long and a few miles in width to which it is applied was but a few years ago considered a nearly worthless ridge, useful only for the pasturing of cattle and sheep, and for even this comparatively valueless. In 1885, however, gold was discovered, and in 1884 the value of the gold production was about £10,000. It increased with startling rapidity, the production of 1888 being about £1,800,000; that of 1890 £2,000,000; 1892, over £4,000,000; 1895, over £5,000,000; and 1897 and 1898, about £11,000,000 in each year. This wonderful development attracted to South Africa thousands of people in the hope of realizing quick fortunes. Development, however, showed that the mines could only be successfully worked by the use of costly machinery, and while they have been extremely productive where machinery has been used they were not of such character as to make hand or placer mining profitable, as was the case in California. The gold production in the Rand since 1884 has been over \$50,000,000, and careful surveys of the field by the use of drills and other processes of experts show beyond question that the "in sight" probably amounts to hundreds of millions sterling, while the large number of mines which have been located in adjacent territory, particularly in parts of Rhodesia, give promise of additional supplies, so that it seems probable that South Africa will for many years continue to be, as it now is, the largest gold producing section of the world.

Recent discoveries lead to the belief that these wonderfully rich mines are the long lost "gold of Ophir," from which Solomon obtained his supplies, making a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is opposite Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom; and Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shimen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon; and they came to Ophir and fetched from thence gold, and brought it to King Solomon."

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