

# FURTHER DETAILS OF THE GRASPAN BATTLE

## Notable as the First Fight that Has Yet Occurred Off British Territory.

### BOERS PUT TO ROUTE IN CONFUSION

#### Rough Ground Prevented the Pursuit of the Enemy and He Succeeded in Carrying Off His Guns.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London, says: Independent accounts of the battle of Graspan, published this morning put an end to all anxiety with regard to the safety of the Ninth Lancers. The best description of the engagement comes from the correspondent of the Chronicle. It appears that the Boers, strongly entrenched, were holding a range of kopjes commanding both sides of the railway. The British force debouched on the plain to the eastward, and four Boer guns at once opened fire. Lord Methuen's guns were very quick in replying and a fierce artillery duel ensued, lasting three hours. The Boers showed great tenacity, and Lord Methuen, finding he could not disperse them by shell fire, determined upon an infantry attack.

#### TO GET RID OF ROBERTS.

Republican Leaders in Conference on the Best Means They Can Adopt.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The method of procedure to be adopted by the house of representatives in getting rid of Mr. Roberts, the polygamist representative-elect of Utah, is to be considered at a conference of the republican leaders to be held Friday in the room of the committee of interstate and foreign commerce.

"This conference has been called by Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, who has devoted considerable attention to the case. Among those who will participate will be Representative Payne, of New York; Dalmell, of Pennsylvania; Grosvener and Taylor, of Ohio. Mr. Taylor was the chairman of the committee on elections in the last congress in which were referred all the petitions and protests against the seating of Mr. Roberts received before the adjournment in March. At the request of Mr. Henderson, he has been making a careful study of the case and of precedents. He is not willing to discuss the matter in any way, however, at this stage of the proceedings.

Former Speaker Carlisle and Mr. Barry H. Smith the parliamentary expert, two of the counsel retained to represent the opposition to seating Mr. Roberts, will present the result of their investigations as to precedents at Friday's conference. Mr. Smith has made a careful and exhaustive study of all the precedents since the conclusion that Mr. Roberts must be sworn in on his certificate of election and that he can only be unseated by a resolution of expulsion under the constitutional power of the house to expel a member by a two-thirds vote. Mr. Smith has found that there are in all sixty cases on record in which attempts have been made to prevent the swearing in of representatives-elect and that the attempt has failed in every case in which there was not a contest between rival claimants of the seat.

Mr. Carlisle is expected in Washington tomorrow. He will be accompanied by President Strong and Secretary Tolman, of the League for Social Service, which is the organization that has engaged the counsel to present the case against Roberts. Miss Helen Gould has supplied the league with the sinews of war which has enabled it to employ such an array of high priced counsel as has been engaged. In addition to Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Smith, former Senator Edmunds has been retained and retainers have been offered to former President Harrison and former Speaker Reed. Mr. Reed was forced to decline owing to the pressure of other business. Mr. Harrison has not yet been finally heard from.

Representative Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, the oldest member of the house, a former speaker of that body and one of the best informed men on

A vigorous assault on the Boer lines was then carried out by the Ninth brigade, the British displaying the greatest gallantry and rushing forward in the face of a terrible fire. The Free Staters recoiled and all the kopjes were taken, some of them being several hundred feet in height. The Boers suffered under the terrible shell fire as they fled and a small detachment was cut off by the New South Wales lancers. But the pursuit of the main body by the Ninth Lancers ended in failure. The ground was terribly rough, and the severe fire compelled them to fall back.

As the Boers succeeded in carrying off their guns, apparently the British victory was not a decisive action, but is notable as having been fought on Free State territory. All previous combats have taken place on British soil.

parliamentary precedents in the United States, said today:

"If there are sufficient reasons to expel a member from the house the same reasons, provided they exist when the member-elect appears to be sworn in, would justify the house in refusing to permit him to take his seat. The house is, under the constitution, the sole judge of the qualifications of its members."

Representative Bailey of Texas arrived here tonight and says it is perfectly clear to his mind that the swearing in of Mr. Roberts cannot be legally prevented, in view of the fact that he comes to congress with the proper credentials and without a contest formally made against him."

#### CHEAPER TWINE AND ROPE.

Removal of Blockade in Philippines Will Bless Farmers and Sailors.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A dispatch received here from Boston announces that there is much satisfaction among concerns in that city who are engaged in the importation and manufacture of hemp, because of the apparently imminent collapse of the instruction in the Philippines and the probable raising of the blockade of ports of those islands.

Since the military authorities established a blockade it has been impossible to ship Manila hemp, and as a result the price, it is said, has increased 400 per cent in this country. This heavy increase has been particularly severe upon the agriculturists and ship builders in this country. It is calculated that American farmers will have to pay for twine made from the present crop from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 more than before the blockade was established.

At the New York office of Henry W. Peabody & Company, hemp importers and manufacturers of Boston, it was said that with the expected raising of the blockade of the Philippine ports an immense financial burden would be lifted from the shoulders of American farmers. Immediate relief, it was said, would not be afforded in the matter of prices, because some time must elapse before shipments of hemp could reach this market from the Philippines.

Flint, Eddy & Company who are among the largest importers of Manila and sisal hemp in the country said that unless relief came very soon in the direction of raising the blockade of Philippine ports, there is every probability that the price of Manila hemp will go even higher than it is at present. The estimate of \$20,000,000 as the increase in the price of hemp since the blockade went into effect was regarded as rather excessive and from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 would more nearly represent the increase in the cost. The increased activity in ship building in this country and in Europe, it was said, was only partly responsible for the greater cost of hemp. While 400 per cent represents the increase in the price of hemp, the advance in twine

was said to have been not more than 100 or 150 per cent up to the present time owing to the fact that much of the twine was contracted for in advance of the establishment of the blockade.

#### ANOTHER SWINDLE UNEARTHED.

Philadelphia Investment Company in the Hands of the Police.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—The doors of the home office of the Investors Trust, 1221 Arch street, doing business exclusively with patrons outside the city, and promising large profits on investments, have been closed. Efforts to find Lipman Keene, the president; Charles L. Work, secretary, and Miss M. C. Carson, cashier, were unavailing.

The company began business here four years ago. Its plan was to invite the investment of capital, the inducement being held out of interest ranging from 100 to 200 per cent. In explaining why such large gains are made, the company asserted in its literature that it was in the confidence of stock manipulators and therefore in a position to know the way stocks would go. As a result of these statements cash followed in a steady stream. The force of employees was constantly augmented and the correspondence grew to great proportions. Agents were placed in all parts of the United States.

To the company's numerous patrons were sent the first day of each month their dividends in the shape of a check. It is thought that the firm has over \$100,000 invested for their patrons in various stocks. Almost daily 4 or 5 big sacks of mail matter have been sent by wagon to the post office. It is said the company's postage expenses alone have amounted to \$200 a week. All mail is being sent back to the post-office.

### BOER EXPEDITIONS BEING WATCHED

#### ENGLAND HAS PROTESTED

Millions of Dutch and French Money Being Spent to Fit Out Filibusters in America.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington, says:

Great Britain has protested vigorously to this government against the organizations of expeditions in this country, intended presumably for the assistance of the Boers. Lord Paunceforte made the protest at the state department. Secretary Hay referred Lord Paunceforte to the secretary of war.

It is no longer a secret that expeditions of importance are being organized. The most notable of these has its headquarters in the suburbs of this city and another will be equipped with funds tomorrow in New York city.

Both of these organizations, it is said, have common backing and are under secret auspices of an agent of the Transvaal now in New York. It is understood that there are millions of Dutch and French money behind these filibustering expeditions. The state department, the war department and the treasury department have informed the British ambassador that every precaution will be taken to prevent the sailing of armed expeditions in the interest of the Transvaal. The state department is, in fact, occupying the same position it held when Minister Dupre de Lome protested against the organization of filibustering expeditions to Cuba.

Some days ago the British ambassador addressed a note to the state department, asking that the secret service men to look into prospective filibustering expeditions. This was done, but no arrests were made, and nothing has been found on which to address a remonstrance to the persons involved. The ambassador also asked that supplies be sold to persons suspected of intending to assist the Boers.

All that the secret service men have been able to discover is that "able bodied men of military training," intend to sail for Havre and other ports not English. A part of the scheme of these men, it is said, is to proceed to the Transvaal as miners.

#### BOND REDEMPTION.

May Continue Another Month if Financial Conditions Require.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A special to the Journal of Commerce, says: Secretary Gage will probably not make any announcement as to the con-

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tinuance of the offer to redeem four and five per cent bonds at the prices fixed in his last call until after the close of the business Wednesday night. This will leave a holiday to intervene between the announcement and any possible effect upon the money market. The secretary has refused to discuss the matter with visitors but there is apparently no objection to continuing the offer for another month. The secretary offered at the outset to redeem bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000 in face value, calling for total disbursements of about \$28,000,000. The offer is not likely to be enlarged in any case, but might allow for another month for the completion of the original sums. Announcement was made that the treasury would mail checks Wednesday for interest due December 1, on the two per cent bonds. These checks aggregate \$111,963. The principal of all the bonds thus paid for in advance in interest has been \$55,540,150 and the interest paid \$2,915,684.

#### EASTERN RAILROAD CHANGES.

Baltimore and Ohio Will be Controlled by Pennsylvania.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Extraordinary accomplishments have been completed in eastern trunk line railway affairs, according to the Times. Changes are brought about in three important railroad systems.

The Pennsylvania company acquires control of the B. & O. W. K. Vanderbilt, in the interest of the New York Central, takes over controlling holdings of J. P. Morgan in the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, and the Chesapeake & Ohio.

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#### TRANSPORT MANANENSE.

War Departments Doubts Reports as to Her Condition at Manila.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—War department officials are surprised at the information in the Manila dispatches concerning the condition of the transport Mananense. They are at a loss to account for the deplorable state of affairs which is said to have existed on the ship. The only information received here concerning the Mananense is that she arrived safely and that there were no casualties aboard. The ship was under charter by the government and no attempt was made to purchase her. Secretary Root expressed himself emphatically as disbelieving the accuracy of the reported condition of the vessel when she arrived at Manila, taking the statements to be largely imaginative and growing out of the talk of some of the men who probably were unused to ocean hardships.

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