ITALIA BATTLE WAS FIERCE ONE

Casualties on Both Sides Heavier Than at First Reported.

INVASION OF NATAL PLANNED

General De Wet Orders Burghers to Concentrate at Taelkup—Colonel Kekewich's Force Surprised by Commandant De Larey.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—A dispatch from Dundee to the Times says that the attack of the Boers on Fort Italia proves to have been a far bigger engagement than could be gathered from the first reports. The casualties on both sides indicate the fierceness of the struggle. The Boer casualties are now limited to over 400. The British prisoners say 60 Boers were buried on farms and that they assisted in carrying off 75 wounded. The Boers informed the prisoners that they expected to find the Fort Italia garrison only 100 strong. The burghers lost more men than in any previous action this year.

There seems no doubt, says the Times correspondent that the Boers intend a combined invasion of Natal, east and west. It is stated that General De Wit ordered the burgerns in the northeastern precinct of Orange River Colony to concentrate at Taelkop, but up to now the only resuk of the movement has been the invasion of Natal by a small command, which can easly be driven back. British officers who recently were prisoners say that General Botha's men and horses are in good condition. The British prisoners have been robbed of almost everything they possessed.

The main body of the Boers is still near the Zululand frontier.

KEKEWICH WAS SURPRISED.

The British Colonel's Fighting Qualities Are Severely Criticised.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Discussing the military situation in South Africa, the correspondent of the Tribune says:

Colonl Kekewich's force was surprised by Commandant De Larey, as was suspected by military men when the earliest bulletins, bearing the marks of close revision by the war office, were published. While this engagement supplies fresh proof that scouting is either a lost art or else ineffectual against the stealthy approach of mobile and crafty foes like the Boers, the veterans are satisfied with the fine fighting form disolaved by Colonel Kekewich's command. They assert that the British army had grown stale while only half employed in watching railways and moving across stretches of empty country, where the Boers eluded pursuit and would not stand, but that it is now again on its mettle when there is real fighting.

Colonel Kekewich is regarded by South Africans as a vigilant officer, with a narrow mind and lack of flexibility. While he defended Kimberley successfully, it was Cecil Rhodes who recruited the volunteer force of Colonials and imparted courage to the people of the town. Colonel Kekewich did not get on well with Mr. Rhodes, who was the real defender of Kimberley. There is a story that when General French entered Kimberley, Colonel Kekewich asked him to put Rhodes under arrest, but was laughed at. He has been one of Lord Kitchener's trusted lieutenants as an experienced officer who thoroughly understands Boer tactics.

GUILTY OF TREASON.

Numbers of Sedition-Makers Revealed at Pretoria Trials.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The correspondent of the Times at Pretoria says the treason trials have revealed the presence of large numbers of sedition-makers who have not only taken the oath of allegiance to the British crown but who, in many cases have been receiving relief from the British authorities.

In spite of this they communicated freely with their friends in the commandoes in the field, feeling confident that they would be treated leniently if caught. There is no doubt, according to the correspondent, that ten of the mne could be proved guilty.

INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY.

New Jersey Workers to Discuss the Advisability of the Proposal.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—At the meeting of the executive board of the United States Silk Workers at Paterson, N. J., the question of initiating a movement for an independent labor party was considered. After a long debate, it was decided to issue a call for a workingmen's convention to be held Monday night in that city.

The four organizations represented in the executive board—the United Broadsilk Weavers, the Horizontal Weavers, the United Ribbon Weavers and the Loom Fixers and Twisters will each send a delegation of twenti-five to the convention and every trade organization in the city is invited to send the same number.

It was also decided to secure the services of "Mother" Jones, the Pennsylvania organizer, to help in the organization of trade unions. Articles of incorporation of the Vluntteer Packing Company, the formation of which resulted from the strike of the butchers in Muh's establishment, have been filed in the county clerk's office at Paterson. Soon after the strike was declared the striking butchers decided to form an independent company and to run it on the co-operative plan as far as possible. The authorized capital is $100,000.

NEW MILITARY POST.

Washington Barracks to Be Occupied by War School Students.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The secretary of war has made an allotment of $100,000 for the purpose of preparing the military post at Washington Barracks, for the use and occupation of the army war college, the school of national defense and the engineer school of application. The war college and school of national defense are entirely new institutions and will be organized under plans prepared under the special supervision of Secretary Root. The engineer school is now at Willett's Point, N. Y. and will be formally installed at the Washington Barracks next week. Classes in the proposed war college and school of national defense will be composed of honor graduates of the existing infantry, cavalry and artillery schools at Fort Leavenworth and For Monroe respectively.

FOR MISS STONE'S RELEASE

Everything Possible Is Being Done for the Captive Missionary.

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—Rev. Judson Smith, foreign secretary of the American Mission in behalf of his executive committee, prompted by numerous inquiries and criticisms, has issued the following official statement in connection with the abduction of Miss Stone:

"The American board from the first has done and is still doing everything in its power to secure the release of Miss Ellen H. Stone from the hands of her captors in Turkey or Bulgaria at the earliest possible date. Miss Stone is an American citizen and rightfully looks to our government for protection and release. The American government took up the case instantly, has worked constantl yto deliver Miss Stone and is still making every effort to this end."

EDWARD H. GREEN ILL.

Husband of the Famous Hetty Very Low at Bellows Falls, Vt.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt., Oct. 4.—Edward H. Green, husband of Hetty Green, is reported very ill at the Green homestead here. He has been in failing health for months, but of late has been better and on Monday Mrs. Green returned to New York after spending the summer here. On Wednesday Mr. Green's condition took a decided change for the worse, complications setting in, and Mrs. Green was hastily summoned from New York. The only son, Edward H. Green, of Texas, is on his way home and is expected to reach here today. Mr. Green was one of the pioneers in the East India trade and accumulated a fortune in the tea business.

WAS TOO LIGHTLY BUILT.

Verdict of Jury in Cases of Victims of Cobra Disaster.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The jury in the inquest over the remains of the victims of the disaster of the torpedo boat destroyer Cobra, which foundered in the North sea, September 19, resulting in the loss of about 70 lives, has rendered a verdict that the men were drowned through the unexpected buckling of the Cobra, and added a rider to the effect that the Cobra was too lightly built.

This seems to dispose of suggestions of faulty navigation on the part of Lieutenant Bosworth Smith, commander of the Cobra, who has many friends in the United States, his wife being an American.

GILMAN ESTATE INSOLVENT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—A Bridgeport, Conn., special says:

Judge E. P. Nobbs, of the probate court, has appointed A. B. Beers, John A. Rusling and Wiliam H. Comley, commissioners of the estate of George F. Gilman. The appointments were made on the application of the Bridgeport Trust Company, administrator of the estate, which represents in its application that the estate is insolvent and that the claims against it are far in excess of all visible assets. There has been no accounting of the tea business made.

ADMIRAL LEFEVRE RESIGNS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says that Admiral Lefevre has resigned from the council of the legion of honor because of the dismissal of the Duc D'Aurestadt, from the grand chancellorship. It is believed that the resignation of General Hartling will follow.

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DOINGS OF CONVENTION

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SCRIPTURAL READINGS ADOPTED.

Majority of Higher House Favor Changing Name to Catholic Church of America.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—The house of bishops of the Episcopal triennial convention has, by a vote of 47 to 21, decided to accept the report of the committee appointed at the last convention to report on the marginal readings that may be substituted for the present readings of the scripture. With the concurrence of the house of deputies, the action of the bishops will soon became a canon of the church of America.

From the attitude of the bishops on this matter it is supposed that a majority of the higher house is inclined to be liberal and less orthodox, as opposed to those desires of both churchmen and laity, who desire high church forms and observances and the changing the name from Protestant Episcopal church to the Catholic church of America.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Majority Report Favoring the Adoption of Canon 14.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—The attitude of the Protestant Episcopal church in America toward divorce and remarriage of divorced persons is sure to give rise to much debate during the present general convention. A majority report, prepared by some of the most learned bishops, clerical and lay deputies, will come up for action recommending that the church adopt canon 14, preventing a minister of the church from "solemnizing a marriage between any two persons unless, or until by inquiry, he shall have satisfied himself that neither person has been or is husband and wife of any other person living."

This is a sweeping law, not recognizing infidelity as a cause for divorce and not permitting Episcopal clergymen to solemnize the marriage of an innocent party in a divorce. The action taken by the "rigorists," as those taking the extreme stand are called, is based on the ground that the church is called upon to register its protest against laxity on the subject of divorce that prevails in the United States. As stated by one of the signers of the report, "there seems to be no way in which the church can avoid complicity in divorces of the most scandalous character except in so far that they may refuse to assume any color of responsibility for any divorce by forbidding the clergy to solemnize the marriage of divorced persons in any case whatever."

One of the dilemmas in which the church legislators find themselves, say the rigorists, is that they must put the ban on all divorcees, innocent and guilty without distinction as "there is no judicial system, civil or ecclesiastical, that will enable us to discover the innocent party in divorce cases."

Thefore, they argue, they must forbid the clergy to solemnize the marriage of any divorced person.

This extreme stand is a departure from the precedent established by the church in 1888, when a resolution was adopted authorizing the solemnization of the marriage of an innocent party to a divorce when the cause was infidelity.

The opponents of the radical idea assert that their position is based on the words of Christ as given in MatthewXIX. They oppose the rigorists on the further grounds that such refusal to solemnize marriage would put a stigma on marriages which are honorable and lawful; that it would create two kinds of matrimony, holy and unholy, in the sight of the church; that it would alienate church members who have been taught to believe that innocent parties in divorce are entitled to remarry; that it will weaken the influence of the church with the American people, who may conclude that the church is wedded to mediaeval ideas and attempting to be stricter than the head of the church himself, and that such church legislation should be in effect a repudiation of the teachings of the Master.

SUGGESTION FROM DR. CLARK.

Selection of Presiding Bishop to Be Acted Upon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Right Rev. D. Clark, of Rhode Island, who, on account of seniority and ordinaation is the presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, has, in his triennial report, suggested that it would be to the best interests of the church if there was some other mode of selecting a presiding bishop.

Under the present law the senior bishop presides and in this instance the bishop is 90 yeaars old. His age prevents him from giving the best attention to the duties of his exalted office and appreciating his inability, he suggests the appointment of a younger or more active prelate. His suggestion will be acted on at the present session of the house of bishops.

DISCUSSED MISSIONARY WORK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Today's deliberations of the triennial convention of the Episcopal church of America were mainly devoted to the missionary field. Neither the house of bishops nor the house of deputies remained in separate session long. A resolution was adopted to adjourn sine die on Thursday evening, October 17.

PRESENTED WITH GOLD MEDAL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—A gold medal has just been presented to ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt by the chamber of commerce in recognition of his service in the cause of underground rapid transit in this city. On the face of the medal is the inscription: "By his genius, benefactor of the city and and conservator of public property. Aged 78."

The obverse side bears the inscription: "Chamber of commerce of the state of New York—Rapid Transit."

SOLACE BEING PREPARED.

Thought She Will Take an American Force to South America.

VALEJO, Cal., Oct. 4.—Orders have been received at Mare Island to rush the repairs on the naval transport Solace, as she must be ready for service by October 15. A force of ship fitters, joiners and machinists worked on her last night, and the men will work overtime continuously to get the vessel ready in time. It is stated that she is needed to take a force of marines to Panama.

WILL HELP RAILROADS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—A dispatch from Odessa to the Times says a considerable portion of the new Russian loan will be devoted to advances to railroads for their improvement. The Southwestern Russian roads, which have been under the control of the government for six years, will be one of those improved and the Moscow-Kazan line will be another.

PUBLISHED IN BOOK FORM.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—A dispatch from Paris to the Times says that M. Mermeix, the author of the "Conversations of Felix Faure," printed in the Figaro, has now published them in book form. In a preface M. Mermeix discusses the improbable hypothesis that President Faure was poisoned.

HAY WILL ATTEND

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 4.—The Yale bicentennial committee has received from Secretary of State John Hay a positive acceptance to the invitation to attend the celebration. Mr. Hay will probably be present at the same time as President Roosevelt.

IRISH WILL STAY

LONDON, Oct. 4.—At the cutlers' feast last night in Sheffield, the Earl of Halsbury, lord chancellor and Robert W. Hanbury, president of the board of agriculture, made important declarations which seemed to show that the government had reconsidered the advisability of reducing the Irish representation in parliament.

TO SUCCEED BUFFINGTON.

Captain William Crozier, ordnance department, stationed at the Army building in New York, will be selected to succeed Gen. Bujngton as chief of ordnance of the army, on the retirement of the last named officer next month. Captain Crozier was military representative of the United States at The Hague conference.

JAPAN TO BORROW MONEY.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—"It is reported here," says a dispatch from Berlin to the Standard, "that Japan will raise a loan of 50,000,000 yen, including 5,000,000 yen for the Island of Formosa, in the United States."

TURKEY PAYS OUR CLAIM.

The Turkish government, on being warned that further delay in the payment of our claim would prove disastrous to them, has at last paid it in full. This brings to mind the fact that delays are dangerous, especially in matters relating to the stomach, liver and bowels. When your stomach is weak, your bowels constipated and liver inactive, you should obtain a bottle of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters at once. It is a stomach strengthener and invigorator, and for sickly people who need a tonic it is unparalleled, as the most delicate stomach can retain it. It will cure indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, flatulency, insomnia, nervousness and prevent malaria, fever and ague. The genuine must have our private die stamp over the neck of the bottle.

STREET NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria intends to establish the grade on Seventeenth street from the south line of Commercial street to the south line of Franklin avenue, so that the grade of said portion of said street will be at the following heighth above the base of grades established by ordinance No. 71 of the City of Astoria, to-wit:

At the intersection of Seventeenth street with Commercial 19 feet above the base of grades; at the intersection of Seventeenth street with Duane street 24 feet above the base of grades; at the intersection of Seventeenth street with Exchange street 35 feet above the base of grades; at the intersection of Seventeenth street with Franklin avenue, 60 feet above the base of grades on the north side and 62 feet on the south side of the crossing. All of said portion of said street to be level east and west and on a straight and even slope north and south between the points designated.

This notice is published in the Morning Astorian for ten days in persuance to a resolution of the Common Council declaring its determination to establish said grade and ordering said notice, adopted on the 3rd day of September, 1901. H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

FROM ARCTIC REGIONS

STEIN AND WARMBATH ARRIVE AT SYDNEY.

Wandered Through Greenland for Two Years—Peary's Search for the Pole.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 4.—After an existence of two years in ice floes of the Arctic regions, Dr. Stein, of the United States geological survey, and Samuel Warmbath, of Boston, have arrived at Sydney on the Windward, en route home.

From September, 1899, to September, 1901, they wandered through North Greenland in the hope of making discoveries which would be of benefit to the scientific world. They have returned with scores of interesting specimens of minerals, plants, etc.

"I am almost certain that Lieutenant Peary did not make any valuable mineral discovery in northern regions and that his disagreement with Dr. Dedrich was due to something else altogether," said Dr. Stein. "I do not know the exact cause of the trouble," continued the doctor. "We saw Dedrich last at Northumberland island."

Dr. Stein gave the Associated Press the following account of the trip:

"Mr. Warmbath, Dr. Leopold Karn, of the University of Vienna, and I left Sydney on July 21, 1899, on the steamer Diana. When we arrived at Cape Sabine we found that the sea to the northwest was a mass of pack ice so that we were compelled to stop at Sabine. We had ten Esquimaux dogs, but owing to a scarcity of walrus meat they died.

"The temperature varied from 26 above zero to 38 below. On October 26 the sun disappeared and it did not reappear until February 15. When the moon appeared it remained above the horizon night and day for two weeks at a time.

"One day in December we were awakened by a loud knocking on the roof of our house and on investigating found three of Peary's Esquimaux. They returned to Peary a few days later with a letter from us requesting him to send us an Esquimaux and team. Not long afterward he sent a reply that he would comply with our request at the earliest opportunity. He also informed us that his vessel would not return south for two years. Dr. Karn and I decided to return as we had learned that Peary explorers had probably accomplished what we set out to do. On March 6 Peary arrived at our house. Three days later he went north in search of the pole and not long afterwards we started south, leaving Dr. Warmbath at Sabine. At length we reached Cape York, but the snow compelled us to give up hopes of reaching Danish ports.

"June 9 three whalers arrived and on one of them Dr. Karn started south. On August 17, the Windward arrived with Mrs. Peary on board. I took passage on the Windward and we reached Sabine in due time. The Windward was compelled to remain there all winter. On May 6 Peary made his appearance and on July 3 we started for home leaving Peary at Etah."

Dr. Warmbath said: "Early in the spring of 1900 a started across Camp Pass with an Esquimaux and a woman. The ice gave way and I went down and it was some before I was extricated. I was then hauled to the settlement. In four days with a party of natives and teams I headed for Sabine."

Dr. Stein and Dr. Warmbath have 60 boxes of curios which they are sending to the National museum at Washington. They went as far north as latitude 79.

WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Wheat, December, 98.

CHICAGO, Oct. 4.—Wheat, December, opened, 68½@68⅞, closed, 69⅝.

TACOMA, Oct. 4.—Wheat, bluestem, 54; club, 53.

PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 52@52½; Valley, 53½; bluestem, 54.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Silver, 57⅞.

NOTICE TO VOTERS TO REGISTER.

Notice is hereby given that all persons are required to register as a condition to the right to vote at the city election of the City of Astoria to be held on the 11th day of December, 1901, and all persons qualified may register up to the 9th day of December, 1901, and up to the hour of 4 o'clock p. m. of said day at the office of the auditor and police judge in the city hall of the City of Astoria. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 28, 1901.

FOR SALE.

The Columbia River Packers Association has for sale, two schooners and one launch. A description of the schooners follow: Schooner "Kinney"—Length, 35.5; beam, 11.3; depth of hold, 3.10½. Schooner "Hattie"—Length, 31.9; beam, 9.9; depth of hold, 3.8.

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