

BOERS HAVE ESTCOURT CUT OFF

Relief at Ladysmith Under Present Conditions Will Tax Generalship.

JOUBERT DIRECTING MOVEMENTS

Boers Command Every Exit to the City and Know the British Strength—Heavy Fight at Ladysmith.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The present week, according to the dispatches from the front, ought to see a change in the defensive tactics hitherto maintained by the British in South Africa. It is said the task allotted to General Cleary, that of relieving Ladysmith, will test his generalship to the utmost. The Boers are developing a great deal of strength in the neighborhood of Estcourt, and General Joubert is reported to be moving southward himself in order to direct the movement to repel the British advance, after, it would seem, attempting to isolate Estcourt.

This latter movement is already in progress. The Boers practically surround the town. Another small force was discovered at Willow Grange, south of Estcourt yesterday (Sunday) evening. Major Thornycroft, with a detachment of infantry, made a sortie and engaged the Boers, but with no material result.

The so-called Boer attempts to rush Estcourt on Saturday were apparently merely a reconnaissance resulting in the Boers obtaining the information which they desired, namely, that Estcourt is fairly strongly held and has naval guns in position. The Boers then withdrew out of danger, but remained at points commanding exits from the town.

Terrific Battle Thursday.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—A special dispatch from Estcourt, dated November 20, says a report has reached there of a battle at Ladysmith Wednesday, November 15, lasting from daybreak until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Many Boers are said to have been killed, and many are reported taken prisoners. The British losses are reported to be much less.

Another battle is said to have occurred Thursday. It is described as the heaviest yet fought. The Boers' dead, it is added, number hundreds, while the British losses were comparatively small.

Attack Delayed Too Long.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Estcourt has remained the center of interest for the last twenty-four hours, since the Dutch allies are attempting to carry out, at the last moment, the tactics which might have been most effective a fortnight ago. The war office bulletin during the forenoon tended to minimize the earlier reports of a Boer repulse by the garrison. It was a slight outpost affair, with a single shell fired from the naval gun and a hasty retreat after small fire of the enemy.

YOUNGSTERS ARE TOUGH

Ran Away From Reform School and Went to Thieving.

SALEM, Nov. 19.—Harry Brown and Walter Bradley, two boys about 16 years old, who escaped from the reform school Wednesday, were recaptured by Sheriff Darbin and Deputy Sheriff Colbath, about three miles south of Salem, this morning. They had established a camp in some heavy timber and were carrying on thieving operations in the neighborhood, entering houses at night and sleeping during the day. They had stolen a

horse and a large number of articles of small value, which were found at their camp, showing that they had taken full advantage of their brief liberty.

Brown was sent to the reform school from Jacksonville. Bradley was formerly a charge of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, in Portland. Both boys are tough characters.

Gentiles Oppose Roberts.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 19.—The Democratic state committee had a meeting yesterday, chiefly to consider the Roberts case. James H. Moyle, chairman and a Mormon, urged that counter-petitions be gotten up, providing that Roberts be seated. One after another of the Gentile members arose and opposed this, saying that they had voted for Roberts as a Democrat, on the expectation that he would be able to clear up all the charges made against him by the opposition, as he had agreed to do. Roberts was arraigned for what was called his bad faith in failing to do this, and it was declared that he had made a foolball of the Democratic party, as well as of prominent Democrats. The Gentile Democrats were unanimous in opposition to the proposition to get up petitions for Roberts. Thereupon the Mormon members dropped the matter, the chief purpose of the meeting having failed. A large number of prominent Democrats throughout the state were present, Mormon and Gentile, and as far as reported but one was in favor of the proposed Roberts petition.

Used By British Soldiers In Africa. Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galshe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

INDUSTRIES IN BAD CONDITION

In Two Provinces the Destruction in Sugar Interests Alone Is Estimated at \$680,000,000, and There Are No Efforts at Rebuilding.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Dr. Joseph L. Hance, who for four years preceding the war between this country and Spain was United States consul at Cardenas, Cuba, has just returned from Cuba. He went there last June to attend to some legal business and to make himself familiar with conditions throughout the island. He journeyed on horseback in almost every part of Cuba, visiting especially many of the large sugar plantations.

"Public opinion in America," he said, "is formed by reports from Havana. There you get only one side of the story, and the least important side as regards questions of administration. To comprehend the industrial pursuits, it is necessary to visit the large agricultural and mining interests of the country, and especially the great sugar plantations. Sugar is rarely seen on any of the plantations now. In the provinces of Havana and Santa Clara, for a thousand miles all the cane has been destroyed. The machinery destroyed will average \$900,000 per mill, making the total destruction \$400,000,000. The cane lost averages \$200,000; making a total loss of \$200,000,000; stock and implements, \$80,000,000. The total loss on these plantations producing sugar therefore reaches \$680,000,000.

"Adventurers have promulgated the idea that planters will not have adequate protection in Cuba, and therefore nothing is being done toward replanting the burned fields or replacing the machinery. This, too, in spite of the fact that some of the best land in Cuba can now be had cheap. Outside of Havana, the political agitation that is kept up is greatly deplored. Every one on the island who has any property at stake desires a continuance of American occupation or any form of government under our protection that will afford stability."

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LADIES' up-to-date black vici kid, vesting top, lace shoes; reduced from \$3.50 to\$2.55 Entire line goes.

MISSES' and CHILDREN'S up-to-date lace shoes, medium and heavy soles, vici kid uppers, sizes 8 1/2 to 11; reduced from \$1.50 to\$1.20 Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 reduced from \$1.75 to\$1.40

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The Chief Approves.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The report of the engineers in favor of an improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river to secure forty feet of water over the bar, will be sent to congress with the approval of the chief of engineers. The opinion of the engineers is that the proposed improvement is one of the most important to be presented to congress. It is expected that favorable action by congress looking to the 40-foot channel will be followed immediately with another proposition for a channel of thirty feet from the mouth of the

Columbia to Portland. Those who are familiar with the commerce of the river and conditions now existing say both these improvements should be made with the least possible delay.

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Boys' Clothing

Is In Demand.

Not after the season is half over and every one has already bought. Could we present a better argument why you should buy. Every appreciative parent who is equally willing to save a dollar when the opportunity offers, will take advantage of this grand sale.

490 Boy's Knee Pant Suits

from \$1.50 to \$5.50; in sizes from 3 to 14 years are now being offered you at the special price of

\$1, \$2, \$3.



430 Boy's and Young Men's Long Pant Suits

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Men's Pants. TWO LOTS. 25 pair of Men's Pants, worth \$2.25 to \$4.50 a pair, your choice \$1.50. 34 pair Men's Pants, worth from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per pair, your choice \$1.00.

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Theodore Thomas Is Still Mad.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—The Chicago orchestra under the leadership of Theodore Thomas has decided to decline the invitation of the directors of the Paris exposition to attend that show in 1900. Mr. Thomas freely admits that the verdict in the Dreyfus case was responsible for his determination to remain away from the exposition.

Evangelist Moody Improved.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Nov. 19.—Dwight L. Moody, who on Thursday suffered an attack of heart trouble while

engaged in evangelical work in Kansas City, reached his home here today, and is tonight resting comfortably. Shortly after his arrival, Dr. Schaulfer, who attended Mr. Moody on his trip from Kansas City, issued this bulletin:

"The general condition of Mr. Moody has much improved. I look to see him gradually recover. He has no valvular disease of the heart."

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