

British Meet Great Disaster.

Boers Entrap and Capture their Two Best Regiments and a Mounted Battery.

White Ostensibly Attacking Ladysmith the Boers Get South of Town and Destroy Colenso Bridge.

Placing the British Fly in the Boer Spider's Web With Nothing to Do But Surrender.

PRETORIA, October 24.—The bombardment of Ladysmith by General Cronje's commando began this morning. The women and children were given ample time to leave the town.

PRETORIA, October 25.—The shelling of Ladysmith was resumed at daybreak this morning. Several houses are in flames.

LONDON, October 27.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says it is reported there from private sources that the British issued from Ladysmith on Saturday last and surrounded and captured 240 Boers.

LONDON, October 28.—The death of General Sir William Penn Symonds, the British commander at Glencoe, who was shot in the stomach in the battle with the Boers there October 20, was officially announced in the house of commons today.

LONDON, October 27.—The official announcement of the joining of General White and General Buller has come as a great relief, and all the more so in view of the fact that later dispatches have shown that only the incapacity of the intelligence department of the Boers saved General Buller's column from a great disaster.

It seems that on Friday night Dundee was full of alarms. Heavy firing was heard at 1 o'clock and again at 4. A severe thunderstorm soon after stopped the Boer cannonade. Saturday passed in the same anxious manner, in momentary expectation of an attack. The British finally evacuated, taking all that they could, but leaving plenty behind for the Boers to loot.

LADYSMITH, October 29.—The Boers are gradually closing around Ladysmith. They have mounted two big guns on Tinta Ingo, 4500 yards from the British camp. An attack is expected.

LADYSMITH, October 29.—Everything has remained quiet to-day and the water supply is being renewed. A number of resident civilians have been ordered to leave the town under penalty of arrest. Lieutenant Micklejohn of the Gordon Highlanders, who was wounded at Elands Laagte in the army, is improving after amputation of the member.

A dispatch from Cape Town says: General Joubert, the Boer commander, has sent a dispatch of sympathy to Lady Symonds, wife of General Symonds.

Gen. White sent the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the Gloucestershire Regiment and No. 10 Mounted Battery from Ladysmith to take a Boer position on a hill to guard left flank. The Boers deceived them, caught them in a trap, suddenly rolling rocks down the hill which stamped the mules carrying batteries. Boers poured it into the British column which after losing heavily, had to surrender to Gen. Buller.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—While minor reverses were not wholly unexpected, nothing like the staggering blow General Joubert delivered to General White's forces yesterday was anticipated. The full extent of the disaster is not yet acknowledged, if it is known, at the war office. The loss in effect, must be appalling to General White, who is practically surrounded. Two of the finest British regiments and a male battery deducted from Ladysmith garrison, weakened it about a fifth of its total strength. This alters the whole situation very materially in favor of the Boers, who have again shown themselves strong fighters and military strategists of no mean order.

This disaster cost the British 1500 to 2000 men and nine 7-pound screw guns, and as the Boer artillery is already stronger than imagined, the capture of these guns will be a great help to the Boers. Further news must be awaited before it is attempted to fix the blame where it belongs. While the Boers have accepted all responsibility for the disaster, which was at least due to the scampering of mules with the guns.

At the government offices, no effort was made to conceal the feeling of dismay prevailing. One official said to a representative of the associated press: "It is inexplicable, and am sorry to say that its moral effect is inestimable. We have lost heavily in many ways and had regiments almost wiped out, but to have regiments captured, and by Boers, it is terrible."

Cape Town, Nov. 2.—Great anxiety is felt here regarding the situation at Ladysmith. A telegram got through from Durban, Natal, which announced that the Boers are threatening Colenso, 23 miles south of Ladysmith, where there is a big railway bridge. If the Boers should destroy this bridge, White would be isolated. White would abandon Ladysmith if it were not for immense quantities of military stores there. The Boers should be kept from batteries which are easily silenced to break out again when British fire slackens. It is thought the bombardment of Ladysmith is designed simply to distract attention while the Boers are being moved to the rear of the town. The naval brigade now has 4 long range guns mounted.

Cape Town, Nov. 2.—Boers have destroyed Colenso rail- and bridge, cutting off White's possibility of retreat.

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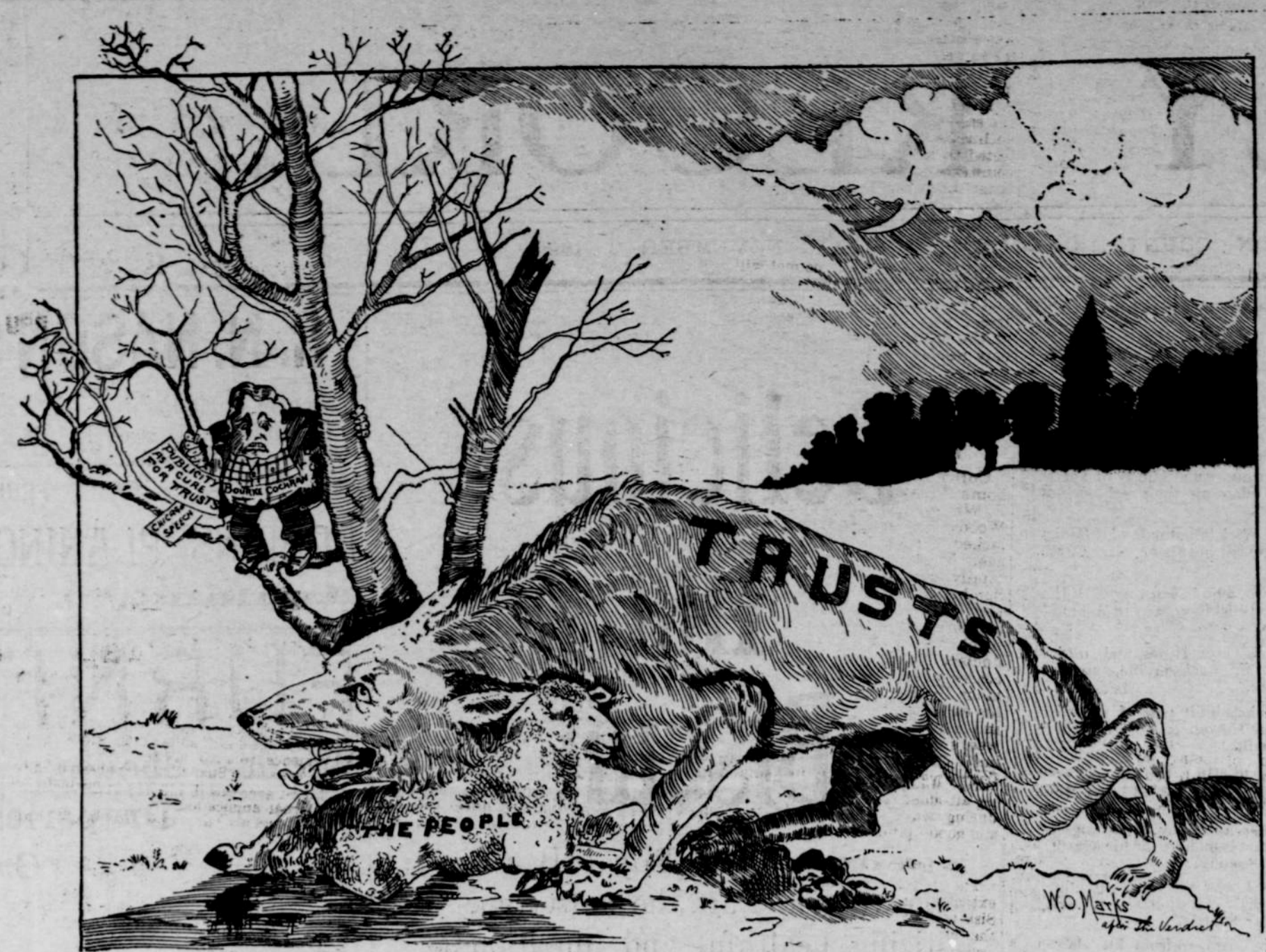
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THE PHILIPPINES.

A special from Washington says: Senator Antonio Regidor, now in London, will start for the United States in three weeks, and as a fully accredited representative of Aguinaldo, will present to President McKinley new terms for ending hostilities and reconstructing the government of the islands. The coming of the representative is kept a close secret by the administration, but from a high authority, the correspondent learns that these are the exact terms Aguinaldo desires:

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Fourth—Military reservations at Manila, Iloilo, Panay, Mindoro, Negros, Masbate, Samar, Mindanao and such other islands as may be determined upon by both governments.

Fifth—The employment of United States officials in the customs and all other internal branches of the government, to be selected by the United States and paid by the Filipino government.

Sixth—The introduction of the American police system.

Seventh—The establishment of a judiciary such as now exists in the island of Cuba.

Eighth—The reconstruction of the entire Filipino government upon lines as nearly consistent as possible with those prescribed by the constitution of the United States and adapted to the requirements of the natives.

Ninth—Recognition of the Filipino government as independent and equal under a protectorate of the United States.

Senator Regidor will plenipotentiary powers to treat with the United States government upon all of these points in order to reach an agreement by which hostilities may cease. Senator Regidor will be the most important political emissary ever sent to the United States by the Philippines.

MANILA, October 29.—M. Uperio Santiago, one of the wealthiest Visayans, who had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States and who posed as a friend of Americans, has been arrested at Iloilo, while other Visayans are being watched. The prisoner is charged with organizing a revolutionary junta. Santiago owns sugar estates throughout the island of Negros.

It is asserted that a council of ten and the manager of the junta met daily at Santiago's office for the purpose of engineering an extensive scheme of collections for an insurrection. One of Santiago's steamers was captured carrying supplies to the rebels. His arrest caused rumors of an outbreak of the natives of Iloilo, and precautions have been taken to prevent trouble.

A battalion of the Eighteenth regiment and the marines of the gunboat Concord have returned from an expedition to Concepcion, Northern Panay, where they went in search of the Concord's coxswain, who was lured ashore by a white flag and who is supposed to be a prisoner. They found the place deserted and burned every house as a punishment.

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PREACHER HANGS.

DALLAS, Tex., October 27.—The Rev. G. E. Morrison was hanged at noon today at Vernon, Tex., for wife murder. He met death resignedly. On the scaffold he said to the select party of 20 witnesses permitted at the execution: "I am innocent. Circumstances over which I had no control have placed me in this position. I have taken my troubles in private to my God. I admit I have acted indiscreetly. I have done nothing to confess. I have done no worse, however than hundreds of men who stand high in the religious, social, business and official circles of your state. I am in the hands of my Maker. He knows I am innocent. Morrison's crime was the poisoning of his wife in October, 1897. The facts show that for deliberate feloniousness it was almost without a parallel in the annals of criminal jurisprudence. The motive for the poisoning was in order to rid himself of a pretty, amiable, loving wife, in order to marry a woman possessed of large means, \$100,000 of it was in cash. Morrison married his deceased wife about 17 years ago. At one time they lived in Hanford, Cal., then in Oklahoma territory, from which place they moved to Panhandle, Tex., where the crime was committed. Morrison was arrested, was released on bond and fled. About three months thereafter he was rearrested in San Francisco and returned to Texas. Morrison was of the Methodist denomination.

The supreme court has declared San Francisco's charter valid.

British paper manufacturers have agents in the United States to make contracts to supply them with pulp for paper making. They use about 500,000 tons a year.

William I. Buchanan has resigned his position as United States minister to Argentina, and William F. Lord of Oregon has been commissioned his successor.

Prince Herbet Bismarck is said to be seeking divorce from his wife.

The fifty-first Iowa volunteers arrived at San Francisco a few days ago from the Philippines and went into camp at the Presidio, where the soldiers will be mustered out.

The natives of Guam are causing trouble to the American authorities there, and additional military forces have been asked for.

After being chased for six years by detectives Fred L. Utus, wanted at Toronto, Canada, for swindling an insurance company out of \$80,000, was captured at Phoenix, Ariz. The company he defrauded has gone out of business and he will not be prosecuted.

Lieutenant Ferguson, with twenty scouts of the Thirty-third infantry, reconnoitering near Labao, encountered a party of mounted Filipinos. He killed six of them and captured eight, with ten rifles.

Four men from the gunboat Mariveles were lured ashore eighteen miles from Iloilo by a flag of truce and the insurgents killed one of them, wounded one and captured a third. The gunboat was unable to fire fearing wounding the Americans. The second battalion of the Nineteenth regiment, Major Reefe commanding, embarked for Iloilo today to re-enforce the forces there.

A revolution has broken out in Columbia.

The annual report of Commissioner Hermann of the general land office, just made public, shows a grand total of 923,308.08 acres of unappropriated and reserved public lands in the United States. The disposal of public lands during the fiscal year show an increase of 728,585 acres as compared with the aggregate of the previous year. The total cash receipts of the service increased \$792,142 over last year. Original homestead entries showed a decrease of 329,938,192 in acres.

The Jeffries-Sharkey fight is to take place in New York Friday night. Both men claim to be in the best of condition, and sports expect to see a good battle.

Five recently destroyed the residences of Harry Goodlow and Samuel Smithson at Fairles, Ala., and cremated the occupants of both houses—14 people in all.

A committee representing the Women's National Industrial and Patriotic League and the Washington Industrial League called upon Rear-Admiral Schley recently, and informed him that the league had decided and was ready to undertake the task of procuring for popular subscription a home for him here at the Capital. The admiral thanked the ladies of the committee and again informed them that he left matters in their hands, saying that anything they might do would be acceptable.

A CARLOAD OF EXPRESS PACKAGES.

Well-Fargo Express company was burned near Holton, on the Santa Fe road. The property contained in the car was destined for San Francisco, Sacramento and other points in Northern California. The express company's estimate of the loss is from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The Teachers' Association of Northern California, at a recent convention held at Red Bluff, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Professor F. S. Keager of Orland, president; R. A. Dunn of Oroville, first vice-president; Miss Grace Healey of Red Bluff, second vice-president; Miss Margaret Poor, superintendent of Shasta county, secretary; G. H. Stokes of Marysville, corresponding secretary; Miss Lena Mangie of Red Bluff, treasurer. Marysville was chosen for next year's meeting place. In the afternoon President Jordan of Stanford university addressed the teachers, and in the evening President Wheeler of California delivered the closing address.

A plant to can claims is to be erected on Pismo beach near San Luis Obispo.

Benjamin Ide Wheeler was inaugurated president of the University of California last week.

Rose Baago, the 9-year-old daughter of Peter and Anna Baago, was found with her head cut from her body in her mother's home on a desolate island in Monterey county and has thus assured an abundance of winter feed for stock.

Vegetables have also been greatly benefited by the early rains, and ranchers and stockmen there are anticipating a very prosperous year for the country.

The United States transports Pennsylvania and Olympia arrived at Portland Saturday to take on board the Thirty-third infantry and a battalion of the Forty-fifth for the Philippines.

Since January 1 the Seattle assay office has received for treatment \$11,611,304 and since the office began business, July 14, 1898, \$17,280,861. During the week the office made three shipments of assayed gold to the United States mint of a total value of \$1,500,000.

The first carload of this season's oranges were shipped from Visalia Sunday.

The cruiser Marblehead has sailed from San Diego for Panama.

A. B. Richardson, a bookkeeper of Stockton, while riding a bicycle, collided with another wheelman and received injuries that caused his death.

Dr. J. Ellis Rodly, a John M. Garner and Mrs. Minnie Houseworth are under arrest at Chico, charged with forging the supposed will of Alfred Fuller, a miser who died two years ago and left a \$50,000 estate.

William C. Ralston of Colver county was elected president of the California Miners' association at the session held in San Francisco last week.

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