

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.
The following was the range of the thermometer at the Times office, viz: 9 A. M., 50; 12 M., 58; 3 P. M., 64; 6 P. M., 62; 12 M., 60; average, 61.

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COMMUNICATION INTERRUPTED

With Ladysmith Since Yesterday Afternoon.

LIEUTENANT EGERTON

Wounded in Artillery Duel Between Boers and British.

KIMBERLEY STILL INVESTED.

By 6,000 Boers and All Roads Strictly Patrolled—The Defenders Are Determined to Hold Out, But Wearied With the Inactivity and Hope to Be Soon Relieved.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Special dispatches from Ladysmith, dated Tuesday, give further details regarding the renewal of the bombardment.

The Boers having re-occupied their old positions, recommenced big guns. Their firing was accurate, but almost harmless. Some of the troops were slightly injured by splinters.

Lieutenant P. G. Egerton and his men from the powerful du soleil work, and practically silenced the Boers' guns. The Boers acknowledged having suffered heavy losses in men and horses in the previous battle.

DIED IN HOSPITAL.

General Jan H. M. Kock, who was second in command of the Transvaal forces, and who was wounded in the battle of Elmslaart, died in the hospital at Ladysmith on Monday night.

AN EXTRAORDINARY DISPATCH.

The Havas Agency Prints One From Its Brussels Correspondent.

PARIS, Nov. 2.—The Havas agency this evening published the following extraordinary dispatch, which the agency says was received through its correspondent at Brussels:

Cape Town.—The news of the Boers' two victories at Ladysmith has created considerable excitement among the Afrikaners, who do not conceal their joy. Sir Alfred Milner, the British High Commissioner, is much perturbed at their attitude. General White, in charge of the army, met many Boers on Saturday the object of his quest he was kindly received. The consensus of opinion among the Boers, he thinks, is that they are sick of fighting and would like to throw up the sponge. They said their loss yesterday was heavy and due chiefly to our artillery fire.

All was quiet at Bulawayo in Rhodesia according to dispatches received this morning, dated up to October 31.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—5 P. M.—The War Office has just informed the Associated Press that a dispatch has been received from the Governor of Natal, Sir Walter Francis Hely Hutchinson, announcing that communication with Ladysmith has been interrupted since half past two this afternoon.

This is not regarded by the War Office, however, as in any way compromising the position of the Government of Ladysmith or of the capture of Colenso.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The War Office this afternoon issued the following dispatch:

"Chief-of-Staff Ladysmith, to War Secretary—Lieutenant A. M. S. B. ... wounded this morning by a shell, left knee and right foot. Life not in danger at present."

It was inferred from this dispatch that the artillery duel between the Boers and British continues as Lieutenant Egerton was a gallant lieutenant with the big machine guns.

PIETERMARITZBURG, NATAL, Nov. 2.—It is reported that the Boers are occupying parts of Zululand and that they have taken Pomeroy, fifty miles from Greytown.

CAPE TOWN, CAPE COLONY, Nov. 2.—Hartswater has arrived from Klippan and reports that there are 6,000 Boers around Kimberley and that all the roads are strictly patrolled. He says he passed close enough to Kimberley to see the searchlights and was informed that the Boers could hold out, but were wearied with the inactivity and hoped that a relieving force would soon arrive.

Stories of Boer victories have spread rapidly along the western border of the Transvaal. The Boers are reported to have taken a number of British soldiers and prisoners and to have destroyed the telegraph lines.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 2.—General Sir George Buller, who has ordered the War Office to send him a special dispatch, says that the Boers are about to surrender, and that the casualties were fifty-four killed and two hundred and thirty-one wounded.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—At 2:40 A. M. the War Office issued the text of the dispatch which is dated Ladysmith, November 2, 1900, giving the first of news since among the officers, which is as follows:

Royal Artillery—Killed—Lieutenant J. T. McDougall. Wounded—Major John D. Hawkins, slightly; Lieutenant Harold Meyer, severely.

King's Royal Corps—Killed—Major T. B. Meyer, Lieutenant A. Mansell, and Lieutenant T. L. Forster. Wounded—Major Henry E. Buchanan-Hibbel and Lieutenant H. C. Johnson, both severely.

Royal Engineers—Killed—Captain H. G. W. S. Stayer, all severely.

Gloucestershire Regiment—Wounded—Captain S. Wilcock, Captain B. O. E. Fyffe and Captain P. S. Stayer, all severely.

Natal Mounted Rifles—Killed—Lieutenant William Chapman.

PRELIMINARY REPORTS MADE

In Accordance With the Agreement Wednesday A Compact Summary

Of the Conditions on the Islands, Past and Present.

MEMORANDUM BY DEWEY.

Explanatory of His Relations With Aguinaldo—The Commission Tells Briefly How It Conducted the Task, and of the Filipino Capacity for Self Government.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—In accordance with the understanding reached at the conference at the White House yesterday the Philippines Commission today submitted to the President the preliminary report which it had promised to prepare.

The report appears to be a compact summary of conditions on the islands as the Commission left them; of the historical events which preceded the Spanish war and led to the original Filipino insurrection; of the exchanges between Admiral Dewey and the other American commanders and the insurgents; the breaking out and progress of the Filipino insurrection; and, finally, a statement of the capacity of the Filipinos for self-government.

A notable feature of the report is a memorandum by Admiral Dewey explaining the reasons which led to the outbreak of the Filipino insurrection. The Commission tells briefly how it conducted the task entrusted to it, including statements from all classes of people in Manila as to the capabilities of the Filipinos for self-government, the habits and customs of the people and the organization of municipal governments in many towns. All this matter is to be included in the final report.

HISTORY OF ISLANDS.

Turning to the history of the islands the Commission attaches little importance to the divers rebellions which had preceded the outbreak of the present war. It is a notable feature of the report is a memorandum by Admiral Dewey explaining the reasons which led to the outbreak of the Filipino insurrection.

The report tells how General Aguinaldo came to Manila as Governor-General in 1898, and how he was driven out by the Spaniards and the United States. Aguinaldo sought to secure the support of the Filipinos, but they did not trust him. Then came the first of May and the destruction of the Spanish fleet by Dewey. Spanish ships were driven from Manila. Then in June Aguinaldo came. On this point the Commission says:

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"Memorandum on negotiations with Aguinaldo at Manila, 1898. The following copy of the memorandum is being furnished to the Commission by Admiral Dewey:

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THE SKY GLOWED LAST EVENING

Immense Throng Witnessed the Fireworks.

A BRILLIANT DISPLAY

Perhaps Fifty Thousand People on Lee Monument Field.

BOMBS, ROCKETS AND SET-PIECES

The Exhibition, Which Excited Great Admiration, Lasted Three-Quarter of an Hour—How the People Got to the Grounds—A Portion of the Grand Stand Collapses.

Not since the unveiling of the Lee Monument has so many people stood in the great open field between Richmond College and the Exposition Grounds as through the commotion of the fireworks display brought together the immense assemblage, the proportions of which no man can even approximately estimate. There might have been as few as thirty thousand or there might have been as many as sixty thousand. The correct figure, could they be obtained, would doubtless express a number between these extremes.

At the time of the unveiling of the Lee Monument it was estimated that over a hundred thousand spectators witnessed the ceremony. That was a day-light computation, and was perhaps very accurate. But to size up last night's crowd is literally to grope in the dark. To the writer, who was present on both occasions, it appears that the night's crowd was far exceeding the number of people when the pyrotechnic showers lit up the field, that last night's multitude was not much inferior in numbers to the assemblage of May, 1890. It is certain that the crowd had been half past 7 and 8 o'clock there were more people on the field than had been left in the whole of Richmond and Manchester combined.

MADE AN EARLY START.

It had been announced that the fireworks would commence at 8 o'clock. People were on the way to the field at 6 o'clock. At 7 it was almost impossible to board a car except at the end of the various lines farthest from the monument grounds. Passing through the business portion of the city and through those avenues nearest the field, every outgoing car was jammed, packed and jammed during the rest of the evening until the pyrotechnic showers commenced. At intervals and the incessant crackle of smaller explosives suggested an aerial battle of contending fairy hosts, in which all the participants perished. Finally the noise ceased, the last glowing spark faded away, the sky grew calm, and a few twinkling stars were visible above the dark night.

A BRILLIANT DISPLAY.

The evening's fireworks opened with a burst of brilliance at 8 o'clock and for nearly three-quarters of an hour the heavens were aglow. Myriad flashing stars in all the lines of the sky, small elevated bursts of light, and the occasional crackle of smaller explosives suggested an aerial battle of contending fairy hosts, in which all the participants perished. Finally the noise ceased, the last glowing spark faded away, the sky grew calm, and a few twinkling stars were visible above the dark night.

THE SET-PIECES.

The set-pieces were received with evidences of greatest enthusiasm. The first was a rocket, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a second, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a third, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a fourth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a fifth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a sixth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a seventh, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later an eighth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a ninth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a tenth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later an eleventh, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a twelfth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a thirteenth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a fourteenth, which burst into a ball of fire, and a few moments later a fifteenth, which burst into a ball of 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