

BOERS SURROUND BRITISH.

Twenty-two of the Yeomanry killed or wounded. London dispatch: Lord Kitchener in the following dispatch from Pretoria to the war office, reports two encounters with the Boers, in one of which at least the British fared rather badly: "Colonel Hickie, whose column is covering the construction of the blockhouse line on the Schoonspruit, reports a concentration to the west. He sent out a strong patrol of yeomanry on Nov. 13 from Bakspruit to reconnoiter. The patrol was surrounded by 300 Boers six miles from camp and six of our men were killed and sixteen wounded. Some who were captured have since been released. Colonel Hickie moved out to support the patrol and drove off the enemy. During the past week Elliott's column from Harrismith has been operating to the northeast of the Orange River Colony in conjunction with other columns converging from Standerton, Hellbron, Winberg, and Bethlehem toward the neighborhood of Reitz. The enemy were met in small parties. A few prisoners and much stock were captured. The rear guard of Byng's column, which was escorting the captures, was attacked by the enemy, 400 strong, stated to be under De Wet. After two hours' fighting the attack was repulsed and the enemy retired, leaving eight dead. Our loss was Lieutenant Hughes and one man killed and three officers and nine men wounded." Middelburg, Cape Colony, Nov. 18.—One hundred and eighty district mounted troops, composed largely of Dutchmen, with their arms and horses, surrendered to Smut's commando Oct. 13. The district troops fired most of their ammunition at long range, and then refused to fight further. Captain Thornton, their commander, believes the surrender to have been prearranged.

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TEMPERANCE WOMEN PREACH.

Roosevelt Instanced as Showing the Wisdom of Right Doing. Sunday was presented the great religious feature of the W. C. T. U. national convention at Fort Worth, Tex. Thirty-four delegates occupied as many pulpits in different churches in that city, preaching, in most instances, morning and evening. Doctrinal discourse was taboos. Some of the most prominent pulpit orators were Mrs. Mary Hunt of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis of Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Eugenie St. John, Kansas; Mrs. Clara Parrish Wright, Illinois; Mrs. Mabel L. Conklin, national lecturer and organizer, New York; Mrs. Addie N. Fields, world's missionary to Mexico; Mrs. Marion Dunham, Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. Howard Hoge of Virginia; Miss Belle Kearney of Mississippi; Miss Christine Tenling of London, England. Chief interest centered in the annual sermon preached in the Christian tabernacle by Elizabeth W. Greenwood of New York. She said that all history teaches the wisdom of right doing and the folly of wrong doing. She said: "Politicians strive to make Theodore Roosevelt Vice President that they remove him as governor of New York, in the hope that they would no longer be hindered in their wicked schemes, and behold, a most signal and disastrous reversal of their plans. Roosevelt, a man of destiny, becomes President, while his successor, Governor Odell, develops ability to rise above aims and standards of machine politics. History emphasizes the exactness of God's justice."

Wants Pay for Lost Laugh. Because he laughed so heartily that the actors on the stage forgot their lines and the cornet player in the orchestra couldn't blow a note, Thomas Davis claims to have been ordered from a Lynn (Mass.) theater. He has begun a suit, claiming that not less than \$250,000 will appease his injured feelings and wipe from his memory the funny scene he missed when placed on the sidewalk. He visited the theater on Friday night. An act on the stage struck his fancy, and he gave vent to a laugh, and in a short time the entire audience was in roars.

Miners Battle with Union Men. Union coal miners and guards at the mines of the Providence Coal company, seventeen miles from Madisonville, Ky., clashed in a severe fight with arms. The battle lasted an hour and a half. As a result James H. Smith, a unionist, is dead; George Crouch, another union man, is fatally wounded, while John West, Hut Dawson, and Nathan Bush, all guards, are wounded, none of them dangerously.

Two U. S. Deputies Killed. John and Hugh Montgomery, both deputy United States marshals, were found dead in the ruins of a cabin owned by Will Mathis, twelve miles from Oxford, Miss. Their skulls had been crushed in, and the house apparently fired to hide the evidence of the crime. Will Mathis, who is now being pursued by a posse of citizens, was wanted by the federal authorities on the charge of counterfeiting.

Fans of Charleston Fair. The exposition will open at Charleston, S. C., Sunday, Dec. 1, with a religious service in which all denominations will take part. The formal opening of the exposition will take place on Monday, Dec. 2. Chauncey M. Depew of New York will deliver the principal oration and President Roosevelt will start the wheels moving by wire from the White House. The President has accepted an invitation to visit the exposition with his Cabinet on Feb. 12 Lincoln's birthday.