

MILES IN THE FIELD.

Good Indians Will Soon Be Plenty.

General Miles Arrives at the Seat of War.

No Truth in the Rumored Battle Near Rapid City.

Only a Few Skirmishes Occurred—Chief Two Strike's Band Has Returned to Pine Ridge.

Associated Press Dispatches.

RAPID CITY, Dak., Dec. 17.—General Miles arrived here today, and is in communication with General Carr. He knows nothing of the reported engagement at Daly's ranch, with a loss of life, and it is undoubtedly untrue. General Carr is encamped at the junction of the Rapid and Cheyenne rivers, forty miles east, with 400 men. Thieving bands of Indians about there have been stealing cattle, and there has been some skirmishing with the Indians, in which one buck is known to have been killed. The troops will soon cross the Cheyenne river and proceed toward Pine Ridge, when trouble may ensue.

ONLY TWO LIGHT SKIRMISHES.
ST. PAUL, Dec. 17.—General Ruger to-night received telegrams from Fort Yates and Rapid City, on the Indian troubles. The former said all is quiet today at Standing Rock. In all about 100 of Sitting Bull's friends are still out. The other was to the effect that one Indian who had been caught stealing on Cole's ranch, southeast of Rapid City, had been shot. There was firing heard forty-five miles from Rapid City, on Phinney's ranch, Indians and ranchmen exchanging shots. No one was hurt. These two little brushes, reported from Rapid City, are probably all there was to last night's last report that many were killed.

NO NEWS OF A FIGHT.
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—No news has thus far been received at army headquarters in this city in regard to the reported fight between United States soldiers and Indians near Rapid City, S. D., yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—No information has been received at the war department in regard to the reported fight, in which two officers and fifty men are said to have been killed. The report is discredited.

AT DALY'S RANCH.
DENVER, Dec. 17.—A special to the News, by courier, from Daly's ranch, S. D., says: "Things have about reached a crisis here. Indians are seen in all directions, and we are prepared for an engagement at any moment. Pickets have been thrown out, and they report seeing a number of Indians. Scouts reported that we would be attacked this morning, and the signal would be the setting of fire to the grass. The grass has been set on fire, and a number of ranches are seen burning. They may not attack our camp till night or tomorrow morning. A rancher reports several white men killed on the Cheyenne river. The Seventh cavalry men will be sent against the Indians, and an attack will be made upon them as soon as possible, as a decisive move is imperative. A squaw man reports 100 hostiles moving toward our camp. We are 125 strong, and have a good position, and can reach them with Hotchkiss guns. We are informed that we will have reinforcements this evening of four more troops, which will make the company 250 strong, and it is understood General Carr will leave Rapid City for here today with four more troops."

GENERAL MILES'S REPORT.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—General Schofield this morning received a telegram from General Miles, dated Long Pine, Neb., December 16th, as follows: "General Brooke reports Two Strike and about 800 Indians, now camped at Pine Ridge agency, and these with the other Indians at Pine Ridge and Rosebud, are all that can be drawn out of the disaffected camp. The others are defiant and hostile, and determined to go to war, and Brooke has no hope that any other effort at pacification would be successful. He estimates the number of men in the hostile camp in the Bad Lands at 250. General Ruger's estimate represents 200 on the Cheyenne river, and 300 on Standing Rock reservation, who would have been liable to leave before the death of Sitting Bull, making in all 750 men. Every possible means has been exhausted to retain and restrain the friendly Indians on the reservation. The 16,000 Sioux who have been restrained, and who have professed loyalty, should have positive assurance, with the least possible delay, that the government will perform and fulfill its treaty obligations."

UNCLE SAM HEAR BIG LIAR.
DURANGO, Col., Dec. 17.—No further news was received today of hostile demonstrations by the southern Utes. The party of railroad surveyors ordered off the reservation Sunday, by the Indians, is still in Durango. Annuity goods were issued today at Ignacio. It is not known what effect it will have on the Indians. The main trouble is the Utes say, that the government is a "heap big liar," meaning that the government has failed to ratify the agreement made two years ago for their removal to Utah. They are very restive in waiting for the government to act, and this is supposed to be one of the causes of their present ugliness.

GLAD BULL IS DEAD.
PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 17.—White Buffalo, a man who lives on Bad River, who came in today, says the Bad River Indians are glad Sitting Bull is dead. He says a messenger from Sitting Bull's band will doubtless visit the Bad Lands hostiles today, and that when they hear of the chief's death they will kill every white man they see. The government, he declares, must disarm the hostiles at once, or serious trouble will ensue.

HEADING FOR CANADA.

DICKINSON, N. D., Dec. 17.—A courier from Captain Fountain's command, on the Cannon Ball river, says teamsters from the south report a number of Indians camped near White buttes. It is believed they are preparing for flight to the British possessions. The cavalry moved in that direction this morning, and hoped to intercept them. A body of infantry has been thrown out to guard all the passes through which the Indians might try to escape.

DEAD INDIANS BURIED.
FORT YATES, S. D., Dec. 17.—The funeral of the Indian policemen took place this afternoon, with military ceremonies. Sitting Bull's body was laid away in the post graveyard, with five others.

TWO STRIKE'S BAND COMES IN.
OMAHA, Dec. 17.—A Bee special from Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., says: Two Strike and his followers, 150 lodges, reached the agency this morning. Troops are still waiting under arms for orders to march.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR PINE RIDGE.
DENVER, Dec. 17.—Seven companies of the seventeenth infantry at Fort Russell, near Cheyenne, were today ordered to leave for Pine Ridge.

CUT IN TWAIN.

A Crowded Motor Train Cut in Two by an Express.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—The south bound Albany express on the Southern Pacific, ran into the Portland and Vancouver motor train in East Portland, tonight, and cut it in two. The Southern Pacific train struck between two cars, breaking the coupling and overturning two cars. Several passengers were injured, but none seriously. There were 200 passengers on the Vancouver motor train, which was going out. The Southern Pacific engineer is thought to be responsible for the accident. It is charged that he did not stop at the crossing and whistle. Both engineers say they stopped and whistled.

TO THE WATER'S EDGE.

THE STEAMER FERNDALDE BURNED ON PUGET SOUND.

Three Vessels Have Met a Fiery Fate in the Same Spot—Wet Lime the Cause of the Fire in Each Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—The steamer Ferndalde was burned to the water's edge Monday night off the south shore of Hope island, in Puget sound. The Ferndalde had taken aboard 500 barrels of lime at Roche harbor, some hay and grain and valuable horses at other points in the islands, and left San Juan Monday evening, for Port Townsend. After passing Smith's island, she met a heavy sea, and soon found it too rough to proceed. The steamer was put about to return to San Juan, and soon afterward was struck with the increased fury of the storm. She rolled furiously, and the great iron chimney was broken down, and went overboard. Sparks from fire passed up into the pilot house, and in a few moments the boat was in flames. The crew made every effort to extinguish the fire, and were successful after a time, but during the excitement, it was discovered that a steam pipe of the engine was broken, and no more power could be expected. The vessel was rapidly drifting toward shore, and three anchors were got out and dropped, but they were not sufficient to hold her. The sea washed her decks, and the cargo of lime was soon wet and soon began generating great heat. Steam and smoke poured out of every crevice, and in a few moments flames were again furiously at the woodwork. The crew were driven on deck, and all realized there was no possibility of saving the vessel. Captain Benjamin had a boat lowered with difficulty, and his wife was soon safe on shore. The horses could not be driven overboard, although every effort was made to give them a chance to swim to land. The crew finally left the vessel, and saw her burn to the water's edge. She had struck very far from land when a member of the crew, who reported her loss, left the scene.

The Ferndalde was ten years old, and owned by her captain, O. A. Benjamin. She had been on the Sound in service for years. She was insured for \$10,000. Her cargo of lime was for Gillette & Wiley, of this city, and the firm's loss will be about \$15,000. About a year ago the steamer Libby was burned near the same place, and only a few months ago the schooner Granger suffered a similar fate, both fires being caused by lime.

A Financial Scheme Adopted.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The caucus of Republican senators has adopted the financial scheme reported by the caucus committee, with the exception of the two per cent. bond project, which was eliminated. Twelve million ounces of silver bullion is to be purchased during the calendar year, not exceeding three million ounces in any one month, and is in addition to the amount now required to be purchased monthly. The caucus also instructed the committee on rules to prepare and report a cloture rule.

Washington Notes.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president has nominated Rev. Cephas C. Bateman of Oregon for post chaplain in the army.

In the senate today Sherman, from the committee on foreign relations, reported a bill providing that the McKinley tariff act shall not be held to impede or impair the force of any treaty between the United States and other governments. Placed on the calendar.

General Fremont's Will.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Surrogate Ransom today granted an order permitting Gen. John C. Fremont's will to be withdrawn from the files here, and sent to Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, his widow, at Los Angeles, California, where she desires to have it probated.

IN A DARKENED ROOM.

Parnell's Eyes Unable to Bear the Light.

His Injured Optics Are Badly Inflamed.

Friends and Foes Deplore the Assault Made Upon Him.

The McCarthys Hold an Enthusiastic Convention at Cork—Notes on the Situation.

Associated Press Dispatches.

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—Though Parnell suffered intense pain from the effects of the lime thrown in his eyes yesterday, he was able at midnight to address from a window of the Victoria hotel, at Kilkenny, a large crowd. During the address his face was covered with bandages. He detailed the events of the day, and the crowd became exasperated at the manner in which he had been treated. Many threats of vengeance were made. This morning Parnell's breakfast was served to him in bed. A close examination of his eyes revealed the fact that his sight was not injured. The surgeon declared, however that inflammation may set in. He ordered Parnell to keep his eyes closed, but hot water fomentations might be constantly applied.

It was announced this afternoon that the surgeon attending Parnell feared that the injuries to his eyes might result in serious consequences. He gave orders, therefore, that for the present his patient should remain in bed. Tonight it is announced that Parnell's eyes have become inflamed and he is confined in a darkened room.

A Dark Deed of Blood.

SHARROPP, Minn., Dec. 17.—A dark deed involving three deaths, and shrouded in deep mystery, was discovered this afternoon. John Spearman, 67 years old, was found sitting by his kitchen stove dead. The old man's wife was dead in a corner of the sitting-room, with her skull crushed and scalp torn from her head. Upstairs in bed lay their grandson, a lad of 12 years, with his head crushed. No clue to the murderer.

AN APPEAL TO THE HILLSDALE MEN.
Parnell has issued a strong appeal to the Hillsdale men, calling on them not to submit to English dictation. He says in part: "Will you give up your chief to the Saxon wolves? or will you rally around him as your fathers did around the men of '98, and shout, 'No surrender! Hurrah for Parnell, the leader of the independent Irish party!' Gather, men of Hillsdale, at St. John's well, on Sunday, around your chief, and hurl defiance at his enemies and the enemies of your race."

Parnell was interviewed today with regard to the charge that the fund of £40,000 was raised several years ago for his benefit. He said he spent it among the workmen of Wicklow, giving 200 men employment in the mines and quarries, which is likely to prove permanent, as he has heard that the search for a lode of magnetic iron has proved successful; and in the development of coal and iron fields in other districts, which would give Ireland a great industrial future.

IN A PUBLISHED INTERVIEW, Maurice Healy is represented as saying assurance can be given the public that no settlement of the political crisis is possible by arbitration. The contest, he said, will be fought to the bitter end. Notwithstanding the injunction issued against Suppressing United Ireland, the paper again appeared. Hereafter the paper will be entitled: "The Inexpressible United Ireland."

HENNESSY HAS EXPRESSED to the committee having the campaign of his opponent, Vincent Scully, in charge, his regret for the attack made upon Parnell yesterday.

A CONVENTION AT CORK.
CORK, Dec. 17.—A city and county convention assembled here today. The hall in which the convention was held, was crowded with delegates and spectators. The name of Parnell was greeted with cheers by the delegates, but the crowd groaned it. The chairman read a telegram from Patrick Egan, giving instructions for the transfer of his shares in United Ireland stock, to McCarthy.

McCarthy in an address declared that if the Irish party wanted authority or sanction for what they had done, the magnificent gathering there assembled gave it to them. After such a meeting they would be entitled to speak in the name of the Irish people, and they would have a still better right so to speak after the election in Kilkenny. Resolutions were passed expressing approval of McCarthy's course.

THE RUIN OF IRELAND'S CAUSE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Dillon and O'Connor sent a cablegram to McCarthy today, expressing the deepest regret at the injury to Parnell, and stating the language and acts of violence of both sides will ruin the Irish cause in the eyes of Americans, and fill the Irish people here with despair.

O'Connor, in an interview, said if Parnell kept on his present stand, even if the election was lost in Kilkenny, the cause would be irretrievably ruined.

T. M. Sullivan, one of the Irish envoys, and Mrs. Sullivan, were passengers on the White Star steamer Britannic, which sailed for Liverpool today.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—Joseph Chamberlain made a remarkable speech at a private Unionist caucus at Birmingham tonight. Among other things, he said that within a week certain former friends in the Gladstonian party had opened negotiations with him for a reunion, on the basis that Parnell having rendered home rule impossible, they saw no reason why a Liberal reunion should not be formed. He had replied that such a course was impossible, because Gladstone declined to take home rule from his programme. However, recent events had opened the eyes of the Gladstonian moderates, who might co-operate with the Unionists and Tories in the formation of a truly national party, devoted to progress in the truest sense. Labouchere, in a speech today, declared that London Tories paid Parnell's election expenses in 1880.

Church and Painting Burned.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Christ Episcopal church, at Thirty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, burned this evening.

The church was vacated two years ago. Recently Bentley's painting, 'The Ideal Head of Christ,' was put on exhibition in the building. The picture, valued at \$50,000, was destroyed. The damage to the church is also estimated at \$50,000.

PUBLIC FUNDS.

A Few Favored Banks Given Deposits Without Interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—In response to a resolution of the house, Acting Secretary Nettleton has sent to that body a list showing the several banks in which public money is deposited, the purpose for which deposited, etc. It shows that there are 322 banks, 187 of which are marked "general," and fifteen are marked "surplus." The banks marked "general" have accounts for receiving, or disbursing public moneys daily, and were designated as depositories for the convenience of the public officers in their vicinity. Those marked "surplus" have inactive accounts. They simply received on deposit to the credit of the treasurer of the United States, when first designated, the amount they were allowed to hold, which was in proportion to the United States bonds held as security therefor, and there has since been no change in such accounts, except for the purpose of reducing the holding of said depositories by transfer to the sub-treasury. No interest has been or is now paid into the treasury by any such depositories in return for the use of public funds. The authority to designate banks as depositories is contained in section 515 of the revised statutes.

ATTACKED BY THUGS.

BAKERSFIELD OVERRUN BY ROUGH CHARACTERS.

Eight Men Waylay the County Treasurer. He Gets Away with Them and Wounds One Mortally—Work for Vigilantes.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 17.—T. A. Baker, county treasurer, was attacked by five or six strange men near his residence, about 7 o'clock this evening, evidently with intent to rob him, or some other evil intent. One of the party got close up and put his arm around Baker's neck; the others closed in and commenced to handle him roughly. Baker drew his pistol and shot twice, mortally wounding one of them, who has given his name as James McQuade. Three others were captured and are in jail, but refuse to give any account of themselves. They are all strangers here, and very rough looking men. Baker's pistol was taken from him and fired at him, the ball grazing the back of his head. The town is overrun by strange men and vagrants, and the citizens, as well as the old vigilance committee, will meet tonight to take steps to rid the community of them.

FAIRLY ELECTED.

Judge Coffey Entitled to a Seat on the Supreme Bench.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Chronicle will publish an article tomorrow in which it is declared that the official returns of the recent state election, as canvassed by the secretary of state, would seem to show that Judge J. V. Coffey of this city, who was one of the Democratic candidates for associate justice of the supreme court, was defeated by mistake or design in printing the ballots. The official returns showed that Harrison (Rep.) received 12,719 votes, and the Coffey Democrat, received 113,262 votes. The scattering vote for associate justice is given as 18,156. The Chronicle explains this large scattering vote by saying that in half a dozen counties, at least, Coffey received no votes at all for associate justice, long term, but received votes for the unexpired term as associate justice, an office for which he was not a candidate. In these same counties, Hatch, the Democratic candidate for the unexpired term, received no votes for that office, but did receive votes for the long term, the office for which Coffey was the candidate. The counties where this occurred are Del Norte, Inyo, Lake, Mariposa, Mendocino and Santa Barbara. This vote, which was thus transposed through an error in printing the ballots, was not added to the total vote of the two respective candidates, but was returned as scattering. The error makes no material difference in Hatch's case, but if the 18,156 scattering votes are added to Coffey's total, it will show that he received 131,417 votes, which would give him 698 over Harrison. The Chronicle declares that there can be no doubt that Coffey was fairly elected to the long term of associate justice. The matter has but recently come to the attention of Judge Coffey, and he is still in doubt as to whether there is any legal redress open to him.

THE SQUIRRELS ARE SAFE.

Grangers Can Not Be Compelled to Exterminate Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—An opinion of great interest to the farming element of the state was filed today by the supreme court, in the case of Ben Hodges, on habeas corpus. The petitioner, a rancher of Contra Costa county, was convicted of misdemeanor for violating an ordinance of the board of supervisors, which requires the owners and occupants of lands within the county to exterminate and destroy the ground squirrels on their respective lands, and thereafter to keep their lands free and clear therefrom. The opinion said: "We know of no law which can be held to authorize a board of supervisors to enact an ordinance. We are quite clear that it cannot be enforced, for the reason that it is unreasonable and burdensome in the extreme." The petitioner was accordingly ordered discharged from custody.

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