

BATTLE AT LADYSMITH

The Native Runners Report a Boer Defeat on Thursday.

BURGHERS' GUNS SILENCED

Their Loss Heavy—Determined Efforts of the Command at Mafeking to Storm That Town—Repealed Each Time by the British Garrison. Latter Reported All Well Oct. 30. Several Officers Killed During Bombardment.

London, Nov. 13.—The following is a copy of a special despatch from Durban, Natal, dated Thursday, Nov. 9, evening:

"Native runners who have just arrived here report that the Boers suffered a severe defeat at Ladysmith this morning. The Boer guns were silenced after four hours fighting, during which the Boer losses were heavy. No details have been received."

The war office this morning published the following despatches from General Buller:

"Cape Town, Sunday, Nov. 12 (night).—The following reports have been received from Colonel Baden-Powell: 'Mafeking, Monday, Oct. 30.—All well here. Enemy apparently shy of attacking. Now closing to invest us. Are today destroying railway two miles north with dynamite. Shelling continued. Doing very little harm. Tuesday, Oct. 31.—Enemy attempted today on Cannon Kopje and southeast corner of town. Attacked most brilliantly, notwithstanding hot shell fire by the British South African police, under Major Buller's command. Five killed and five wounded: Captains Hon. H. D. Marshall, Fourth Bedfordshire; C. A. Petchell, Third King's Rifles; a sergeant major and two troopers. Wounded: Five non-commissioned officers and troopers. All British South African Police."

"Cape Town, Sunday, Nov. 12.—The following is from Nicholson: 'Bulwer, Sunday, Nov. 5.—All well here. Enemy still shelling. We made successful night attack on his advanced trenches last night, getting in with bayonet. Our loss six men of the Pretoria regiment, killed, nine wounded, including Captain Fitz-Crean, Third Royal Fusiliers, and Lieutenant Swinton. Enemy's loss unknown, but considerable. Enemy has vacated Signal Hill and laagered two miles northeast of town and two miles southwest."

Another Commando. Pretoria, Monday, Nov. 6.—The Standard and Deccers' News says it is expected that another commando will leave for the front today. A number of burghers have been commended and some have volunteered. The commando will be led by a brother of Jan H. M. Kock, the Boer general who was wounded and taken prisoner by the British and who afterwards died in the hospital at Ladysmith.

The house-to-house visitations in the central district continues. All neutrals who have volunteered will be commended for police service. Those who are eligible are expected to report for duty. The penalties imposed for failure to do so are: a fine of five pounds and for persistent disregard of the order offenders will be expelled from the state.

Father Matthews, chaplain of the Irish Freeholders, who was captured at the battle of Nicholson's Nek, has arrived here. He complains that though General Buller promised he would be permitted to return to the British camp he was taken to Pretoria. The secretary of war released him two days after his arrival, and he has been permitted to leave. He reports that the prisoners are well cared for.

Greenstown, Cape Colony, Wednesday, Nov. 8.—The Boer commander and several burghers, unnamed, visited Burghersdorp yesterday. There is no sign of the Boers at Dorchester.

At a meeting of the Dutch residents of Alford North yesterday afternoon were sent to Premier-Schroeder against the abandonment of the town. The Dutch police there have deserted the Boers.

Cannibals Chastised. Two Hundred Rebellious Natives Are Filled. Liverpool, Nov. 12.—The British steamer Volta from the Cameroons, West Africa, which arrived here today reports that a German punitive expedition in the Cameroons recently chastised a tribe of rebellious cannibals who had destroyed several trading stations and killed 100.

The Germans chastised the natives into the bush killing 200. It was reported, according to the captain of the Volta that numbers of slain were decapitated, their heads being stuck on poles in the interior towns to strike terror to the inhabitants.

Pension for Mrs. Bagley. Washington, Nov. 12.—A pension of \$5 per month was granted today by Commissioner Evans to Adelaide W. Bagley, mother of Lieutenant Worth Bagley, who was killed in the war with Spain.

Bryan Is Hunting for Game. Springfield, Mo., Nov. 12.—William J. Bryan and son joined Colonel M. Walker's hunting party here today and left for the latter's game preserve in the Ozark mountains.

SALTER ENTERS RAIL.

Accused of Having Been Involved in Election Frauds.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13.—Deputy Coroner Samuel P. Salter, who is involved in the alleged election frauds of the Thirtieth division of the Seventh ward and for whom a warrant had been issued today, surrendered himself. He entered \$1,000 bail to appear for a hearing next Thursday. Lieutenant Colonel William G. Price, of the Third regiment, N. G. P., signed the bail bond.

The warrant charges Salter with conspiring with others to procure and cast fraudulent ballots and make false returns at the recent election. Salter's hearing is the result of the securing last week of five alleged repeaters who are said to have been brought to this city from Washington by Lieutenant Rodgers of the capital police, and who are now under bail for trial. At this hearing, George Kirkland, one of the defendants who acted as a repeater in the election, testified that under Salter's direction he assisted in depositing 200 ballots in the box before the polls opened. He also testified that only 124 legal votes were cast in the division, while the returns showed 229, of which 322 were given to Barnett, the Republican candidate for treasurer, and only five for his Democratic opponent, Thomas J. Ryan, candidate for commissioner on the ticket with Cressy, was given 145 votes in the returns for the division.

Bail was also entered today in the sum of \$1,000 for Joseph Rodgers, lieutenant of the capital police, and Clarence Messer, another of the alleged repeaters. Neither of the two men could be found and the bail was furnished by John F. Slater, a member of the state legislature. The warrants for Rodgers and Messer were issued after the hearing of the five Washington men. Rodgers and Messer will be given a hearing on Thursday, when Deputy Coroner Salter will be arraigned.

WAS DALY UNBALANCED?

Reasons for New Trial in Case of Lancaster Counterfeiters.

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A. S. L. Shildis, counsel for the defendants, made a formal plea for a retrial in the case, quoted a rule of the district court relating to a prisoner who is mentally afflicted. Dr. John G. Hill, of Baltimore, was called to testify to the mental condition of John J. Daly, one of the jurors in the trial, who, the defense alleged, was ill during the hearing of the case and not competent to serve as a juror.

Dr. Hill said he did not think Daly was capable of transacting business. The breakdown was due to over-work and nervousness. "The juror's affliction," he said, "was illogical mania and perverseness."

The government made a complete review of every point advanced by the defense, quoting decisions in support of each position taken. Two jurors testified that Daly was mentally unbalanced, while others were as certain that he did not exhibit a trace of weakness of the mind.

Edwin Lippincott Is Killed by William Hunn. Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—William Rowland Hunn, aged 17 years, son of Edwin H. Hunn, a well-known and wealthy lawyer, today accidentally shot and killed Edwin Lippincott in the latter's cigar store. Hunn was arrested and committed to await the action of the coroner.

In explaining the tragedy, Hunn said that during a conversation with Mr. Lippincott and some companions he (Hunn) was attempting to demonstrate how a "hold-up" could be accomplished. He pointed a pistol at Mr. Lippincott, at the same time commanding him to hold up his hands. Mr. Lippincott obeyed and with the weapon covering his breast Hunn snatched the pistol. The bullet took effect in the right side of the victim's breast and he died almost instantly. He was 35 years old. Hunn says he did not know the pistol was loaded.

GERMANY'S FRIENDSHIP.

Necessary on Account of Relations of Great Britain and America.

London, Nov. 12.—The afternoon newspapers, commenting on Emperor William's approaching visit to England and the improved relations between Germany and Great Britain voices the general opinion here saying the "latter is in a great part due to the vast change in the relations between the United States and Great Britain which preceded it and from which Germany has drawn the obvious deductions that legitimate colonial ambitions cannot possibly be fulfilled in the face of the hostility of the two English-speaking peoples."

According to the St. James Gazette, with the establishment of good relations between London and Washington it became necessary for Germany to stand on friendly terms with both. There has been, the paper adds, no unqualified promises of future armed support, but the three countries have decided to live on civil terms for business reasons.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—M. Overstreet, United States district attorney for Oklahoma, died suddenly this morning on a Santa Fe passenger train west of Chicago. Mr. Overstreet was on his way to Franklin, Ind., where he was going to attend a family reunion to celebrate the golden wedding of his parents.

Vienna, Nov. 12.—The Baroness Urkulewitz, to whom Goethe dedicated his Trilogie, is dead.

THE TANGLE IN KENTUCKY

WORK OF COUNTY BOARDS DISCLOSES LITTLE INFORMATION.

Chairman Long, of the Republican Campaign Committee, Repeats His Claim of 3,110 Plurality for Taylor—Democrats Claim That Tissue Ballots Have Been Used—Slow Progress in the Court.

Louisville, Nov. 12.—The tangle growing out of last week's election grows worse with each day. This was the third day of the official count, but the work of the county board of canvassers disclosed little information to clear the situation. Chairman Long, of the Republican campaign committee, today repeated his claim of a plurality of 3,110 for Taylor, based on official returns from 110 counties and unofficial returns from the remainder. The Democratic papers and leaders here have ceased to give figures, but speak from Frankfort quote Candidate Geobel and other party leaders as saying they are confident of the success of the Kenton county man.

The completion of the returns to be presented to the state board of election commissioners when it meets in Frankfort next month still depends upon the determination of the contests which are being raised in several parts of the state, notably in the Republican counties of the Eleventh district, where the Democrats claim tissue ballots were used. These contests have aroused much feeling in the localities affected. One of them involves the vote of Knox county, which gave Taylor 1,393 plurality. Today Earbournville, the county seat, was visited by hundreds of people interested in the result, their avowed purpose being to see that justice is done. Counsel for Candidate Taylor began action in Knox county circuit court to compel the county election officer to certify the vote to the state election board of commissioners. The contention is over forty-two ballots from the First precinct, but the petition filed by Taylor's counsel asserted that the scheme is to throw out the whole county. Johnson an. Lewis counties are affected by the Democratic charges of irregularities and there, too, legal complications are likely to arise.

At Hopkinsville, a contest over a precinct which gave Taylor a plurality of 95 is delaying the official returns of the vote of Christian county, which gave Taylor a plurality of 750. Slow progress was made in the count of Louisville and Jefferson county today, the complications being at work on the Third ward, where they adjourned until tomorrow. Both sides are fighting every inch of the ground. A number of precincts are in controversy on the grounds of alleged irregularities. In one such case, Seventh precinct of the First ward, an anti-Geobel voter today secured an order from Judge Toney to compel the precinct officers to sign the tally sheets. The Geobel people, however, claim the ballot box had been opened before it reached the county election office. The vote so far as canvassed shows little change from the official returns.

Federal Grand Jury. The federal grand jury, which was adjourned over the election, reconvened this morning and was charged by Judge Evans regarding election violations, particularly with reference to the indictment of colored voters. He recalled the charges which had reached the ears of the court, described in detail the offenses upon which indictments should be found and continued:

"Conspiracies may be hard to prove, but it is by no means impossible to prove them, both by direct and circumstantial evidence, and if you should find the evidence and indict those who engaged in these conspiracies, you would get at a class of men most likely of higher, or at least of more pretentious grade, than their tools. This class of men are the backbone of the community and their enrichment much more desirable in every way than the others. The highest duty is imposed upon you to vindicate the law and you will do so more efficiently and commendably if you discharge that duty if you shall probe men to the bottom and without fear or favor, indict every man, however prominent or however obscure, who has engaged in any conspiracy to perpetrate the wrongs denounced by the statute. The court also suggests to you that it is by no means impossible for officials of high or low degree to engage in such schemes, and where that is the case the demand for punishment is all the more imperative, because an example should be set in the case of those who are charged with the enforcement of the law who make themselves the instrument of its violation."

SENATOR FLINN'S PLEA.

Claims to Be Not Guilty of Charges Brought by the City of Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Nov. 12.—Senator William Flinn, by Attorney Watson and McCleave, has filed a plea of not guilty to the suit brought against him, W. H. House, ex-assistant city attorney, and James J. Booth, for \$200,000 damages by the city of Pittsburg.

This is the action of Pittsburg on which City Attorney Clarence Burtchell ruled the defendant last week to file his plea. Mr. Moreland filed his plea shortly after the suit was entered. The damages claimed are to cover the alleged loans made by House to Mr. Flinn.

Charged with Embezzlement.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 12.—Harry G. Johnson, formerly treasurer of the Independent Building association of this city, was brought here today charged with the embezzlement of \$3,000 from the association. Johnson was formerly a well known business man. He left here in June last and was arrested a few days ago in Pittsburg.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Pensions: Incessant—Michael Carey, Plymouth, 25 to 72. Original widow—Mary Lamb, Scranton, 33.

FOR PURE FOOD.

Senate Committee on Manufactures Continues Its Inquiry.

New York, Nov. 13.—The United States senate committee on manufactures continued today its inquiry into the adulteration of ales, porters and beers. On Thursday the commission will receive reports from several professors of Yale and Harvard who have been invited to submit their views as to the establishment of a standard of purity of all food products.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, conducted the session. The first witness called was Max Schwartz, chemist, consulting brewer and director of the United States Brewers' association. Senator Mason asked about the use of preservatives in the United States and the witness said he knew of none except salicylic acid, which is manufactured from coal tar and composed of sulphuric acid. The use of such preservatives, Mr. Schwartz said, was a necessity to stay the natural decay in the component parts of beer. The preservatives are only used for beer to be shipped and not for home manufactured consumption. Referring to Senator Mason, Mr. Schwartz said: "I the proportion of salicylic acid when used as a preservative is one half ounce for every barrel of beer, or about one part of acid to 10,000 parts of beer. Mr. Schwartz declared the proportion of preservatives in English and other imported ales and beers is much greater than in the locally brewed beers. The pasteurization of beer in bottles, the witness said, is not a certain preservative."

Mr. Schwartz thought it would be impossible to fix a standard of the gravity of beer and the proportion of alcohol. In some countries, he said, the tax is collected on a basis of the materials used in the beer. "If a commission should be appointed to decide what material may be used for the production of a wholesome, palatable beer. Such a commission would find that cereals and sugar may be used as adjuncts for malt and would doubtless recommend the use of preservatives." "The use of such preservatives," Mr. Schwartz said, "is not a justifiable one. He thought Mr. Schwartz' estimate of half an ounce of salicylic acid to the barrel of beer too large. The only other preservative the witness uses is by-sulphuric acid. No preservative is used in home brewed beers, but is substituted for malt, because the popular demand is for a lighter and more sparkling beer than can be made from pure malt. Frederick Kruster, another local brew master, gave testimony similar to that of Mr. Wilson. To make a light beer, he said, about 20 per cent. of rice is added to the malt. He said he uses no glucose or decaying matter. The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

AT THE EXPOSITION.

Prominent New Yorkers Represented at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—New Yorkers in force took possession of the National Exposition today. A special train carrying a large number of leading citizens of the Metropolis arrived at 11.30 o'clock. The party was composed of prominent business men, state and city officials and others who came by special invitation of the merchants' association of New York. The party was headed by Mayor Van Wyck by Paul, president of the board of the municipal council of Manhattan. The party was escorted directly to the exposition auditorium, where the exercises of the day were opened without delay.

Donald Mackey, representing the merchants' association, acted as chairman. Mayor John A. B. Shick made the address of welcome, which was reported to by Randolph Guernsey. The latter paid a tribute to the exposition and predicted that good results would follow its existence. Congressman Sulzer, of New York, also made an address commending the exhibition and encouraging the coming Buffalo exposition. During the afternoon the New Yorkers visited the various buildings and were subsequently entertained at luncheon.

TRAIN STOPPED FIGHT.

Two Hungarians Killed in a Struggle on Railroad Track.

Shenandoah, Pa., Nov. 12.—While John Yankovic and Conrad Winko, young unmarried Hungarians were engaged in a fist fight on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad near Enterprise last night an express train ran down upon the two men, who were killed. The men had been to a Hungarian christening at Enterprise and becoming involved in a quarrel they walked down the railroad to fight it out.

The trainmen were absolutely blameless, the fighting men not having been seen by the engineer in time to stop the train.

Branches of the Penny.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Nov. 12.—A force of 200 men and 60 horses today began the construction of a branch line to be known as the Pennsylvania railroad, six miles south of this place. The road will develop a rich limestone region, where extensive quarries will be opened and the material used for the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad. The road will be broken for a new town to be known as Walls.

Murder at Kokomo.

Kokomo, Ind., Nov. 12.—In a fight between Orin Springer and Fred Smith and William Bushy today Springer was instantly killed and Bushy was wounded in the shoulder. Springer and Smith were hunting and had been ordered of Bushy's farm. There is much indignation and the sheriff is apprehensive of trouble.

Washington Anniversary.

Washington, Nov. 12.—President McKinley today promised to make an address at Mt. Vernon on December 14, when the Masonic observances of the one hundredth anniversary of Washington's death will occur.

PROF. M'GIFFERT'S OBNOXIOUS VIEWS

DISCUSSED BY THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

A Committee Appointed to Preval Upon Him to Modify His Ideas or Withdraw from the Church. Certain Members Advise Moderation in Proceeding, as Heresy Trials Are Not Beneficial to the Presbyterian Cause.

New York, Nov. 13.—The case of Professor Arthur C. McGiffert, of Union Theological seminary, who is charged with holding views that are at variance with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, came before the New York Presbytery today and action was taken which will probably result in a reference to the general assembly. A committee was appointed last June to confer with Professor McGiffert and prevail upon him to withdraw from the church, or, at least, modify his views. Meeting here last night, which Professor McGiffert attended, but he steadfastly refused to recede from the stand which he had taken on certain church matters, saying he had been misunderstood. The general assembly prepared expressly for Professor McGiffert's case an outline of the fundamental principles of the church. These were:

First—That the statements of the Holy Scriptures are absolutely truthful, free from error when interpreted in their natural and intended sense. Second—That in Jesus Christ there were God and man, and the manhood being inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion or confusion, so that He was in no particular liable to sin. Third—That the Lord's supper was instituted by the direct and personal act of Jesus Christ, to be observed in His church unto the end of the world. Fourth—That the justness of His death is in His righteousness by His gift of God. It is only the last of these statements that Professor McGiffert accepts as he stands.

THE COMMITTEE.

The committee to whom the matter was referred was composed of Rev. Robert F. Sample, chairman; Rev. John B. Shaw; Rev. Dr. R. B. Booth, and Rev. John Bliss and the following: Andrew Johnson and Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, read suggestions in which it was advised that the controversy over Prof. McGiffert be dropped. Dr. Johnson's paper was heard first, then Prof. Brown's and Dr. Van Dyke's and they were in substance alike. Dr. Van Dyke said that the Presbyterian church does not agree with Prof. McGiffert, the wisdom of a heresy trial was doubtful and might result in harm to the Presbyterian cause. In view of preparations for a series of Presbyterian revivals in this city this fall and winter the postponement of the discussion of the subject and the reference to the general assembly is thought desirable.

FREEDMEN'S AID REPORT.

Board of Bishops of M. E. Church at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—The board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church have returned from Baltimore and met the general conference of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society in this city today. Bishop W. X. Nixie presided at the morning session and Dr. M. B. Neason, the corresponding secretary, read a report giving details of the year's work of the society. During the day members of different conference districts were heard and the reports of work of various schools in charge of the society were reviewed.

The report of the board of managers of the Freedmen's and Southern Educational society sets forth that the age of the negro is going; the epoch of man is beginning. It says: "The schools of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society have been making good citizenship, educating negroes to be Christian men and women. They have not made criminals. The negro criminal never goes from the chair. There have been more than 200,000 students in these schools and not one of them has ever been lynched or charged with the crime for which negroes are lynched."

Strike Affects 40,000 Men.

Buffalo, Nov. 12.—In order to force a settlement of the dispute between the men engaged in iron construction work and their employers regarding wages, troubles and labor council has ordered out all union men working on buildings in this city in which iron is being used. It is said that 40,000 men are affected.

Mayor Tallon at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 12.—Daniel Tallon, lord mayor of Dublin, and John E. Redmond, M. P., paid their respects to Governor Roosevelt today at the capital and later were dining by the governor. The visitors will leave tomorrow for Buffalo and Detroit, Mich. About \$66 was raised here for the Bannell monument fund.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Nov. 12.—Clear: Trave, for Bremen via Southampton. Dover: Passed: Werkendam, from Amsterdam for New York. Lizard: Passed: Rotterdam, New York for Rotterdam. Isle of Wight: Passed: Whitland, New York for Copenhagen.

Ministerialists Defeated.

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 12.—The Ministerialists have been defeated in the elections in the divisions of St. Johns and Fortune Bay, the Liberals carrying the former by a majority of 43 and the latter by a majority of 11. The government has thus lost three elections this year.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: INCREASING CLOUDINESS; WARMER.

- 1 General—The Americans Hemming in Aguinaldo. Another Battle at Ladysmith. Rev. Dr. McGiffert's Views and the New York Presbytery. The Kentucky Election Muddle. 2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Board of Control Meeting. 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local—Old Forge Strike Settled. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. Live Industrial News. 7 Round About the County. 8 Local—Opening of November Term of Common Pleas Court.

WANAMAKER WANTS BALLOT REFORM

He Is Deeply Impressed by "Revelations of Corruption" in Philadelphia—Not the Growth of a Day.

New York, Nov. 13.—The World will publish tomorrow a signed statement from John Wanamaker, dated Philadelphia, Nov. 13, in which he says in part: "The recent revelations of corruption in the conduct of elections in Philadelphia ought to deeply impress thoughtful citizens in this entire country over with the urgent necessity for ballot reforms. By ballot reforms I mean such local constitutional regulations as will first, make the ballot absolutely secret and therefore absolutely free, and second, such devices, whether mechanical or otherwise, as will make a true account and return of the votes legally cast as near as may be an absolute certainty. This, it seems to me, is the desideratum of modern politics in this country. In Philadelphia we have not had an honest election for many years and the debauchery of the ballot has acquired the system of a sentence with the dominant so-called Republican machine."

This has not been a growth of a day or a year, but has been perfected by a systematic development of the most minute details of organization. All the machines are against ballot reform, for the machine cannot live and thrive a day if the people, the honest masses whose hearts are right can never obtain an opportunity to express their condemnation freely and have it honestly returned and recorded. Republican government does not exist in this state because, while we have Republican forms, we have no adequate method for their ultimate expression in a secret, free and pure ballot guarded and conserved by devices competent to insure its purity and protect it from dishonest perversion at the hands of corrupt political party."

TORTURED BY BURGLARS.

Isaac P. Conn and His Wife Subjected to Brutal Treatment.

Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 12.—The residence of Isaac P. Conn on the Cheat river was robbed Saturday night. Conn and his wife, who are over 60 years of age, with their hired man, John Elizer, were bound and forced to undergo brutal treatment for the two hours that the burglars remained in the house. The raid yielded the burglars about \$10 in cash, a gold watch and some other booty. This did not satisfy them. They had come after the \$500 which they supposed Conn had received as the first payment on his own lands which he recently sold. Conn had not got any money yet and told the intruders so, but they did not believe him and resorted to all sorts of brutal treatment and threats to make him yield up the treasure. Twice he was stood up as a target and given so many seconds to confess. Burglars were ruffled over his head and aimed at his temple. One fellow got a razor and holding back Conn's head, made a movement as though he would cut his throat. The old man was so faint from cold and fright that they had to give him water to revive him to make him sensible to their treatment.

After the burglars left, Mrs. Conn liberated herself by untying the knots with her teeth and then cut the other victims loose.

OWENS-COOKE CASE.

Judge Halsey Denies Motion for a New Trial.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Nov. 12.—Judge Halsey today denied the motion for a new trial in the case of Boyd Owens and H. E. Cooke, convicted of printing and circulating an anti-election circular reflecting on the political course of M. E. Moore, a candidate for city assessor in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Moore says the circular was published for the purpose of defaming and injuring his chances of election. The defendants will be sentenced on Saturday. This is the first conviction in the state under a recent law passed by the legislature.

Mrs. Davis at Princeton.

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 12.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the late Confederate leader, arrived here from New York this morning and is now being entertained at Princeton Inn. Mrs. Davis is visiting her grandson, Charles Hayes, who is a student at the Lawrenceville school. She attended the concert held in University hall this evening.

Three Boys Burned to Death.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Nov. 12.—A special from Detroit, Mich., says that on Sunday the three sons of Mrs. Katz (Mrs. Orr), aged 5, 6 and 7 years, were burned to death in a fire which originated in their home. The mother, a widow, was away at the time, the boys being in charge of their grandmother, who, however, escaped unharmed.

Street Car Strikes.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 12.—Not a street car was run in this city today owing to the strike of the street railway employes over the refusal of the company to re-engage the men's union and to re-engage discharged employes. The tie up is likely to continue for several days.

Another World's Record.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Eddie McDuffa today another world's record in his list today, going a half mile over the Garfield park track in 40 2/5 seconds, motor paced. Weather conditions were rather unfavorable.

THE CRUISER CHARLESTON IS WRECKED

Caught on Reef on the North Coast of Luzon.

ALL ON BOARD SAVED

Aguinaldo and His Army Said to Be Surrounded—His Secretary Captured—The Dictator's Last Orders to His General at San Jose Were to Hold That Place at All Costs—General Young Supposed to Be at San Nicholas—Filipino Forces Suffering From Poor Food, Disease and Lack of Medicine—How Colonel Bell Took Tarlac.

Manila, Nov. 13.—12.30 p. m.—The United States cruiser Charleston, which had been patrolling the northern coast of Luzon was wrecked on a reef off the northwest coast on Tuesday, November 7. All on board were saved.

Manila, Nov. 12.—General Young, it is supposed has reached San Nicholas, about thirty miles east of Dagupan, but his wagons are far behind.

Colonel Hayes has captured Aguinaldo's secretary, Major Fortuniano in Carrangalan, with an escort of 120 bolomen, on his way to the province of Nueva Vizcaya.

The son of General Llaneras and his family are prisoners. The general barely escaped. The correspondent of the Associated Press with General Young telegraphs from San Jose that Aguinaldo did not escape to the north-east. He and his army, the correspondent adds, are surrounded. His last orders to the Filipino commander at San Jose were to hold San Jose and Carrangalan at all costs.

The recent accounts were too unassured to be called fights. The insurgents, however strong their position, are mortally afraid of the Americans. They make but a brief and feeble resistance, and run when the Americans yell. The moral effect of the news that Aguinaldo's secretary was captured is unquestionably being great. The insurgents are suffering more from disease than the Americans, owing to poor food, lack of medicines and filthy hospitals, with the result that there is great mortality among them.

Discouraged Captain.

General Lawton has intercepted a telegram from an insurgent captain to a Filipino general, reading: "How can you blame me for retreating when a couple of my company were able to fight?"

When Colonel Bell left Capas, ten miles from Tarlac, at 1 o'clock yesterday, he intended merely to reconnoiter. He had with him the Thirty-sixth Infantry, Slaven's scouts, Troop E of the Fourth Cavalry, a battalion of the Twenty-second regiment and Gatling guns. The scouts, mounted, preceded the main body up the railroad. They met a hundred rebels at Murcha, but the insurgents retreated quickly. The scouts found the station burning. They extinguished the fire and saved the building.

The main column marched up the wagon road, but before reaching Tarlac it divided and one of the town on two sides at 8 o'clock. Not a shot was fired. The insurgents had evacuated the place only a few hours before. They retreated to the railway station and the rolling stock. They left a rear guard of 400 men, who, however, failed to make a stand and cover the retreat of the main force of insurgents, as they had probably been ordered to do.

The rebel ordinance, it is reported, has been shipped to the town of O'Donnell. The Americans are continuing their advance so rapidly that the insurgents have not the time necessary to destroy the railroad.

Philadelphia's Official Vote.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—The official compilation of the votes cast in Philadelphia last Tuesday was concluded today. The totals for the candidates on the state ticket are as follows: For state treasurer, Barnett, Republican, 140,931; Cressy, Democrat, 92,652; For the prohibition, 1,221; Watkins, Peoples, 143; Clark, Socialist-Labor, 81; Wood, Union Reform, 12. Supreme court justices—Brown, Republican, 82,187; Metzrodt, Democrat, 33,432; Ripkots, Prohibition, 1,290; Stevenson, Peoples, 181; Munro, Socialist-Labor, 31. Superior court judge—Michele, Republican, 119,314; Reilly, Democrat, 82,111; Robinson, Prohibition, 1,409; Atwood, Peoples, 1