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MANY LIVES WERE LOST

Four Vessels Crushed by the Avalanche of Rock and Buildings—Crews Destroyed Without the Least Warning.

Rome, Dec. 22.—A terrible disaster took place this afternoon at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Capucchin hotel, fell bodily into the sea with a deafening roar, and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capucchin monastery below, the Hotel Santa Caterina and several villas.

Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of water which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the number. Amalfi is a small, but lively town of 7,000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains and rocks of the most picturesque forms. The Capucchin monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Ruffino, one of the popes, but came into possession of the Capuchians in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 230 feet, contained fine cloisters.

COPPER STOCKS DID NOT SLUMP

Boston Has Apparently Recovered From Its Panic—Prices Were Maintained.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Another day of unrest in Boston's financial circles went by without incident of a startling nature. Not a failure had been announced when the stock exchange closed this evening and the money seemed easy.

The Boston National bank's affairs would have been lost sight of for the time being had not the creditors of the Squire company, the fortunes of which are mingled with those of the bank, met to consider their plans and form a committee of action. Some demand for ready cash was made on the market here by a Portland savings bank, but no loan was made, but it did not disturb conditions.

CABINET MEETING.

Bodies of Dead Officers to Be Brought to the United States.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Nothing important developed at the cabinet meeting to-day. The secretary of war informed the cabinet that arrangements for the transportation of General Lawton's body to the United States had not been made by General Otis. It is the intention of the government to bring General Lawton's body home as soon as possible. The remains of Major John A. Logan, Jr., and of Lieutenant Ledward, son of Henry Ledward, president of the Michigan Central railroad, are also to be brought home at the earliest possible date.

KILLED IN A WRECK.

A Train of Coal Cars Crashed Into a Passenger Train.

New York, Dec. 22.—A wreck on the New Jersey Central railroad at High Bridge, N. J., late last night, resulted in one death and the injury of five persons. Christopher V. Huttsider, a fireman, was killed, and Peter Eick, Miss Ella Maxwell and Eggagemaester Frank Grant were injured.

Released.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The quartermaster general has released the transport ship "Albatross" for government service.

Reconciled Suicide.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—J. H. Sanders, a well-known merchant of Chicago, killed himself when in a hotel to-day. Mr.

ARE STILL IN THE DARK

Belated Dispatches Convey Little News.

THE DEATH OF ROBERTS

Long's Mistake Responsible for Buller's Repulse—Stonewall Jackson Tactics Needed to Injure British Success.

London, Dec. 23, 4:45 a. m.—Belated South African dispatches throw no light on the present situation at the seat of war. There is no confirmation of the report that Ladysmith could hold out several weeks longer, and it is feared that this was circulated by the Boers for their own purpose.

It is hoped that Winston Churchill, having arrived safely at Delagoa Bay, will be able to head off the Boers, and conditions in the Transvaal, he must have ascertained important information.

A Cape Town dispatch dated Sunday, Dec. 17, stated that the Commander Derdekerk of the Boer forces was killed in a reconnoitering engagement, but no details are given. Advice from Nampoport describes everything as quiet there and the only fresh news from Arundel concerns the weather, which is excessively hot.

The Daily Telegraph has a special feature, dated Dec. 18, which tells how Lieutenant Roberts, son of Lord Roberts, fell at Tugela river. It says: "The horses of the 14th and 96th batteries killed an elephant. Lieutenant Roberts, Captain Schofield and Captain Congreve of the rifles attempted to drag the animal out of the river. Captain Roberts was hit by a shell. Captain Congreve was struck and wounded slightly. After a while the elephant was shot and killed. Major Baple brought Lieutenant Roberts from the open into a little ravine, where he lay hidden from the enemy's view."

OLD IRONSIDES.

A Proposition to Refit the Frigate for a Training Ship.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Long has addressed letters to Senator Hale and Representative Boutwell, who look after the maintenance of the navy, relative to the plan of refitting the historic old craft Constitution as a naval training ship.

The Massachusetts State Society of the Old Ironsides, 1825, proposed to refit the Constitution through popular subscription, and Secretary Long refers to this as a worthy purpose, inspired by patriotic impulse. At the request of Mr. Hale the secretary has designated a committee to undertake the plan of refitting the ship.

"That the secretary of the navy is hereby authorized to cause the United States frigate Constitution to be repaired and refitted, and that there is a possibility of a serviceable condition in order that she may again be placed in commission and used as a training ship or otherwise, the expense of such repairs and restoration to be paid from funds to be raised by popular subscription under the auspices of the Massachusetts State Society, United States Daughters of 1812; provided that such repairs and restoration shall be made under the supervision and control of the navy department, and shall not be undertaken until an amount sufficient to defray the cost thereof shall have been subscribed and guaranteed by the said society."

The French Position.

New York, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: Many French journals continue to cling to the idea that England should make peace and that there is a possibility of intervention by some power. But the leading statesmen do not share this view. The opinions of the latter are well reflected in this conversation, which was had with M. Ribot, deputy, former minister of foreign affairs and premier.

"The idea of intervention by European or other nations in the Transvaal would be the last thing to present itself to my mind. The thing is impossible, considering all the circumstances, not however, because the powers do not wish to do so. Anyone of them would be willing, if its intervention were likely to be successful, and a nation could wear a brighter political feather in its cap.

"But at the present time England is in no mood to accept intervention. Her reasons we can perfectly well understand. England feels that if there were ever a moment when she could not permit a compromise this is that moment. To tell the truth, all the other powers would be glad to see her do so, and there is little sincerity in those continental politicians suggesting or advocating it."

Indians Are Troublesome.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—The Chiclit Indians, who, it is claimed, murdered a man named Victor Christian Cayre, are again raising a disturbance. They ordered a rancher named Franklin and a companion named Elkins, who is a brother of the murdered man, to leave that place on the 17th inst., alleging that Franklin was infringing on their territory. A fight ensued and the white men's lives were saved by friendly Indians. Warrants are out for the Indians.

Lawton's Funeral Services.

Manila, Dec. 22, 12:30 p. m.—General Lawton's remains were placed in the chapel in the Pao cemetery this morning. Private services were held at the residence and the body was carried to the cemetery by members of the general's staff accompanied by troop I of the 4th cavalry. Public services will be held later.

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