

AN OMINOUS LACK OF NEWS

Regarding the Casualties at the Battle of Modder River

ENORMOUS LOSSES ARE SUSPECTED

General Methuen's Wound Is Not Believed to Be Serious—The British Public Have Confidence in Him.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Evening News Capetown special says: "A force of Boers, while trying to blow up a 100-foot bridge at Colonic, were driven back by the British artillery fire. This dispatch indicates that Gen. Hildyard, who is advancing to the relief of Ladysmith, has overcome the difficulties spread in his path at Freere, and has reached the south shore of Tugela river."

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A further list of casualties at Modder river, gives two officers killed and nine wounded. This makes a total of known casualties in officers up to date, of six killed and 28 wounded. Much relief is felt that Methuen's wound is not serious. It is not believed that he will be incapacitated from continuing personal command of the flying column. Methuen's failure to report his own wound in an account of the battle excites admiration.

Gen. Methuen telegraphs to the queen that Maj. Count Gleichen, a relative of her majesty, who was wounded at Modder river, is doing well.

Full particulars of the battle of Modder river are still lacking, though it is said that the War office communication with the British commander is open. Silence regarding the actual results of the fight and the British losses, is regarded as ominous. Thus far only the casualties among the officers engaged in the battle have been received. It is not certain that this list is complete. The War office continues to be besieged by anxious inquiries, but no new information can be obtained.

PRETORIA, Nov. 27.—Delayed.—The Boer commander is preparing to attack Fort Tull, the British base in Rhodesia, north of the Transvaal. The British are fortifying the place with feverish haste. The British garrison at Mafeking made a determined sortie from the place on November 25.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 1.—A despatch from Pretoria says the British suffered tremendous losses in the battle at Modder river.

THE GOLD MINES OF BLUE RIVER

BLUE RIVER, Or., Dec. 1.—The season for prospecting in this camp is nearly past for this year, but more work has been done so far than ever before in its history. Nearly all the miners have gone out for the winter, but a few are busy at work opening up tunnels and cuts on several ledges and the blasts are still heard every little while, showing that, although the winter's fog and rain are here, the good work still goes on.

WAINWRIGHT IS IN JAIL

His Sentence Considered Severe in View of Facts.

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 1.—A case which has created considerable local interest is the charge against Fane Wainwright, supposed to be an ex-captain of the British army, and who served under Gen. Buller in the Zulul war, for passing bogus checks. The checks, which were trifling in amount, were passed during the first week of last month, and were post-dated. When they came due the Captain had left Nelson for Spokane. About a week afterward he went to Roseland, where he was arrested. He was originally brought up about ten days ago and was remanded until last Saturday.

It transpired during the trial that he had sailed to England, and before the issuance of the checks in question, had received a reply that funds would be sent to him. On the strength of this cable he issued the post-dated checks, but he subsequently got a letter from his people, stating that on further consideration they must decline to help him any more. His brother, who lives in the Northwest territory, arrived in Nelson last week and paid up everything, but notwithstanding the magistrate sentenced him to three months' imprisonment, a sentence considered unduly severe in view of the facts. His counsel has stated that they will appeal the case on technical grounds, but it is not yet known when it will be heard. Capt. Wainwright is now in the provincial jail here.

Centralia Election.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 1.—E. R. Zimmer was nominated for mayor at a convention held here yesterday.

The Ledger Sold.

TACOMA, Dec. 1.—The Ledger is reported sold. J. C. Lord, a banker of Olympia, is the reputed purchaser.

MANILA, Dec. 1.—Gen. Hughes reports from Iloilo that the province has been cleared of rebels. The insurgents were scattered at Passi, where they made a last stand. The Americans captured 13 cannon.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—The jingo press is surprisingly quiet under Chamberlain's threat against France in his Leicester speech yesterday. None take it seriously, and even the moderate papers express hope for war between France and England, so that France may be united again in a national struggle.

OFFICIAL REPORT FROM GEN. OTIS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Gen. Otis reported this morning on the fight at Passi Island, previously mentioned in the press dispatches. The Americans lost two men killed—Capt. Warwick and one private of the Eighteenth infantry. Much artillery ammunition was captured by Americans. Otis also says that MacArthur's men have had several minor engagements, capturing men and rifles. Bell's capture in the mountains included 14 modern guns and over 50 pieces of artillery. The conditions in Zimboanga are reported as improving. Additional ordnance has been surrendered. Native bands continue to serenade the American troops.

POLICE NOTES.

Regular quarterly change of police patrols takes place today. All night officers will be assigned to day duty, and the present day force will take its place on the night shift. The first patrol will be in charge of Sgt. Peer, the second patrol in charge of Sgt. Ward, and the third patrol in charge of Sgt. Laubscher. Capt. John Sullivan will be in charge of the station on the day shift, Capt. D. F. Willard is acting chief of police in the absence of Chief Reed.

Walter Day, an employee of the Frye Bruhn Meat Co., has reported to the police that there has been a city light burning near the plant for several nights. Mr. Day was starting for the city last night about 10:20 o'clock, and walked off the bridge in the bay.

Wm. Rogers, who rooms at the Sanderson house, reported to Sgt. Laubscher yesterday afternoon that a vest containing a watch and gold nugget had been stolen from his room.

A coat and vest was stolen from the clothing store of H. Lewis & Co. yesterday afternoon.

Edwin Fredlund, who resides at 221 First avenue north, has reported to the police the loss of a trunk which he had left in the care of the Northern Express company. The contents of the trunk were, for the most part, mementos of the late Spanish war. Mr. Fredlund was a corporal in the Washington volunteers.

Sergt. Pier has been on a vacation the past week.

WILL HANDLE EXPRESS

Beginning today, the Northern Pacific Express company will handle the Wells-Fargo business in this city. Heretofore the Wells-Fargo company has dealt through the offices of the Great Northern Express company in Seattle. The change is reported as purely local for purposes of convenience.

Germans Are Amazed.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—German political circles are rather aghast at Chamberlain's talk about an Anglo-American alliance yesterday. Politicians say that Germany will not conclude an alliance with England and the United States, as at present the Dreibund is sufficient.

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THE DEMOCRATS WILL ASSEMBLE

Formation of Clubs to Begin Immediately.

The political pot is simmering. In Democratic circles things are beginning to liven up. The movement for the formation of clubs in the party is coming to a head. Next Friday the party official action will be taken in that direction.

The city central committee has called a meeting of Democrats, to convene that evening at 7:30 at the G. A. R. hall, in the Collins building. This meeting will be devoted to the formation of a Democratic City Central club. Various well-known leaders of the party in Seattle will address the gathering, taking the position that all Democrats must stand together in the coming campaign.

TRANSPORT TO GO TO 'FRISCO

Will Load Horses There for the Philippines.

Eight more dead horses and mules were carted away from the stables on the water-front this morning. These were the latest victims of the Victoria disaster.

Contagious diseases have broken out among the surviving animals, and although they are killed as soon as disease is discovered, the number deaths have not decreased. It now seems probable that most of the remaining mules and horses will be worthless. Certainly none of them will be in a fit condition to make another voyage. The total loss of animals up to today noon amounted to 194. On the daily charging fee of the Victoria, the government has also met with a heavy loss.

The Victoria was towed to Arlington dock this morning, and will be made ready for sea at once. She will go to San Francisco, and there dead horses to be transported to the Philippines.

THEY ARE BOUND FOR DAWSON

The steamer *Al-Ki* left this morning with one of the largest passenger lists she has had in a long time. Many of those going north will travel on to Dawson over the ice. There are some who will attempt to make the trip down the river to Cape Nome.

The *Al-Ki* also carried a large amount of machinery, destined for the Sumdum mines, and a full cargo of miscellaneous freight and 60 passengers.

TO KEEP THE GIANT MINE

Big Machinery Plant to Be Delivered in the Spring.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Dec. 1.—Although the bond on the control of the Giant company does not expire for over five months it is said that Col. W. M. Ridpath, E. D. Sanders and Senator George Turner, who hold the bond, have decided to take it up forthwith, having obtained a liberal discount therefor. Such is the report which has gained circulation here today and it has every appearance of being correct although not confirmed positively.

That the mine is to remain in the hands of the former Le Roi magnates is made more certain by the fact that a contract for a full equipment of machinery for the Giant was let today to F. R. Mendenhall, agent of the Canadian Hand Saw Company, by E. D. Sanders of Spokane, representing the new management. Mr. Sanders came up on Sunday for the purpose. The machinery will consist of a ten-drill electric hand compressor of the latest type, a hoist capable of going down 500 feet, a bank pump and a sinking pump. As the manufacturers are so crowded with orders that this machinery cannot now be delivered until March 1, 1900, Mr. Sanders has arranged to install a four-drill compressor which Mr. Mendenhall has on hand and it will be ready for operation in a week or ten days.

Superintendent Treagar is now at work blasting out a space in the ledge above the shaft so as to bring it down to the level of the shaft, in order to make room on which to put up the plant. This work is an extension of the open cut by means of which the ledge was found above the 112-foot shaft, which had missed it, and every pound of rock taken out is shipping ore which ranges from \$14 to \$23 in value. There is now piled up 500 or 600 tons of ore which will be shipped as soon as the roads are in condition for hauling and will yield a good profit. It is intended to sink a two-compartment shaft at some point in the excavation named and go down on the ore, and to erect all necessary buildings.

SOCIALISTS ALSO WANT CHANGES

The Socialist Labor party also wants the city charter amended, and to that end has petitioned the city council. The resolution addresses the council as the "hired men of the honorable electors of the city of Seattle." It asks for municipal ownership of all street railroads, ferries, water works, gas works, electric plants, and all industries requiring municipal franchise. It also wants the employees to elect their own superior officers. In another section it desires the referendum to apply whenever 5 per cent. of the electors of the city shall demand.

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