

DETAILS OF THE LAST DISASTER

Which Overtook the British Forces in South Africa.

BOERS SCORED A BIG VICTORY

President Steyn, of the Free State, Says That the Rout of the British Was Complete.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—News from South Africa today is more explicit. It is now feared that the war office is suppressing later reports from Gatacre, which would reveal the fact that his column, after the defeat, ran to Moltano, leaving cannon behind, and that 600 or more prisoners in the hands of the Boers were taken because they were less fleet of foot than their comrades. This seems to explain the few casualties and many prisoners.

The War Office today received an additional report from Gatacre. It says the attack on the Boers' position seemed to promise success, but the distance from Moltano was over-estimated, and the local police unintentionally led the British by a round-about way into an impossible position. The Boers fired from an unscalable hill. The Northumberland failed to turn their position. The Irish Rifles held the Kopje till, seeing their position hopeless, they retired along a long ridge. One gun was upset and abandoned. Another was lost in a quicksand. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. Gatacre adds that he is now holding Bushmanshoe and Cyphergats, to the south of Stormberg, on the railroad. He has sent the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Irish Rifles to St. Pakstrom to recuperate. The Northumberland lost 366 missing, instead of 306, as at first reported.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A Capetown dispatch says that heavy firing was heard all day yesterday in the direction of Modder river.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 12.—Boer accounts of the British defeat at Stormberg, say that Gen. Ewart Grobler, commander in chief of the Orange Free State forces was in command of the Boers.

PRETORIA, Dec. 12.—Col. Plumera force from Rhodesia, which is marching to the relief of Mafeking, has reached Gaborone unopposed.

The following details of the Stormberg fight have been received from President Steyn:

The British, with six cannon, attacked the Boers and stormed the Boers' entrenched positions on the Kopjes. After a severe fight the British were compelled to surrender as prisoners Maj. Sturges, six officers, and 250 non-commissioned officers and men of the Northumberland regiment, and two officers and 250 men of the Irish Fusiliers. It is impossible to state the number of dead and wounded of the British. The Boers captured three cannons and two ammunition wagons.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 12.—The transport Rapidan is aground here but not in a dangerous position.

LAAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Dec. 12.—The British transport Steigan is aground near here. The vessel is in a bad position.

GIVEN IN A NUT SHELL

The Northern Pacific railway made its first open move to gain possession of the water-front last night. The matter is now in the hands of the corporation committee of the city council, and in 30 days must elapse before the council can take final action on the vacation of streets. It is more than likely that the committee will take the limit of that time in considering the proposition.

The five ordinances which cover the construction and maintenance of a passenger subway beneath Hallway avenue to the water-front at the foot of Marion street; the vacation of Western avenue from Marion street to University street; of Marion street between Railroad avenue and Western avenue, of Spring and Seneca streets between Railroad avenue and Post street; the erection by the company for the city of an inclined bridge from University street down to Railroad avenue; the right to lay spur tracks on the Northern Pacific wharves, additional track privileges across Yesler, Columbia, Madison and University streets, and the re-grading of Post street, are accompanied by a plat which shows the proposed changes very clearly.

The effect of these changes as the company has planned them, would close Marion, Seneca and Spring streets from Post street to the water-front. It will put six new tracks between the city and the water-front on Yesler and Columbia streets; 7 new tracks on University street, and two on Madison street.

This would make 14 tracks cross Yesler way and Columbia street, 10 would cross Madison street.

That portion of Western avenue between Madison and University streets is evidently to be used as a dry and wagon yard, for the teams loading from the freight sheds.

KENNEDY IS REINSTATED

Frank Kennedy, formerly police clerk, but who resigned his position four months ago to go into the wholesale cigar business, was reinstated by the civil service commission at a meeting held last night. He will undoubtedly report for duty this week.

Chief Reed stated today to a Star reporter that Mr. Kennedy is a competent man and a good officer.

The force is being crippled by a number of officers leaving for the Cape Nome mining country. More men are needed.

When Kennedy takes his old position as clerk, ex-Detective Meredith, who was reduced in rank by Chief Reed, will in all probability be restored to his old position. When Kennedy resigned Chief Reed gave it out that the detaching of Meredith as a clerk was only temporary.

However, a few weeks later Reed relieved Meredith of his detective's star and his wages were treated to the sixth.

Meredith gave perfect satisfaction as a detective, but through the influence of John Considine, a sworn enemy of Meredith's, and a warm friend of Chief Reed's, Meredith was reduced in rank.

Kennedy has seen police service for six years and was the first clerk appointed under ex-Chief Rogers' administration. Kennedy and Chief Reed worked as clerks together under Rogers.

Late this afternoon it was ascertained that Meredith would be put on the detective force within two or three days.

The Harriman party is to have sorrow, even as they have been visited upon the "P-I" excursionists. The Fox tribe of Indians carry their disrespect for the eminent men of science to the point of calling them vandals. William Bittoux, whom the acquisitive curio fende have brought from obscurity to the grandeur of arbitrator between themselves and the late Alaska Indians is again in evidence. He is responsible for the following statement: "The Fox tribe of Indians will bring big game suits against members of the Harriman party, which left here last summer on the steamer George W. Elder for Alaska and Siberia. While at Cape Fox the Harriman people took from the graveyard and village, 21 carvings. Two of the properties were carved cottages, wherein the ghosts of departed ancestors were wont to spend the long Alaskan nights.

"In two or three weeks I will leave for San Francisco with a half-breed member of the Fox tribe. We will try and get trace of some of these things."

"We will also secure the names of every member of the expedition. The Indians came together and will institute damage suits aggregating possibly \$40,000. Many of these carvings are more valuable to the Indians than they would seem, for they contain the ashes of the notable dead. We will exempt no member of the expedition.

"The Indians have raised a goodly sum to use in bringing the Harriman excursionists to time."

FOR UNION CIGARS.

A special organizer of the Cigar-makers' International Union, Frank Hornsby, is in the city for the purpose of obtaining endorsements of labor unions for union-made cigars, and pledges that the members will use no other. Mr. Hornsby has been very successful in Seattle.

The city of Ballard has been granted until December 23 to serve affidavits in its application for retrial of the case of W. G. Taylor.

At the Seattle clearing house today bank clearances amounted to \$97,111.75, while balances were \$7,126.44.

Hannah Dickinson today purchased from John Brannan and wife, a lot on the corner of Seventh avenue and Stewart street, for \$4,750.

The Mount Baker Mining & Milling company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The trustees are E. M. Blons, Ernest Rions and Martin Pfikus.

A special meeting of the local Red Cross society was held this morning. A committee of five was appointed to go to Carbonado and investigate cases for relief. Mrs. W. W. Robinson, Jr., Dr. Sarah Kendall, Mrs. Chas. McCutcheon, Dr. Cassley Balabanoff, and Mrs. Geo. McGee.

Mrs. Belle H. Haines' resignation from the presidency was accepted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—A sweeping anti-trust bill will be introduced in the house by Dailley, Democrat of New Jersey. It will authorize any 10 men or more to certify to a district or circuit United States court that a certain trust is in existence. The judge must then proceed to investigate the charge, and if well founded, he must so certify to the president of the United States, who shall then place on the free list such articles as may be controlled by the trust in question.

CITY NEWS.

Steamer City of Seattle is expected to arrive from Lynn canal ports this evening.

Elizabeth Stevenson has purchased a lot on the corner of Bancroft and Jones, for \$2,800.

C. C. Jones and James D. Hoge, Jr., have purchased portions of Seattle tide lands for \$1,404.

Attorney M. L. Baer was yesterday bound over to the superior court on a charge of embezzlement.

Two mandolins valued at \$25 each were stolen from Klins' music store on Pike street last night.

The matter of the Yesler way improvement was postponed one week by the city council last night.

The steamer Portland is expected at Departure bay this week. She will carry a cargo of coal to Dutch harbor.

The medical examination of candidates for fire and police positions was held this afternoon at the S. A. C. rooms.

The case of the Bank of British Columbia against C. K. Jenner et al., on a promissory note, has been continued until December 17.

J. N. Gilson, chairman of the county commissioners who has been ill for some time, is now able to be at his office.

Richard Gowen, attorney for R. E. Ferguson, has turned over to the superior court goods alleged to have been stolen by Ferguson.

Ed Flanagan and Frank Jones, accused of burglary, were yesterday bound over to the superior court by Judge Cann.

Fred Sidney, a laborer, reported to Officer Cameron last night that he had been robbed of \$8 in a saloon on First avenue.

A man giving his name as Davis reported to Officer Hubard last night that he had been robbed of a watch and chain in a tenement saloon.

The steamer Al-Ki is due to arrive from Alaska tonight. She lost 48 hours en route, and may be delayed until tomorrow.

Jerry Sterling, arrested last night by Officer Leighton on a charge of petty larceny, was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Cann this morning.

The suit of the Pacific-American Fisheries Co. against B. B. Drummond, for a lost bag of coal, is occupying Judge Benson's court today.

Max Ragley filed an answer in the Federal court today to the complaint of the California Fig Syrup Company, denying infringement of its copyright label.

The case of Clarence Cook against the Great Northern Railway company, was compromised in the Federal court this morning. Cook was paid \$500 damages.

Charles Carlson, living at 501 Maynard avenue, has reported at police headquarters that he was robbed of \$20 and a watch and chain in a tenement saloon last night.

Negotiations for the sale of the tin mine owned by Thomas W. B. Thomson, of Hamilton, have been in progress for some time, and it is now expected that the final arrangements will be made about January 1.

Chas. J. Meyersberg has brought suit against the Baltimore & Seattle Mining & Reduction Co., for \$15,000 personal damages sustained in a mine explosion.

Judge Moore yesterday morning heard the case of the City of Tacoma vs. ex-Treasurer Boggs, in the Pierce county superior court. The case was continued until next Friday.

Ed Smith, said to be a professional beggar, was arrested by Detective Wappenstein last night. Judge Cann fined Smith \$15 and costs this morning. He will serve out his sentence in the chain gang.

Augustus Muchmore, Carl Mensing and E. C. Mestung, have incorporated the Mensing-Muchmore Co., with the object of conducting a general mercantile business. The capital stock is \$25,000, in 500 shares.

Here is a tabulation of the instruments filed in the auditor's office at the court house between June 1 and November 30 of the last three years, showing the great increase in the business transacted:

1897, 4,542; 1898, 4,574; and 1899, 6,726.

The fees received during these periods were:

1897, \$4,588.60; 1898, \$4,772; 1899, \$7,062.25.

C. H. Walcott, arrested on a charge of grand larceny in Whatcom several days ago, was brought before Judge Cann today for a preliminary hearing. The case was continued until Saturday. Walcott's bonds were placed at \$1,000. It is alleged he took a diamond ring, valued at \$120, from a lady by the name of Germain, living in the Vendome hotel on First avenue.

The 24th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Chicago August 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1900. The date was agreed on December 7 at a joint meeting at the Palmer house of the executive committee of the council of administration, and the committee representing local interests. All the members of the executive committee except one were present.

The civil service commission met last night and suspended for six days Patrick Madigan and H. H. Young, the fireman and stoker who had trouble with Engineer Lindsay at the Lake Washington pumping station recently.

PROMOTION FOR WOOD

Belief Is He Will Succeed Brooke as Ruler.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—There is much comment in military circles over the nomination sent to the senate body recently of Gen. Leonard Wood for promotion to the rank of major general of volunteers, thus filling the only vacancy now existing in that rank. Officers of the army say that his promotion is of more than ordinary significance, and places him in line for selection as military governor of Cuba, should Gen. Brooke return to the United States. That Gen. Brooke may return soon is not denied by war department officials, though it is not admitted that his return will be other than temporary.

Gen. Wood was at the war department for a conference with Secretary Root. He says that he expects to complete the special work which called him to Washington and will probably return to Santiago some time this week.

The general does not believe that a promotion of this kind should be inaugurated with pomp and ceremony. The course of reconstruction should not, in his opinion, be sudden, but gradual. He remarked that the Cubans are learning to trust the Americans. It has been no easy task to bring about the present good conditions in the island, and Gen. Wood called special attention to the fact that the progress so far attained has been with little loss of life. There has been little disorder, and the stories of attempting revolts, he said, have been gross exaggerations.

Silver Republicans.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—E. S. Corser, of Minneapolis, Minn., member of the National Free Silver Republican committee has been named by that body for the delicate task of preserving amicable relations between his party and the Democrats and Populists. He will act as the agent of the Silver Republicans in all negotiations which other elements of the reform forces and will have authority to speak for his colleagues in arranging an alliance.

MOVEMENT OF MAILS

The Great Northern overland was delayed two hours last night by a side near Ballard.

The steamer Utopia is still on the Victorian's run, carrying mails.

Every lock box in the local post office is rented and many people who wish to be unable to obtain private boxes. The trouble will likely be remedied during the month of January by putting in a large number of new boxes.

Kentucky Contests.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 12.—The counted out Democratic candidates for state offices today served the new incumbents with notices of contests.

MAIL CONTRACT IS FORFEITED

Through the delay in the arrival of the steamer Bloemfontein the British-American Steamship Company has forfeited its mail contract with the United States government. The company's contract called for a steamer between Seattle and Honolulu every month. The Garonne was the first used for this purpose. The Eilhu Thompson was also on the run, but was put on the Cape Nome line. The Garonne was taken into government service as a transport, and was to be replaced by the Bloemfontein, which was ordered to this port from Australia.

This vessel was to arrive here on the first of the month, and leave for Hawaii on the fourth. The ship is now twenty days overdue, and has not been heard from or sighted by any incoming vessel.

The company's representative at this port maintains that there is no reason to fear for the safety of the vessel. At the same time the company has had to discontinue for the vessel until the Cape to tow her in if she should need assistance.

Old mariners consider it a most unusual thing for a staunch ship like the Bloemfontein to be so much overdue. The vessel has no even been reported at Honolulu. It is possible the next Hawaiian steamer arriving at San Francisco will have definite information.

WHO WILL GET KILLED?

There will be a street-car accident at the corner of Third avenue and Madison street some night unless Providence is unusual vigilant.

The employees of the Madison street cable line do not like to stop at Third avenue when there is a crowd of theater-goers waiting for a car. A delay of several seconds might occur and a crowd of these persons getting aboard. As a result the cars stop right through and make no stop at Third avenue.

Usually there is a jam when the Third avenue is disorganizing, and during the excitement of ringing bells and the general confusion, someone is sure to get hurt by-and-by. The city ordinance provides that cars shall be stopped on Third avenue.

Then there is a possibility of the Madison and Third avenue electric cars colliding. Only a few evenings ago the motor men of an electric car, thinking that the cable cars would stop, turned on the electricity only to see the cable-car whizz pass in front of him. A few inches further, and his car platform would have been smashed. At the same time, there were several persons on the west side of the street crossing the cable track. They expected that the car would stop, and barely got across the track in time to escape being run over.

DEBATE ON CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—The debate on the currency bill resumed in the house today, Grosvenor, of Ohio, taking the floor.

Taking up the history of the Democratic party, he argued that it was full of inconsistencies on the currency question, and papers to determine that the Republican party has always held to the principle that every dollar issued by the government should have an equal value. "The Democratic statement," said Grosvenor, "that this bill proposes to make a gift to holders of bonds of the difference in value between gold and coin bonds, has no force, unless the Democratic party means to pay bonds in some money worthless than the par dollar. As a matter of fact, the bill will not advance the value of bonds one cent."

THE END IS NOW IN SIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—In the senate today the elections committee was authorized to send for persons and papers to determine whether or not Senators Clark, of Montana, and Scott, of West Virginia, were entitled to their seats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—It is said this morning that President Comgers, of the Federation of Labor, was injured last week in a bicycle accident, is in a critical condition.

ROBERTS CASE IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—The Roberts investigating committee resumed its sitting today behind closed doors.

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