

WILD REPORTS OF VICTORY AND DEFEAT

Which Are Flying About Today in the City of London.

HAS BULLER ENTERED LADYSMITH

A Statement Is Made to That Effect—Rumor That General Methuen Has Again Been Defeated.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Lord Methuen's casualties in the Monday battle north of Modder river, exceeded 1,000. The Highland brigade alone lost 52 officers and 50 men in killed, wounded, and missing. The endless list of casualties for which the public has been clamoring began to arrive today. The vicinity of the war office has been crowded with anxious inquirers and there were many heart-rending scenes when names of victims appeared on the bulletin board.

The list of casualties received so far is as follows: Major General Wauchope, commanding the Highlanders, killed and Lieut. Wauchope wounded. Royal Highlanders, Lieut. Colonel Goode killed, five officers wounded, three missing. Seaforth Highlanders, two killed, two missing. Total Highland brigade casualties in officers, ten killed, 28 wounded and five missing. Guards brigade, Lord Winchester killed, three officers wounded, six men killed, 46 wounded. The cavalry loss so far reported is two killed and 27 wounded. The following additional casualties were received this afternoon: Mounted infantry, one officer killed and two wounded. Royal Horse artillery, two officers killed and two wounded. Field artillery, 21 men wounded.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Exchange Telegraph Company circulates a report, originating in Edinburgh, saying that Buller inflicted a crushing blow on the Boers and raised the siege of Ladysmith. The report is not confirmed at the war office.

The reports add that Buller captured 10,000 Boers. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The British troops, under Lord Methuen, have suffered another appalling reverse, this time at Magersfontein, beyond the Modder river. The losses are estimated at 450. The Boers, protected by heavy earthworks, suffered little. The British General Wauchope is among the slain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—On Thursday 500 Irishmen will leave for Paris, there joining an Irish volunteer regiment which goes to South Africa to fight the British.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The rumor that Gen. Clery has entered Ladysmith and that Buller had captured 2,000 Boers, caused the Rand mining stocks to jump a pound on the exchange this afternoon.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The war office announced this afternoon that the sixth division of the second army corps would leave Sunday for South Africa, and the seventh division would be mobilized immediately.

GOV. BRADY EXPECTS BLOODSHED IN ALASKA

"Unless some change for the better takes place very soon in regard to the judicial arrangements in Alaska, I fear there will be bloodshed in some of the districts. The settlers are unable to acquire clear and definite titles to their property."

So spoke Gov. John G. Brady, of Alaska, to a Star reporter this morning at the Occidental hotel. He arrived here last night from the north on the steamer City of Seattle, on his way to Washington, D. C., to attend a convention of governors appointed by President McKinley to arrange the details of a celebration of the centennial anniversary of the removal of the national capital from Philadelphia to Washington.

Questioned as to the probability of the division of Alaska into smaller and more convenient judicial districts, the governor said: "There will be no well defined division. It will simply amount to a placing of additional judges where the people can get hold of them. Persons down here do not realize what a vast extent of country Alaska covers. If the one judge there should be compelled to go from Cape Nome to Sitka he would have to travel over 2,200 miles. However, though congress seems unwilling to give us three more judges, it may allow us one.

"This is a very important matter, because it affects not only the interests of the people of Alaska, but the interests of this whole coast. As it is, the whole of Alaska is tied up judicially."

Gov. Brady has nothing to say in regard to the resignation of Judge Johnson nor could he give any hint or indication as to who will fill the vacancy.

He knew nothing definite concerning the proposed electric railway over the Chilcotin pass.

"I have heard both favorable and unfavorable accounts of Mr. Kinney, the promoter of the enterprise," he said, "but I do not know the gentleman personally."

In common with every other governor or the union, will be under the orders of the secretary of the interior. Gov. Brady has the interests of Alaska very much at heart, not only because he is governor of that great country, but because it has been his home for nearly a quarter of a century. Gov. Brady leaves for the East this afternoon.

Judge Hanford is today hearing the case of the Pacific Lumber Co. against Richard Brown for the sum of \$2,000. The lumber company claims that Brown failed to deliver spars according to contract.

Market Inspector Brown placed on exhibition with the county commissioners today, trees from the Woodburne, Ore., nursery, which are infected with the woolly aphid and peach borers. He has decided to hold the commissioners responsible for the enforcement of the law, and has thrown the matter into their hands. To a Star reporter today, he said: "If the commissioners do not enforce the law, I will force them into compliance with its requirements."

CITY NEWS.

The local Christian Endeavorers will publish a calendar for 1900 containing views of the Philippines and the First Washington troops in action. It will be a work of art, and ready for publication next Monday.

Managers of those lines which recently reclassified freight and advanced rates to and from the Pacific coast, have been cited to appear before the interstate commerce commission at Washington and show cause for the changes. Shippers hope this will prevent more advances.

Charles Cooper, a wealthy Cape Nome miner, is in Seattle on business. He expects to return to Cape Nome as soon as he can reach there by ocean navigation.

An effort is now being made to establish a marine hospital at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. George H. Higbee, general manager of the Empire Transportation Company, has taken the matter up with S. C. Neale, the company's representative at Washington.

The Seattle Steam Heat and Power Company is making arrangements to rebuild its system of distributing mains throughout the business section of the city.

Conductor Jerry Quinlan, who was charged with the riotous on the Great Northern switchback, left the service of that road recently. He will take a position under Charles Moriarty on the White Pass & Yukon.

Estelle Dalton has purchased six lots on Stacy street for \$3,500 from Edith Reed.

Henry H. Shufeldt and wife gave this afternoon to the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, of New York, a mortgage on the Butler Hotel property for \$100,000. The revenue tax on the instrument filed amounted to \$74.50.

The Tenney estate has sold to C. D. Stinson for a consideration of \$20,000, two and two-thirds lots on First avenue and Union street, on the southwest corner.

A lot on the southeast corner of Eighth avenue and Marion street was sold today to Richard Weller for \$4,500.

The Pacific American Fisheries Company was granted damages in the sum of \$127 against R. R. Drummond for the loss of a barge of coal.

Winfield Smith and wife have sold to W. R. Smith a lot on Hyde, near Talbot, for \$4,000.

Suit has been brought against the city of Seattle by C. E. Burnley for \$20, the amount of damages his horses sustained from falling into a hole on Broadway last September.

A suit was instituted yesterday afternoon by the German Savings & Loan Company, of San Francisco, to foreclose mortgages, amounting to \$25,000, based on promissory notes on property owned by the Kenyon estate.

Mayor Thomas J. Humes took his gun this morning and started for Sidney after ducks. He will return Saturday.

Vin. Rude, a driver for Frasca's market on Yester way, arrested several days ago on a charge of embezzlement, was released this morning by Judge Cann on motion of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Fulton. Rude has made good the money.

F. W. Babbett will succeed Cornelius Shields as vice president and general manager of the Spokane Falls & Northern. He will continue also to act in his old position of secretary and treasurer.

James Thain, a fish dealer residing at 207 Twelfth avenue south, died yesterday afternoon of heart failure.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has written to the Seattle chamber, requesting it to oppose by its influence, the ratification of the treaty with Jamaica, whereby citizen fruits of that country will be given a 20 per cent. reduction on import duties to the United States.

Steamer Rosalie, Capt. O'Brien, left at 9 this morning for Lynn canal ports. Among her passengers were L. S. Humes, son of Mayor Humes, who will try to break the record to Nome over the ice. He will go by way of Dawson, traveling over 6,000 miles. The Rosalie carried about 200 tons of miscellaneous cargo and 25 passengers.

HE ROBBED THE CITY JAIL

Police headquarters has been robbed. The thief has been captured, however, and he is now confined in the steel tank on a bread and water diet. R. Quan, a laborer, was arrested last Friday night by Officer Freeman on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to five days on the chain gang.

Yesterday afternoon, Quan, who has been a trusty, was caught in the act of stealing several blankets from a shelf at one end of the jail corridor. He pleaded guilty before Jailor Corbett, and was placed in the tank.

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CURFEW ORDINANCE TO BE ENFORCED

Chief Reed Gives Strict Orders to Patrolmen to That Effect.

Chief of Police Reed has instructed the patrolmen to enforce the curfew ordinance, and from now on all boys and girls under the age of 16 years will be compelled to seek their homes by 9 o'clock or they will run the chance of spending a night in the receiving cell at headquarters.

Chief Reed has been receiving complaints during the past few weeks to the effect that boys of tender ages congregate on street corners in various sections of the city, and until late in the night raise disturbances. The officers have been instructed first to give individual warnings and then, if the youngsters fail to take notice, they will be brought before Judge Cann.

Police officers say that it is surprising to note the numbers of boys under the age of 16 who are cigarette smokers and are learning other bad habits.

Several days ago Officer Philbrick found three boys at the foot of Pike street, some of them 16 years of age, intoxicated to such an extent that they were unable to walk. They were taken to the officer that they had been given liquor in North Seattle.

A gentleman, who desired that his name be withheld, asked Capt. Sullivan, yesterday, to notify the officers to arrest his 16-year-old granddaughter. He has been unable to keep her off the streets and lately she has been in the habit of staying away from home several days at a time.

Several prominent ministers of the city have asked the police to enforce the curfew ordinance.

They claim that hundreds of boys and girls are going to ruin in Seattle by being permitted to run the streets at night. No boy or girl under sixteen years will be allowed on the streets after 9 o'clock unless they can produce a note from their parents showing they are on an errand.

PLAYED THE FREIGHT TRICK TOTEM POLE INDICTMENTS

J. F. Grismore, a returned Klondiker, was made the victim of the well-known "freight trick" on the eve of his departure for Alaska last Monday. He has just come back and this morning he reported his loss at police headquarters. Grismore met a well-dressed young man on the Ocean dock. A conversation sprang up between the two and Grismore turned over to his newly found friend \$40 to pay a freight bill. Grismore was given a check while the friend went to pay his account. He never came back and Grismore went north minus \$40, bent on revenge when he returned.

Grismore left this afternoon for California. He is an official at headquarters that every boat that arrived in Atsuka brings several persons who have been bounced out of their money by the freight trick. The description left by Grismore of the man who got his \$40 is as follows: That of Harry Lewis, alias Mason, a member of the bunco fraternity of this city.

Word was brought down on the steamers City of Seattle and Al-Ki to the effect that the totem pole indictments have actually been enforced by the grand jury at Juneau. Those indicted were the members of the business men's excursion who acted as principals in taking the pole from the Port Tongas graveyard. Those included in the list are: N. H. Lattimer, Geo. H. Higbee, Edgar B. Fisher, J. P. D. Llywd, J. W. Clise, E. F. Blaine, George W. Fischer, and Thomas W. Prosch.

It is not thought that any bench warrants will be issued. District Attorney Will R. Gay stated today that he had not received any information as to the action of the Alaskan jury. No warrants or indictments have been sent to the United States marshal. If the indictments were actually issued, they will be too late.

As stated in the Star several days ago, the "J. J." excursionists raised the sum of \$500, on which was accepted by the owners of the totem pole in full for their claim. The pole is now the property of the city by purchase.

A BIG MAN FROM ATLIN

Cornelius Christopher, one of the heaviest owners and one of the best known mining men in the country, arrived from Atlin, B. C., last night. He is here for the purpose of closing up several deals which make in the aggregate the largest mining transfer in Alaska this year. The London Hydraulic Syndicate is the company with which he is connected. He has just completed the details of a transfer by which most of the property of his company, situated on Wright creek, seventeen miles from Atlin, is conveyed into the hands of a party of London directors through E. C. Hawkins, general manager of the White Pass & Yukon railway. There are not less than 800 acres in this property, all rich around. The consideration is enormous.

He has also completed arrangements for the transfer of several hundred acres of Otter creek hydraulic property to a French syndicate, the identity of whose officials he would not reveal. The consideration in this case is \$100,000.

Mr. Christopher is enthusiastic over the outlook in Alaska, particularly in and around Atlin. "I have mined in various and widely separated parts of the world," he said, "but I never saw such a promising hydraulic and quartz ledge country as the vicinity of Atlin. Not long ago we found a nugget weighing three pounds and two ounces and worth over \$500. I expect to see a large number of men and great activity here next year."

Mr. Christopher has been instructed to purchase 10,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Atlin for a London company. He will remain here during these negotiations.

MAN OF GOLD FROM ALASKA

J. D. Graham, gold commissioner of Alaska, arrived from Atlin yesterday afternoon at the Northern Hotel. He says the gold tax collected last year amounted to over \$700,000, which represents 1 per cent. of the total output. He states that it will be several thousand dollars greater this year. The Anaconda mine has just put in a diamond drill to test its quartz ledge, which averages about \$5 to the ton.

Mr. Graham has been called down here to be interviewed by the government concerning various matters pertaining to his office.

A man by the name of Smith made the trip from Atlin to the coast, a distance of 72 miles, in 22 hours, thus establishing a new record. He came out by dog team.

All the miners from Alaska report the weather very mild, with no prospect of a heavy winter.

The Army case was brought up by the plaintiffs in Judge Moore's court this morning. They object to paying Pierce \$75 as ordered by the court, on grounds that his services were not performed as ordered, and that he has been interfering with Mr. Bell in a proper discharge of the court's orders.

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