

# ALL ENGLAND IS DISMAYED

## Over the News of General Buller's Serious Defeat.

# THE STOCK MARKET IS PANICKY

## London Newspapers Print Dismal Editorials, But Urge Patience.

# SAYING THE BOERS WILL FINALLY LOSE

## One Paper Declares That the British Forces Will Finally Blunder on to Victory—Latest From the Front

LONDON, Dec. 16.—England mourns over another disaster. Gen. Buller has met repulse at the hands of the Boers at Tugela river.

In attempting to cross the stream, the English troops walked into a large force of ambushed Boers. Gen. Buller finally ordered a retreat. The battle had cost him 11 out of 12 pieces of artillery, and many men.

In commenting on the event, the London papers take a gloomy tone. All unite in saying that this is the most serious and painful situation since the Indian mutiny. The anxious waiters who have hoped and trusted that Buller's movement, when it did come, would do something to retrieve the defeats of other generals, are crushed with disappointment.

London's streets are full of gloom.

Buller's dispatch says, among other things: "I report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength this morning to force a passage over Tugela river. Early in the day I saw Gen. Hunt would not be able to force a passage. I ordered him to withdraw. He had fought gallantly. The whole artillery had, meantime, advanced close to the river. The enemy, in great numbers, opened a galling fire. In spite of the bravest attempts, the guns were, all but two, lost.

"It was a hot, trying day, but the men fought gallantly. Their losses are very heavy."

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Gen. Buller's defeat demoralized the stock market this morning, and for a time panic prevailed. Rands fell from two to five points, American railways showing sympathy by declining from one to four points. Later there was a sharp recovery all along the line, the panicky condition giving way to better feeling.

The majority of the afternoon papers, after various notes of dismay and discouragement at the defeat of Buller, urge patience on the part of the public, and predict that the British army will sooner or later blunder through to victory.

The Echo declares that Buller's reverse was the worst defeat that the British arms have sustained since the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown.

The Evening Star asks why England is fighting. The paper declares that the war is drowning the world with the best blood of the country, risking the safety of the empire, and for no other reason than that Chamberlain and Milner have thrown their lots into a new financial adventure.

Three transports with troops for South Africa sailed today from Southampton.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 16.—The reports received here this morning say Gen. French had a skirmish with the enemy yesterday. No details are given.

PRETORIA, Dec. 16.—Nine hundred of the British Colonial troops joined the Boers at Barkley; 2,000 at Barkley east, and 1,500 at Burgerdorp. Although Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent cleverly made his escape, it is unlikely he will be able to cross the border, hence it is probable that he will be recaptured.

Upon receipt of the news of the defeat of Buller, the Queen sent Wolseley, command in chief of the army, who had spent the night at Windsor, back to London by a special train. Her majesty is greatly disturbed by the news of Buller's reverse, and is kept advised of every scrap of information received at the war office.

A hastily called special meeting of the cabinet was held this afternoon.

A Pretoria dispatch from Modder River, dated December 11, says that the Boers captured 200 Lee-Enfield rifles, cases of cartridges, and hundreds of bayonets. The loss of the British was very great. There were heaps of dead on the field.

The Boers claim Monday's battle as a great victory for them, and say that it has infused a new spirit into the burghers, which will enable them to achieve even greater deeds in the future.

# A LABORER MEETS DEATH

Richard Wells, a laborer, was run over and instantly killed by a Columbia Puget Sound train near Cedar mountain last night at 8:30 o'clock. Wells and a companion were stealing a ride. The train slowed down near Cedar mountain station they decided to leave the brakebeams to avoid detection. Wells' companion got clear first, but as Wells was passing between the two wheels he slipped and one wheel passed over his body.

Coroner Sparling was notified and the body was brought to this city at midnight last night.

The board of county commissioners passed resolutions today directing that county prisoners confined for petty offenses, be made to work on county public works.

Thomas Lippy today purchased from William L. Lindsey a lot on the corner of Banner and Republic streets for \$2,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Arguments were commenced this morning before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the Quay case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The meeting of the National League baseball clubs adjourned today without taking any action on the circuit reduction scheme.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—A bill was introduced in the chamber providing for the appropriation of 500,000,000 francs for the purpose of placing France on a "secure footing against a foreign naval aggression."

Judge Moore will preside over the prior court at New Whatcom on next week. He will not hold court here again until January 2. In his absence Judge J. A. Williams, of Tacoma, will preside in temporary department at the court house.

# A BOY SHOT WHILE HUNTING

Allen Parker, son of the well known photographer, was accidentally shot by Clyde Lamb while the two boys were on a hunting expedition at West Seattle this morning.

Young Lamb was explaining the use of smokeless powder when the gun, which was of 22 caliber, was discharged. The bullet entered Parker's left leg near the knee.

Parker was brought over on a train and taken to his home on Broadway. Dr. George Newlands was called and dressed the injured limb. The wound is painful but not serious.

**May Fight the Trusts**

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—F. O. Matthiessen, who has been prominent in the managing of the American Sugar Refining Company ever since its organization, refuses to remain any longer in the board of directors. A letter has been addressed by Mr. Matthiessen to the company, in which he says that his name must not be used at the coming annual election.

It is not believed, however, that Mr. Matthiessen will retire from the sugar refining business, and his action has led to many rumors of other withdrawals from the trust and the incorporation of a new company in opposition.

The steamer Townsend, of San Francisco, which recently returned from the north after an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the wrecked steamer Laurada, is to be added to the Seattle-Lynn canal fleet. This arrangement will only hold good during the winter, for the vessel will go on the Cape Nome run as soon as navigation opens.

The Townsmen will be for the most part a freight boat, though she has accommodations for passengers.

# A LIST OF THE SPEAKERS

**Who Will Address the Mass Meeting Tonight.**

Circulars Issued by the Committee of One Hundred Attacking the Council.

Ex-Mayor Wood has been selected to preside at the mass meeting to be held at the Seattle theater tonight under the auspices of the Committee of One Hundred.

The special committee of the council on proposed charter amendments has declined an invitation to attend. The members state that they have matters of importance to consider at a meeting of their own tonight. They announce that any individual or organization can appear before the committee to submit amendments.

The mass meeting at the theater will be addressed by the following speakers: Ex-Mayor W. D. Wood, Judge Richard Winsor, W. H. White,

# CITY NEWS.

The Great Northern overland, which should have arrived last night, did not get in until today at 11:30.

Steamer Al-Ki, Capt. Nicholson, left this morning for Alaskan ports with a fair sized cargo. Her passenger list was large and indicates that the winter rush to the north has already begun.

The December Western Trail, the second issue of this magazine, came out last week. It is most readable publication, containing copyrighted historical sketches of great value. The Western Trail is one of the best monthly magazines yet published in Seattle.

Marriage licenses were issued today to Francis P. Killey (21) and Gracie E. Morley, 17, of Seattle; and Arthur Peters, 22, of Whatcom, and Winifred Mee, 19, of Seattle.

Real estate transfers today were Mary Lick, for \$1,500, four lots on Jacobs street, and Phineas Foster for \$5,500, two lots on the southeast corner of Second avenue and Cedar street.

Bayard T. Hartley has brought a divorce suit against his wife, Lillie B. Hartley, charging her with adultery.

James E. Stevens sues the Union Central Life Insurance Company for \$1,360.62 on two policies.

The suit of the Bank of British Columbia against C. K. Jenner et al. was stricken from the docket this morning.

The motion of the city of Ballard for a new trial in connection with the damage suit brought by W. G. Taylor, was continued until January 2.

The hearing of the damage case of Annie J. Brabon against the city, will come up January 2.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the suit of L. Miller Freeman against his father, Leigh R. Freeman, relative to rival agricultural papers, came up in Judge Moore's court.

The details for the shingle men's jollification this evening are practically complete. The mill men met at 3 o'clock in the U. A. R. hall. At 4 p. m. they will proceed to the Third Avenue theater, where a section has been reserved for them. After the show a banquet will be given at the Royal. Secretary Beckman expects about 150 millmen will be in attendance this evening.

The police have been asked to locate J. W. Gamble, aged 25, who disappeared from his residence, 34 Lee street, yesterday afternoon. Henry Gamble, the young man's father, told a Star reporter at headquarters that his son was not in his right mind. He has threatened to commit suicide several times.

Banking circles are discussing the news received yesterday from Vancouver, B. C., to the effect that the Canadian Bank of Commerce is about to establish a branch office in Seattle. It is probable, if this is done, that similar branch banks will be opened in various cities along the coast. The Canadian Bank of Commerce is already well represented in New York.

Frank Dogan, a laborer, was arrested by Officer Kelly this morning with a quantity of brass in his possession, which the police state has been stolen.

The damage suit against the city by Salvatore Campanella was decided two hours after it went to the jury yesterday afternoon. He receives \$500.

The executive committee of the board of regents of the State university have called for bids for furnishing the two new dormitories. Bids will be opened December 23. They are to be accompanied by samples of the articles called for.

G. Farrell, who claims to be a justice of the peace on McNeil's island, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of vagrancy. It is said he persists in sleeping in chairs in saloons. Judge Cannon let him go, providing he would leave the city.

Who will be the next French consul here? The office of the consulate is at present unoccupied. Dr. Monod has gone to Vladivostok, and it is rumored he will not return. Mrs. Monod is stopping with friends in the city, but will join her husband in Siberia.

Mrs. C. H. Cobb, who lives at 1422 Yesler way, reported to police headquarters last night that a purse containing \$45 had been taken from her pocket while she was out shopping yesterday afternoon.

# SEATTLE HOSPITAL

## Construction Will Be Started Soon.

Seattle will soon have a new hospital. It will be the gift of Mr. T. S. Lippy.

The institution, which is to cost \$25,000, will be built on the corner of Marion street and Fifth avenue. It will be a three story brick, with a stone basement, and will have a facing on Fifth avenue of 150 feet.

The hospital will be under charge of the Deaconess Home Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Mary Powell King, who is superintendent of this organization at Great Falls, Mont., and who has been in hospital work for the past eight years, will have charge of the institution. The hospital will be absolutely non-sectarian, though under charge of this association, which is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Work at the erection of the building will probably begin about January 14, as soon as some details are settled, which are at present in litigation.

Several of the wooden buildings on the property will be torn down, while the remaining houses will be used by the hospital officials.

**THE INTERIOR ROUTE**

The Skagway chamber of commerce has issued a circular claiming that the interior route is the quickest method of reaching Nome. Assurance is also given that American goods will be allowed to pass down the Yukon in bond, without molestation from Canadian custom officials.

**OPPOSED TO ZIONISM**

Rabbi Theodore F. Joseph preached at Morris hall last night on "The Jews' Return to Jerusalem." He said at present unoccupied. Dr. Monod has gone to Vladivostok, and it is rumored he will not return. Mrs. Monod is stopping with friends in the city, but will join her husband in Siberia.

**INCORPORATIONS.**

The following parties filed articles of incorporation this morning for the Seattle Hygienic Sanitarium: H. T. Turner, B. A. Wilson, Edna Green, C. M. Friddle and L. Frank I. Blodgett. The capital stock is \$50,000, divided into 1,000 shares. The stated object is to establish and maintain an institution for the treatment and care of all ailments of mankind.

John Morris, a well known miner, has just returned from an extensive trip to Lower California, where he has been inspecting iron mines. He says that in one region not far from San Quentin there has been no rainfall for three years. Mr. Morris left this afternoon for Tacoma.

Company B, of the First Washington volunteers, was banqueted Thursday evening by the ex-Seattle Rifles, and former members of Company B. Capt. L. S. Booth, William H. Finck and John G. Barnes were in charge of affairs.

Turrill Bros., of Tacoma, have purchased the interest of Geo. F. Raymond in the Green Shoe company. The business will be continued under the supervision of Jas. C. Thompson, who has been secretary and treasurer of the company, and Mr. Geo. Turrill, of Tacoma. Mr. Turrill was a member of the firm of Treen, Raymond and Turrill, the pioneer shoe dealers of Seattle.

H. J. Carman today purchased from Howard Fuguet a lot on the corner of Fifth avenue and Union street for \$4,000.

# HOW THE DETECTIVE MANAGED THE AFFAIR

## An Interesting Story which is Not Without Its Moral.

A remarkable scene took place yesterday at police headquarters.

Frank Dimick, auditor of the Seattle Steamship Company, paid \$200 to Chief of Police Reed to recover warrants and notes stolen on the steamer Umattila.

Mr. Reed handed the money to Detective Wappenstein. This officer put the cash in his pocket and went forth unaccompanied. Within 15 minutes, according to Mr. Dimick, he returned with warrants valued at \$225 and notes worth \$1,850, which he restored to Mr. Dimick, together with the latter's watch, which had the owner's name engraved on the inside.

The detective's story was that he gave the money to a gambler, who acted as a go-between for the thieves who held the plunder.

Furthermore, the detective stated that he prevented a robbery at the National Bank of Commerce by these same crooks, who had just arrived on the coast, having come from New York.

His gambler friend gave the detective a tip that the rascals were coming. This gambler friend was posted as to the movements of the aforesaid rascals. He was chummy enough to be in possession of their plans and concluded to betray them. So he told Wappenstein.

The detective, knowing that some bank was to be robbed, wisely took his station across the street from the Bank of Commerce. There were other banks, but this was probably the one that would be robbed.

Sure enough! Within a few moments two fashionably dressed men, wearing silk hats, came down the street. One of them tipped his hat.

Detective Wappenstein knew that must be a signal. It was. Instantly a carriage drew up in front of the Bank of Commerce. It contained a crippled woman who was to summon the president of the institution to come out and see her on important business, and he, in turn, was to call out other bank officials, while the two silk-hatted confederates robbed the institution.

Just at that critical moment, while the detective was preparing for trouble and had got ready to arrest all three of the crooks unsupported, as soon as they should have gotten to work, the gambler friend came down the street. He spoke a few hurried words to the passing strangers with the silk hats. Immediately the carriage was signalled by a polite tip of one of the "tits," and it drove away. Then the bad men from New York walked briskly down the street and into the far away, leaving the detective looking blankly after them.

The robbery had been foiled!

Mr. Wappenstein hurried down the street to headquarters to get police assistance. It had occurred to him that he needed it. On the way he heard of the robbery of Dimick on the Umattila. He had been a many-faced Judas. The gambler did not deny the charge. Then the officer declared his belief that the Umattila robbery had been perpetrated by these same crooks. The accusation was admitted to be true.

Wappenstein then played his best card. "I'll arrest the whole outfit unless those securities are returned," said he.

The gambler thought profoundly for a moment. "For \$200 I'll get the papers back," he replied.

Mr. Dimick and Chief of Police Reed were informed. They saw no other way. A meeting took place in Reed's office between the three men and the money was paid to Wappenstein. The latter went away to somewhere, not very far away, and found the gambler friend awaiting him with the papers. It was a simple thing. All that was necessary was to pay over the \$200 and get the papers. The "gambler," whom some people would wrongly call a confederate of the thieves, walked off one way and Mr. Wappenstein another way. Mr. Dimick got his securities back, as the chief of police was satisfied and everything was smooth as usual.

It would be well to keep in mind that the "gambler" was a friend of the crooks. Then he became a friend of the detective. Then he gave his friends, the crooks, away. Later he gave the detective away to the crooks. Next he acted as adjudicator of the difficulties between the crooks and the officer. Finally, he got \$200 for the crooks for all of his Judas work. That crook—that gambler is a smart man.

# INDICATIONS OF WINTER

Seattle got a little winter last night. The first big freeze of the season was on. Shortly after darkness it came, and the Frost King was busy from then until sun up. When the early rising citizen woke up this morning he left his warm bed reluctantly. He knew what was coming, and dreaded it.

The carpet was icy to the touch of his bare feet, and by the time he was dressed, his teeth were chattering.

Out of doors everything was icy. The porches were slippery, and front door-steps were man-traps. The citizen of solemn mien and solid build performed antics as he hastened down the hills to catch the first car.

Those who left potted plants out of doors, had the unpleasant task of thawing them with cold water; while the man who had neglected to cover his rose-bushes now regrets his folly.

The man who, in the happy thoughtlessness of summer days, pawned his overcoat to buy ice-cream and shoot the chutes, looked longingly at his provident brother whose head nestled snugly in the high collar of his frizee uster.

Small boys sled gleefully on the icy sidewalk and laughed with unrestrained joy at the antics of the man who "walked in slippery places."

Those who came from the East sniffed the keen air and grew homesick for the snowbanks they had left. It was not a local cold-snap. At Wellington and Cascade Tunnel the drifts lie four feet deep.

The man who is upon us and the plumb line is bright for the season of bursted water-pipes is at hand.

This forenoon the weather man's forecast of yesterday came true, for a few flakes of the beautiful settled down on the streets of Seattle.

# A SNUG SUM RAISED HERE

An addition \$500 was sent from Seattle to Carbonado yesterday afternoon, making the contribution of this city to date \$1,500. The miners of Black Diamond sent in \$587.75 of this amount.

The benefit performance at the Third Avenue theater next week, and the ball given by the musicians in Ranken's hall on December 23 will both be large additions to the relief fund.

**WIRE TAPS.**

Judge Moore, of this city, who sat on the Boggs case at Tacoma yesterday, has decided the action in favor of the defendant Boggs. About \$100,000 was involved in the suit.

A terrible tragedy took place in the Chicago house on C street—a lodging place in Tacoma, yesterday afternoon. Adam Crist shot his wife, his two children and himself. Crist and the older boy died immediately, and the woman is dying. Only the younger child will live.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Representative Kirchen has introduced a bill to amend the war revenue act, reducing the tax on tobacco and snuff from 12 to 2 cents, and requiring that telegraph companies and not the sender pay the stamp tax on all messages.

# CITY OF SEATTLE SAILS

The steamer City of Seattle left for Lynn canal ports last night. Among the passengers were Jack Dalton, of Dalton Trail fame; the pioneer A. T. Murphy, and Fritz Miller, the discoverer of Atlin. The Seattle had 305 tons of freight, 20 head of livestock, 25 dogs, and 100 tons of rails and bolts for the White Pass & Yukon Railway, and 63 passengers.

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