

PENSACOLA has a Depth of 33 Feet of Water in the Channel at the Entrance of the Harbor.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council Makes Adequate Appropriations

Rebuilding the Garden Street Box Drains, for Rebuilding the Fire Alarm System and for Extending the Water Mains West on Garden Street and Putting in Five Additional Hydrants.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last night with the following named in attendance: Mayor Hilliard, Aldermen Green, Adams, Hays, Christie, Cahn, Pfeiffer, Gingles, Bazzell and Hall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The recommendation of the board of public safety \$56.28 was appropriated for the board to pay an advance of 7 1/2 per cent on the price paid for feeding prisoners for the balance of this fiscal year.

Relative to the petition of citizens residing on Garden and Chase streets that the water mains be extended west from Bay street and that five additional fire hydrants be put in, Chairman Green of the finance committee reported that there was \$6,500 on hand, unappropriated, which had been reserved for repairing the Palafox street sewers and garden street box drains and other purposes.

On motion of Alderman Avery it was ordered that \$100 be appropriated to pay the cost of the five additional fire hydrants for the remainder of the fiscal year and it was ordered that the mains be extended as requested.

Alderman Avery of the committee on water and gas reported that they had received one letter relative to a gas-eating machine, which was a detail of a factory, and asked further details, which was granted.

The ordinance and engrossing committee reported two ordinances. The board of public works reported that they had advertised for bids for repairing the Palafox street sewer and for rebuilding the Garden street drain, but had not received any bids. They had, however, made an estimate on the Garden street work and found that they could do it at a cost of \$3,000 for the 9,000 feet of sewer.

On motion of Alderman Avery the amount was appropriated. The petition of McK. Oerting and Co. for permission to erect a shed in the rear of lots 11 and 12, with iron roof and open sides, was referred back to the board of public works.

The comptroller's report was submitted and ordered published: It follows:

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 21st, 1900. To the Hon. Mayor and Council, City of Pensacola.

Receipts—Below please find statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 1900, with a detail of the comparative statement of the financial year on February 28th, 1900, and January 31st, 1900.

RECEIPTS: Treasury Jan. 31st, 1900: General fund \$11,890 78; Police and fire fund \$65 14; Sinking fund \$65 14; Total \$12,021 06.

EXPENSES FEBRUARY, 1900: Department of Public Safety—Police Protection \$1,285 32; Station of Marshal, Deputy and Police \$184 92; Police expenses \$148 40; Training prisoners \$125 00; Sinking fund expenses \$2 50; Total \$1,746 14.

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HEAVY FIGHTING AT LOBATSI

The Mafeking Relief Column Meets a Strong Boer Force

Who Are Now Holding General Plummer's Forces in Check at Lobatsi While Another Strong Boer Force is En Route to Join in the Attack.

LONDON, March 22.—Gen. Plummer's column, which is marching to the relief of Mafeking, has met a set back and is now held in check at Lobatsi by a strong force of Boers, while another Boer force is marching forward to aid in the attack on Gen. Plummer.

A dispatch from Lobatsi says the British were taken almost completely by surprise, as they thought the country nearly clear of Boers.

Heavy fighting is now in progress. The report of fighting at Lobatsi has caused much anxiety. While he has apparently suffered no serious losses, his ability to reach Mafeking is now doubted. Later news is being anxiously looked for.

Boer accounts say the British troops have fled before the Boer attack and that the Boers have taken four prisoners, fifteen cases of ammunition and a number of guns and horses.

The report from Kroonstadt that the Boers have defeated the British troops under Gen. Gatacre is not believed here.

Lord Roberts telegraphs that so many burghers have expressed a desire to surrender under the terms of his latest proclamation that he has sent small columns in various directions to register the names and take their arms.

Roberts' Plan. The great plans of Lord Roberts and Gen. Kirchner are becoming clear. They will be put into operation within the next three weeks.

Then Buller with 40,000 men will advance in Natal at the same time that Methuen and 20,000 men advance toward Mafeking, entering the Transvaal from the west, while Roberts, joined by all available forces, aggregating 100,000 and 400 guns, will advance northward from Bloemfontein.

Lord Roberts will then be in position to envelop any force the Boers might bring against him, and it is believed it will speedily end the war.

ENGLISH OPERA. Grau and Savage Organize a New Attraction.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Maurice Grau of the Grau Opera Co., and Henry W. Savage of the Castle Square Opera Co., have perfected definite positive arrangements to give grand opera in English at the Metropolitan opera house.

The company is to be known as the Metropolitan English Opera Co. The chorus will number 70 youthful, well-schooled voices, largely drawn from the Castle Garden choruses and the American choruses of the Metropolitan. The orchestra will comprise 40 of the best musicians of New York, to be increased when found necessary.

A man named E. Presson, of Pressonville, Kans., wrote a letter the other day, saying the opinion of everybody in his town who has used Foley's Honey and Tar is, that it is the very best medicine for la grippe, colds, cough, etc. W. A. D'Alemberte.

CROOKED LIMBS STRAIGHT. Rev. Otis Sutton Effects Alleged Wonderful Cures at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 21.—Certain remarkable cures, real or alleged, on the part of Rev. Otis M. Sutton, a missionary Baptist preacher, who claims to operate through faith, have caused a great deal of comment and discussion in Columbus and vicinity during the past few days.

It has been openly and generally stated that Rev. Mr. Sutton has, through the exercising of faith in a divine power, been able to straighten out crooked limbs and to remedy other physical malformations.

Run Down by a Locomotive. CHICAGO, March 21.—Jennie Patterson was killed and her sister, Maggie, was fatally injured here by a locomotive at the crossing of the Belt railway at Twenty-ninth street and Stewart avenue. The girls, neither of whom seemed to be over 10 years of age, were on their way to work. They did not see the engine which was backing rapidly toward them and both were run over.

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TRANSVAALERS TO ABANDON FREE STATE

London Awaits News of the Relief of Mafeking.

BATTLE AT WARBRENTOWN. Boers Retreat Toward Chestonia Under Heavy Shell Fire—Pretoria Account of the Skirmish of Fourteen Streams.

LONDON, March 21.—The only news from South Africa showing activity on either side comes from Warrentown, north of Kimberley, where desultory fighting occurred all Saturday, resulting in the retreat of the Boers toward Chestonia under a shell fire. The progress of this column toward Mafeking has either almost ceased or is forbidden to be mentioned in dispatches.

Nothing new comes from Colonel Plummer, and Mafeking apparently still awaits relief.

The Pretoria account of the skirmish at Fourteen Streams March 16 says that a Boer command was preparing to destroy a railroad bridge when attacked by the British. The engagement lasted half an hour with the result that one boogie was slightly wounded.

A second edition of The Times prints the following from Bloemfontein: "The blowing up of bridges by the Boers is an evident sign that the Transvaalers intend to abandon the defense of the Free State."

All is quiet in the south and west. A corps of young Boers from James has been detailed for police work and to prevent the looting of abandoned farms by the Kafirs.

It is said that when President Kruger left Bloemfontein after his recent visit there President Steyn's parting remark was: "Mind the British do not catch you or you will get better quarters at St. Helena than I."

The Boers at Alwinth are reported to be still holding a position in the big hills on the Free State side. From a Pretoria dispatch it appears that there is some misunderstanding regarding the reply of America's offer to mediate. It had been quoted to the effect that Lord Salisbury said he could accept the intervention of no other power, which leads to the belief that the Americans would be listened to in the final settlement.

Private Cole, the Canadian whom the queen visited at Nettley hospital, has returned to South Africa, fully recovered.

BRITISH RULE IN AFRICA.

Plan to Throw the Republics into Hands of the English.

LONDON, March 21.—It is said here that the plan likely to be adopted for the further pacification of South Africa will be to disfranchise all rebels (colonial Dutch) Free States and Transvaal Boers found in arms, or accused of rebellion, thus throwing the two republics and all the colonies into the hands of the English and the Rhodes syndicate. This would break the power of the Afrikaner bond in Cape Colony and all other points.

When the British army evacuates the conquered territory the governing power would be with the Rhodesian field force and the artillery promised by Cecil Rhodes for Kimberley, and the British garrison at Cape Town and Durban and, perhaps, at Pretoria.

DIRECT RAILWAY SERVICE.

Has Been Re-Established Between Durban and Elandsbaag. PIETERMARITZBURG, March 21.—A temporary bridge across the Tugela at Colenso is now open for traffic and there is at last a direct railway service between Durban and Elandsbaag. The first to cross the bridge was the Princess Christian.

Major Brazier Creaghe's improved hospital train has removed about 4,000 wounded, but though every car was taken the narrow door of the carriages and the bumping and shunting has caused much pain which, with appliances now at hand, may be avoided. There are now over 2,000 patients in the Ladysmith hospital, so the train is not too late.

Switzerland Declines to Mediate. BERNE, Switzerland, March 21.—The federal council has answered declining the Boer appeal for mediation.

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RESCUED BY THE FARLEY.

Icebound Fishermen Relieved From Their Perilous Position.

CLEVELAND, March 21.—After a terrific battle with ice, the fireboat Cleveland, carrying a large supply of provisions, has succeeded in reaching the two fishing tags and the fireboat Farley, which had been imprisoned in an ice field here. The fishing tags started out from here Monday evening for Haron and were caught in the ice, from which they could not get free.

The fireboat Farley was sent to their assistance but she became jammed in the ice and was rendered helpless. The powerful fireboat Cleveland was started out, and after two hours' work succeeded in opening a channel through ice 18 inches thick to the three vessels.

Thirty men all told were on the three icebound vessels. They suffered intensely from hunger and cold. There was practically no food on any of the imprisoned vessels when they left port.

DEMOCRATS WELL PLEASED.

Nebraska Platform Meets With General Approval. WASHINGTON, March 21.—The platform adopted by the Democrats of Nebraska is much discussed in Washington because of its assumed bearing upon the national platform. The fact that Mr. Bryan in some degree outlined this utterance of the Democrats of his own state was sufficient cause for its being much talked about.

Democratic leaders generally were well satisfied. There is some disposition to feel that the Nebraska platform does not go far enough in emphasizing the fact that the traditional policy of the Democratic party has been for legitimate expansion.

HIS WOUNDS PROVE FATAL.

John Bailey Confesses to the Sheriff and Expires. MARIETTA, Ga., March 21.—John Bailey, the negro who was taken from the Cobb county jail by a mob Saturday night last and riddled with bullets because of his assault upon a young lady a few days before, died in the jail here.

Bailey made a full confession to Sheriff Bishop and Bailey's father Sunday, but Mr. Bishop promised that he would not divulge the confession until after his death.

AN OLD MAN CONVICTED.

Nat Shelton Guilty of Attempted Assault on His Granddaughter. SCOTTSBORO, Ala., March 21.—Nat Shelton, 62 years of age, was tried and convicted in the circuit court here on the charge of assault with attempt to rape on the person of his granddaughter, a pretty girl of 14 years.

The jury found him guilty as charged in the indictment, and the judge sentenced him to the penitentiary for a term of two years.

Schoolteacher Disappears.

GAINEVILLE, Ga., March 21.—John H. Bowers, who for many years has been a well known citizen of Hall county, is reported to have left for parts unknown, leaving his wife and several children to take care of themselves. It is said that he is heavily involved financially and that he leaves many creditors who are anxious to know his whereabouts. Bowers has taught school in this county for a long time.

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Senator McLaure's Health.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Senator McLaure of South Carolina was forced to decline an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration at Savannah, on account of his health. He has been suffering with a severe cold for some days, and, while he is able to attend to sessions of the senate, he did not feel sufficiently strong to make the trip to Savannah and deliver an address.

Carolina Mills Raises Wages.

GREENVILLE, S. C., March 21.—The cotton mills in and about Greenville have decided on an increase of wages of operatives, which will add from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to the income of mill hands this year. The mills announcing an increase of wages are the Pelzer, Piedmont, Poe, Victor and the American Spinning company. The raise goes into effect April 1.

Thrown From a Trestle.

CHATTANOOGA, March 21.—Lavi Field, president of the Snodgrass & Field Lumber company, was knocked from a high incline trestle by a runaway lumber car and thrown to the ground a distance of 25 feet. He sustained two broken ribs, a serious contusion on the head and internal injuries that are regarded by physicians as very serious.

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MANUFACTURERS ARE ORGANIZING

They Will Resist Demands of the Machinists.

LABOR VERSUS CAPITAL. Machinery Manufacturers of New York and New Jersey Will Fight the International Machinists' Association.

NEW YORK, March 21.—In anticipation of an extension to this city of the strike of machinists now in progress in Chicago and Columbus, Patterson and local manufacturers of machinery are pushing forward the work of perfecting an organization. Plans for such a body were laid some time ago, but the threats made by the international body of machinists were not perfectly satisfactory to the Patterson men.

As a nucleus for this movement the New York and New Jersey Machinery Manufacturers' association was organized March 14 with A. B. See as president.

From the officers of the association pleas were sent out to the manufacturers stating the demands made in Chicago by the strikers and the need of employers cutting here at once. It was stated by an officer of the association that it would comprise in its membership several hundred manufacturers, representing many millions of capital. Special stress was laid on the demand of the machinists that the present machinists who are not union men be discharged.

"They also demand," said the officer, "that a fixed minimum of wages and a 9-hour day be established. Men can be discharged only with the concurrence of the local walking delegate."

According to Delegate Warner of the International Machinists' association, the causes that have led to the strike of the machinists if the Chicago men win, will precipitate strikes in all large cities of the country if the manufacturers do not accede to the demands of the 9-hour work day.

"The machinists," he said, "have been working ten hours a day up to the present. The work is very hard and exhausting and the International Machinists' association determined to demand a 9-hour day. We have absorbed nearly all the machinists' unions in the country and our membership is nearly double what it was a year ago. The Amalgamated Engineers' association has a good many machinists with us and they will not work in shops in which we strike."

"We have decided to begin the 9-hour movement in Chicago, and to extend it to the other large cities. We may not find it necessary to wait for our movement to succeed in Chicago before extending it to the other cities and the 9-hour demand may be made in New York and elsewhere before many days."

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O'CONNELL AT CLEVELAND. Preparations Are Making For Strike of Machinists There.

CLEVELAND, March 21.—President James O'Connell of the International Machinists' union is here from Chicago and has had a long conference with the officials of the local machinists' union in regard to the proposed strike in this city.

A meeting is to be held which it is expected will be largely attended by both union and non-union machinists. It will then be decided whether a strike will take place.

In an interview Mr. O'Connell said: "No national strike has yet been called, but arrangements are being made for one. In Cleveland the men wait so little that I cannot understand why the employers should prefer to have a strike on their hands."

It is said that 2,500 machinists will go out in this city if a strike is ordered.

Miners' Wages Increased.

CLEVELAND, March 21.—As a result of the recent increase of wages granted the Massillon miners, the Massillon District Coal Operators' association has decided to raise the price of coal 25 cents per ton. The increase in the wages of the miners, it is stated, amounted to 20 per cent. The advance in the price of coal is to take effect on April 1.

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