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WILD CAR STRUCK MINERS.

Fred and Harry Minor, Both Aged Fifteen Years, Were Killed.

Akron, O., Dec. 21.—While a party of miners were descending the slope in the Wagner coal mine, five miles south of this city, today, a wild car overtook them. Some of the men jumped to the side of the track, but five were struck by the car, two being killed and the others badly injured.

The best hunting and fishing is found along the line of the IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE, in Arkansas and Louisiana. Special rates, and the free transportation of gun, camp equipage, etc., are offered.

Fire Destroys Flour Mills. Golden City, Mo., Dec. 21.—The Golden City Flouring Mills, owned by Morrow & Co. burned last night. The cause of fire is unknown. Loss \$30,000; insurance \$15,000.

MORE MEN ORDERED TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Several Cavalry Regiments to Sail Soon, and Colonial Police to Be Increased to Ten Thousand.

BRABANT TO TAKE THE FIELD.

Second Boer Invading Force Was Checked—Fighting Reported in Cape Colony—French Routs the Burgers.

London, Dec. 21.—The War Office made the following announcement last evening: In view of the general position in South Africa, the following reinforcements of mounted troops have been arranged for: Eight hundred will start next week.

Two cavalry regiments have been ordered to leave as soon as the transports are ready. The colonial police will be increased to 10,000.

Detachments will leave as fast as they are formed. Further drafts of cavalry will be dispatched at once. Australia and New Zealand have been invited to send further contingents.

Three thousand extra horses, beyond the usual monthly supply, have been contracted for.

BRABANT ORDERED TO FRONT. Cape Town, Dec. 21.—General Brabant, commander of the newly raised colonial division, has been ordered to the front and will start to-morrow.

At Thersdale, General French has routed 2,500 Boers, with four guns and a pom-pom. Thersdale is sixteen miles northwest of Krugersdorp. The Boer force consisted of 1,000 men. The British had fourteen wounded and the Boers fled in disorder, with about fifty killed.

The Boers who invaded Cape Colony had, in most cases, each horse, in addition to those they rode. All were in the pink of condition. They commanded all possible clothing and stores at Thersdale.

General Baden-Powell will start for Thersdale to-morrow. The Boers detailed the train at Barberton, killing an inspector and others.

REPLENISHED AT ZIMPOFWENI. Johannesburg, Dec. 21.—The Boers attacked Zimfontein December 18, but were beaten off.

BOERS DRIVEN FROM HOUTKRAL. London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says that the Voornmans have driven the Boers out of Houtkrail, the enemy retreating westward.

SECOND INVADING ARMY CHECKED. London, Dec. 21.—From its Cape Town correspondent the Daily Mail has received the following news: "The second invading force was defeated at Britstown, but being checked by the De Aar troops, it has disappeared into the Cederberg mountains."

"An enormous concentration of troops is being made upon the veldt country occupied by the invaders, but it is not likely that the Boers will offer any serious resistance."

"There is renewed demand for the wholesale proclamation of martial law."

"We understand that private reliable advisers have been received in London," says the London Daily Mail, "to the effect that virtually all the districts of Cape Colony in the vicinity of the Orange River are in more or less open revolt, and that the war is likely to be sharp fighting on a rather large scale before the invasion is crushed."

The tactics of the Boers, by rallying as many as possible of the Dutch in the back country to their cause are proving successful."

HOW DE WET ESCAPED KNOX. Bloemfontein, Thursday, Dec. 21.—The details of General De Wet's escape from the encircling British columns show that it was one of the boldest incidents of the war.

When Haasbroek's command joined De Wet, December 12, some fifteen miles east of Thaba N'Chu, General Knox was only about an hour's ride from De Wet's position. The Boer force, which was equal to the occasion. Dispatching Haasbroek westward to make a feint at Victoria Nek, De Wet endeavored to break through the British columns at Springbok Nek Pass, about four miles of broad, flat, unbroken ground.

At the entrance were two fortified positions, watching the Boer's retreat. Suddenly a magnificent spectacle was presented. The whole Boer army of 2,500 men started at a gallop in open order through the neck. President Steyn and Peit Fourie led the charge and De Wet brought up the rear.

The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first tried the eastward route; but, encountering artillery, they diverged and galloped to the foot of the hill to the westward, where the fire of only a single post was effective.

The whole maneuver was a piece of magnificent daring, and its success was complete, in spite of the loss of a fifteen-pounder and twenty-five prisoners.

The British forces detached after Haasbroek came in contact with his command at nightfall. The Burgers were scattered and Welch's Yeomanry galloped among the retreating Boers, using their revolvers and the butt ends of their rifles with great effect.

An incident of the fight was the gallop of a British ammunition wagon right through the scattered Boers, the gunners using their revolvers freely.

INDIAN TERRITORY TOWNS. Ardmore Heads the List With a Population of 5,681.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 21.—The population of certain incorporated places in Indian Territory, having a population of more than 2,000, but less than 25,000 in 1900, is as follows: Ardmore, 5,681; Durant, 2,277; Chickasha, 2,157; South McAlester, 1,479; St. Louis, 1,317; Muskogee, 1,239; Okmulgee, 1,073; Wagoner, 1,073; Muskogee, 1,073.

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JUDGE DEEMER HONORED. Is Offered Chancellorship of College of Law at Iowa University.

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 21.—Judge Horace E. Deemer of the Iowa Supreme Court was elected this afternoon by the Board of Regents of the University of Iowa to succeed Emile McClain as Chancellor of the College of Law, Iowa University. His salary was fixed at \$4,500 a year. The board has received no intimation yet that he will accept.

Judge McClain was recently elected Supreme Judge. Judge Deemer is now serving his second term.

GADETS SAY BOOZ WAS A COWARD.

First-Class Students at West Point Appear Before the Court of Inquiry.

LETTER FROM BRISTOL PASTOR.

Doctor Allison Wrote Academy Y. M. C. A. President That Booz Would Never Have Read a Novel Hidden in a Bible.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The military court-martial inquiry into the alleged libelous charges of Booz, which are said to have caused the death of Cadets Booz and Breth, will not be able to complete its work this week.

An adjournment until Wednesday or Thursday will be taken after to-morrow's session, and the remainder of the testimony probably will be secured by the end of next week.

Friday the story of the fight between Keller and Booz, in Fort Putnam, on the 6th of August, 1899, was told by Keller himself, as well as by some of the records and sentinels, who were posted to watch for officers who might interfere.

A letter was read in court from the Rev. Dr. Allison of Bristol, Pa. It was written in reply to the one published from Cadet Burnett, president of the Y. M. C. A., at the academy. Doctor Allison says that Booz would never have read novels hidden in a Bible.

Nothing added in the evidence today showed that there was any brutal hazing of the students at the academy, and the trend of the evidence sent against the Booz and Breth was not to suggest that they were possessed of the necessary mental capacity to go through the course of studies necessary for graduation.

Keller Describes the Fight. Cadet Lewis Brown of Rhode Island, one of the records in the fight with Booz, said Booz ran from Keller and was struck several times in the back. In the second round Booz was hit on the head with a stick. William C. Caples of Missouri, said he had given hot sauce to several Boers more than four or five drops to any one.

Lieutenant Frank W. Cox, instructor in mathematics, testified that Booz was deficient in his mathematics, and never could have passed the standard required by the Military Academy.

Lieutenant Frank Keller, who had the fight with Booz, said: "I was chosen by a committee of my class to call out Cadet Booz because he disobeyed the orders of the corporal of the guard and made insolent remarks to the superior class. I was told by the instructor and I turned 150 pounds. Booz was 152 pounds. He was taller than I and had a longer reach."

"We stripped to the waist," continued the witness, "and my seconds told me I had a tough customer to meet, and they told me to do my best. For the first thirty seconds of the fight Booz showed a little about the shoulders. I struck him under the chin and he fell back. After this he turned his back and kept running away. I frequently told him to face me or I would hit him in the back with a couple of times under the right arm."

In the second round I thought he was going to quit. He was on his hands and knees immediately began running again. I struck him in the right eye and then on the stomach. He went down on his hands and knees. The blow was not a knock-down nor a knock-out. He lay on the ground and was counted out."

"I went up to him and shook hands. I said 'I hope that he had no ill feeling toward me.' He said 'No,' and smiled."

Booz Lay on Ground and Cried. Cadet Ralph N. Hayden of New York, one of the records in the fight, said Booz was not hit hard enough to knock him down, but that all through he acted cowardly. Booz lay on the ground and cried.

Hayden acknowledged having taken part in hazing lower-class men. "I was on duty at the rear of Bettison's tent, when he called out Booz and told him to patrol his post. He went down on his hands and knees. He was not a knock-down nor a knock-out. He lay on the ground and was counted out."

"No, not officially," replied the witness, "but I felt I had a right to give some indignation to him when he was doing wrong."

"Was it not a breach of military discipline for you to speak to a sentry on duty?" "It was," he said. "No," and smiled.

"Yes, sir," he said. "Then, sir, you had no right to put Cadet Booz at that position," said General Brooks sharply.

Cadet George R. Spaulding of Michigan, who acted as time-keeper at the fight, said Booz was not severely injured, and could all right from Fort Putnam to camp, over the heads of a mile. He positively denied ever having hazed men.

Letter From Doctor Allison Read. Y. M. C. A., president of the academy, read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Allison of Bristol, Pa., as a reply to one he sent Doctor Allison.

"Bristol, Pa., Dec. 15, 1900.—My Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 7. It is my desire to let you know that your letter is a confirmation, in not a few respects, of my own long and bitter experience. Your surprise that a Christian minister should make statements of a certain kind is not a surprise at all. A Christian minister's duty is to tell the truth. I feel quite sure that the Congressional Committee of investigation will discover that no untenable position has been taken by Mr. Booz's friends."

"Your letter to me is a most interesting communication, in the face of the sweeping and other kinds of statements by Colonel Mills. He denies the hazing and the presence of 'tabasco sauce' at West Point. You do not, you admit both, but to minimize the effects on the theory of exaggeration, etc."

"I am glad to have had your letter, as it is likely to be helpful to us in many ways than one. I can understand, of course, how natural it is for you young men to be so imperfect in your own minds, since you have crossed the 'plebe' rubicon."

"The foundation of Great Britain that he was truthful. His statements are to them prima facie evidence. What he stated in the long letter he denied in the short one. I feel sure to be allowed to leave the academy, if it is enough. Only yesterday I had the sad privilege of playing cards in all of the latest designs. Jewell's Sporting Goods Company, 62 Locust street.

DISPUTE OVER GRAIN DUTIES.

Agrarian Leader Denies Agreement With Von Buelow.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Count von Klenow's statement has published a card denying the agreement that the half of the Agrarians has reached a compromise with Count von Buelow, Imperial Chancellor, to im-

pose grain duties ranging from 60 to 70 marks per ton.

The Agrarian press generally describes the Count's boasts that the Imperial Chancellor was with the Agrarians in tariff matters as "highly inopportune and not calculated to help the Agrarians' cause."

The central bureau for the preparation of commercial treaties, of which Doctor Vamberger-Bekow is director, has presented to the Imperial Chancellor an elaborate argument against the maximal and minimal system of duties.

"This system," says the petition, "means a trial of economic strength, instead of a peaceful agreement as to tariff questions."

In its pointed out, in the course of the argument, that France "leads in the war of tariffs."

The northwestern group of the society of German iron and steel companies has petitioned the Prussian Ministry of Railways and Public Works for reduced freight on ores, bar iron, wire and the like, with a view of encouraging exports.

FOR A GOLD IN THE HEAD. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

Large advertisement for 'Impenitent' with the headline 'OPEN TO-NIGHT UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.' The text includes a testimonial from Alexander Allison and a list of famous thinkers reviewed in the publication.

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