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A London cablegram states that Gen. Sir Buller has been reinforced by 8,000 men since his defeat in the battle of Colenso, December 15.

In view of the straits to which Lady Smith has been reduced, it is now said in London that Buller may soon attempt another advance. A great obstacle to the relief of Lady Smith is the condition of the Tugela river, which is swollen greatly by rains.

Up to December 22 the total losses at Lady Smith had been 70 killed and 243 wounded, and 336 men and wounded 9, besides killing 14 horses.

The Boers have a railroad line to Colenso, having built a connecting link around the British position at Lady Smith.

A Pretoria dispatch brings grave news. It states that Boers and Kaffirs had heavy fighting December 22 near Derderport, in the Transvaal, and that the Boers captured a Kaffir fort, losing three killed and five wounded. This indicates much greater loss to the Kaffirs.

The Boers have shown decided military skill in their siege of Kimberley. They are keeping their guns posted in advantageous positions and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly to check sorties.

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FOUGHT ON MOUNTAINS.

Americans Attack a Strong Force of Filipinos—Injurers Were Driven Out of San Mateo.

Manila, (By Cable).—Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2,500, including artillery, attacked a strong force of insurgents entrenched in the mountains near Mountabon, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy were completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction.

Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was estimated at 1,000. Heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed that the insurgents were those who were driven out of San Mateo on the day General Lawton was killed. They numbered probably a thousand.

A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the steep trail through the hills, and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party consisted of the Forty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, a troop of cavalry and artillery. Colonel Lockett commanding in person. The rest of the command operated from remote points in an endeavor to carry out Colonel Lockett's plan of throwing his lines around the enemy, and thus cutting off retreat. The nature of the mountainous country made it impracticable to execute this movement successfully.

After the insurgents began to run there was a vain attempt to use artillery. It now appears that one American was killed in the attack upon the Subig garrison by General Santa Ana.

KENTUCKY AFFAIRS MIXED UP.

Doubt as to Who the Election Commissioners Are.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special).—Governor Taylor appointed W. H. Mackey (anti-Gebel) Democrat and A. M. J. Cochran (Republican) state election commissioners. The Republican minor state official, whose constituents will come before the board, have not decided exactly what course they will pursue, but as Clerk Shackford will act as the Democratic commissioner, they are expected to support the Republican nominees.

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IMPOSING CEREMONIES.

President McKinley, with Members of His Cabinet, Mr. General Miles, and the Maine Martyrs, in Attendance—Salute Fired and Taps Sounded.

Washington, (Special).—The remains of the one hundred and fifty victims of the Maine disaster brought from Havana by the Maine on that fatal night, when his ship was blown up in Havana harbor two years ago. They were attended by President McKinley and the members of his cabinet, Admiral Dewey, Major General Miles and his staff, and many other officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington. Among them were Lieutenant Commander Wallwright and Lieutenant F. C. Howers, both of whom were on the Maine when the explosion occurred. All the army and navy officers were in full uniform.

Several troops of cavalry from Fort Myer, a battalion of marines from the navy yard and a detachment of sailors from the Texas were drawn up about the flag-draped caissons, which were ranged row on row along the brow of the hill, each bearing a beautiful wreath of galax leaves. Despite the snow and falling cold over a thousand spectators pressed against the roped-in enclosure to witness the ceremonies. The Marine Band played a dirge, "Sole in the Arms of Jesus," and then simple Protestant and Roman Catholic funeral services were conducted by Chaplain Clark, of the Naval Academy, and Father Chidwick, the chaplain of the Maine, under a canvas-canopied shelter in the open space facing the caissons in which the coffins lay beside their own graves. After the religious services a detachment of marines in their spiked helmets fired a salute of three blank volleys for the dead and a bugler sounded "taps." The ceremonies lasted barely twenty minutes. Among the sailors of the Texas present was Jeremiah Shaw, who had a miraculous escape on the night of the explosion, being blown out of the stove hole. He was introduced to the President by Captain Sigbee.

When asked for an explanation of the mystery of his escape by the President, Shaw responded, as he did to a similar inquiry from Father Chidwick at the time of the disaster: "I don't know how I got through. I was blown out. I guess I must have been an escaping projectile."

After the ceremonies the coffins were lowered into their graves and the work of interring them began.

DELAGOA BAY.

Denial of Reports About the Partition of Portuguese Territory.

London, (By Cable).—In the absence of actual news, the sensational newspapers of London, Paris and Berlin are publishing all sorts of wild rumors and stories, suggesting foreign complications and treaties between Germany, Portugal and Great Britain concerning Delagoa Bay, and providing for the partition of the Portuguese colonies. These stories are also being cabled to the United States in extenso.

So many allegations of secret Delagoa Bay agreements have recently been submitted to the British Foreign Office that the officials have made it a rule either to deny or affirm them, and when questioned regarding the statements of the Lokal Anzeiger, the officials adhered to this rule. But a representative of the Press gathered that the alleged disclosures were quite inaccurate.

A dispatch to the Times from Berlin comments on the Lokal Anzeiger treaty statements as follows: "When it is remembered that two of Portugal's Asiatic positions, Goa and Damao, form enclaves of the province of Bombay, the statements of the Lokal Anzeiger border on the fantastic."

The St. James Gazette, in an editorial on the reported treaty, says it is "a mere patchwork of previous reports, some partly true and some entirely false."

The probable truth is that, as previously reported, the Portuguese possessions in Africa, north and south of the Zambesi, will ultimately be leased to Great Britain and Germany, respectively.

"It is satisfactory," says the Times editorially, "to learn that the Washington government is setting its face against the American charges seized in Delagoa Bay as well as would have wished and expected. It is a matter of course that we shall make full reparation, if reparation is proved to be due. In the meantime, it may be noted, as the Americans themselves admit, that the facts are in considerable doubt, and that some of them seem to be rather compromising to the views asserted. There will be time enough to talk of the law and the policy of the step when the facts have been authoritatively ascertained."

ENGLAND TO SUE FOR PEACE.

The Sort of an Agreement President Kruger Would be Willing to Make.

London, (By Cable).—A despatch from Winston Churchill says that from conversations with members of the Transvaal executive at Pretoria he learned that the Boers began the war with trepidation, but that President Kruger is now confident Great Britain will soon sue for peace.

In the highest Transvaal circles, Mr. Churchill asserts, there is serious talk of a compromise, by which Great Britain would cede the territory now occupied by the armies of the two republics, pay an indemnity of £20,000,000 (£100,000,000) and acknowledge the complete independence of the Transvaal.

Moonshower Captured.

Seranton, Pa., (Special).—Frank McKinley, the alleged moonshiner whose still was unearthed in Pike county last week, was captured at Brownstown, Luzerne county, and lodged in the Lackawanna Jail to await trial in Philadelphia.

Bloody Civil War.

Victoria, B. C., (Special).—News has been received by the steamer Aronagi of a bloody civil war that has been raging among the natives of Kirwan, New Guinea. In the fighting the head chief was defeated, and 11 villages in all were destroyed, with heavy slaughter.

Railway for Yukon District.

St. Paul, Minn., (Special).—The Dominion Government apparently contemplates building a railway from Great Slave Lake to Chesterfield Inlet across the Yukon district. A survey party is now being fitted out and one of the members is now in this city.

Sheriff Killed by a Negro.

Monticello, Fla., (Special).—Will Gorman, a negro, shot and killed Sheriff T. B. Simkins at the Scurry place, six miles north of town.

Gorman was wanted for murder, and Simkins and a negro went to arrest him. They closed in on the cabin in which the negro was concealed. As Simkins pushed open the door, Gorman shot him twice in the breast. The murderer escaped from the rear door, but was shot down and killed.

At Moorefield, W. Va., Lemuel Kohne was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of John Sager.

DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE.

Six Drunken Indian Squaws Crushed to Death by Falling Walls. Those Killed Were Horribly Disfigured.

San Jacinto, Cal., (Special).—This little city is a scene of desolation. People are beginning to recover from the terror inspired by the earthquakes which centered here on Christmas morning, and destroyed every brick building in the town, and some definite estimates of the damage wrought out now can be made.

At the Saboba Indian Reservation, near here, a dance had been held the night before, and large quantities of whiskey consumed by the Indians seated most of them into a drunken stupor before the shock came. A number of squaws had huddled together in an old adobe building, and were sleeping off the effects of the liquor. The heavy walls fell in upon them, six were killed outright, and two died later, while a score more were badly injured. Those killed were horribly crushed.

Main street presents a sad appearance. It is impossible to walk along the sidewalks because of the heaps of debris and overhanging walls. Brick walls were raised to the level of the ground with thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise buried underneath. There is not a business house in town but has suffered.

Electric wires are down and some of the powerhouses have fallen in. The walls of the county hospital, erected recently at a cost of \$10,000, are badly damaged.

At Home, the hotel was damaged to the extent of \$10,000. Brigham's flour mill, \$2,000. The fire walls of Webster's brick store fell out, the plate-glass windows were smashed, and the entire stock of goods is on the floor in a heap. The chimneys of the hotel fell, many of them crashing through the roof. One fell on the bed of Frank Johnson, bruising him badly. The verandas are all down and the walls badly cracked. The rear wall of the Johnson block fell outward, and the whole building was demolished. The third story of the Hotel Mills is down, and the second story walls fell in.

Pugh's store and fixtures were all shaken down. There are but two chimneys left in the town. The gables of the Highland Asylum were cracked and the chimneys shaken down.

It is said that ramblings had been heard for several days about Taquits Peak in the San Jacinto range, supposed to be an extinct volcano. Between San Jacinto and Home's geysers of hot sulphur water have appeared, and the fumes were so strong that no one can get near the geysers.

Preparations are already being made for the rebuilding of most of the ruined structures.

ROBBERY AND MURDER.

Two Well-Known Citizens Suffer from Burglars.

Payetteville, Ga., (Special).—The dead body of Wyley W. Padgett, a well-known citizen, who lived about six miles from here, was found, and by his side was a bloody axe with which his skull had been split open.

Mr. Padgett was well-to-do and was known to have had a considerable sum of money with him. Only ten cents were found in his pockets. It is supposed that some one who knew the old man had money, killed and robbed him. Up to this time there is no clue to the murderer.

Greenville, Ind., (Special).—The residence of George Hancock, a well-to-do farmer, was entered by two burglars, who attacked and wounded him in such a manner that his recovery is doubtful. The burglars secured \$1,000.

SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Shot a Man, by Order, Who Was Trying to Escape.

Omaha, (Special).—A fine under the instruction of the governor, Attorney General Smith will begin proceedings in Sarge county charging Corporal Fear and Private Jenkins with the murder of Private Morgan. The two men, acting under orders from the proper officers, shot and killed Morgan while the latter was trying to escape from Sarge. The Sarge county authorities deny the charges, leaving the matter to the military, who held a court-martial and acquitted the men. The governor then ordered the case taken into the state courts. District Attorney Summers received orders from Washington to defend the men.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Reports by mail from the Island of Cuba which the military censor at Manila refused to permit to be cabled, state that a force of American soldiers were appalled by insurgents and two Americans killed and two wounded.

General Henry V. Lawton was killed in an engagement with the insurgents at San Mateo. The sugar crop in Hawaii is reported to be very large.

General Brooke issued his far famed proclamation as military governor of Cuba. Editors of Manila newspapers complain of the censorship and suppression of news matter by the American military authorities.

General Lawton's remains were placed in the chapel in the Paso Cemetery at Manila. A farewell banquet was tendered to General Brooke at Havana.

A gang of counterfeiters has been located in Cuba. All the street-railway interests in the city of Havana were consolidated, and now belong to the Havana Electric Railway Company.

The British steamer Labian was seized by the United States gunboat Custine, and sent under a prize crew to Manila. Major General Wood assumed charge as governor general of Cuba, and accepted the resignation of the old cabinet.

The Ward Line steamer Saratoga went aground near the wreck of the Merrimac, near Santiago, Cuba. Many contributions and offers of co-operation came for the Lawton fund.

Another Hatfield Killed. Matewan, W. Va., (Special).—Wayne Hatfield, son of Elias Hatfield and nephew of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, shot and killed George Hatfield's son, Bear Creek. The shooting occurred in George Brasher's store. Wayne Hatfield escaped to the mountains.

A Blaze in Canton, Ohio.

Canton, Ohio, (Special).—Fire started in an electric heater in one of the Canton-Madison cars after all the cars had been run into the barn. Service on Canton streets is on half time on the main line, and all other lines are abandoned. The firemen are working on the main line, and the loss is \$50,000, covered by insurance.

Nothing Known in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., (Special).—Nothing is known here of the murder of a woman named Fishery by John L. Ford nine years ago. The files of the police and coroner show no record of the alleged crime.

Old Lady Killed by a Train.

Camden, N. J., (Special).—Mrs. Lydia Bodine, seventy-two years of age, was instantly killed by an express train, on the West Jersey Railroad, near Monmouth. The engineer says the woman walked deliberately in front of the engine and laid down several packages she carried. Mrs. Bodine was very deaf, and it is believed, did not hear the approach of the train.

A Kentucky Aftoe.

West Liberty, Ky., (Special).—James Patton and Harlan Cleso, of White Oak, this county, got into a difficulty. Patton shot and killed Cleso, while Cleso was cutting Patton to pieces with a knife. Patton will die.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

A great rock on which stood a monastery and a hotel at Anagni, Italy, dropped into the sea, carrying with it another hotel and several villas. Four vessels were also destroyed. The loss of life is heavy.

The opponents of the government in the French Chamber of Deputies made an attack upon its policy in the conspiracy trial.

Hugh Lupus Grosvenor, Duke of Westminster, and reputed to have been the richest man in the world, is dead.

Forty school children were drowned by the ice on the river Lys, at Freilinghem, Belgium, giving way.

The imperial and Prussian ministers are replying through the newspapers to the attacks made upon them. There will be a sharp fight in the Prussian Diet against Prince Hohenlohe, the chancellor, whom the Conservatives are determined to oust.

The arrival of the German warship Nixe at Port-au-Prince has caused alarm among the Haytiens.

The Guatemalan revolution is reported to have been suppressed.

Jean Lamoureux, a famous musical conductor, died in Paris.

Li Hung Chang was appointed acting viceroy of Canton, China.

Derondeau was sentenced to two years in prison for libeling senators composing High Court of Justice.

In a speech at Aberdeen, Mr. Brien bitterly attacked Mr. Chamberlain and denounced his methods.

The steamer Cameo picked up the crew of the Italian bark Lenuccia, which had foundered.

Prince Arenberg was court-martialed for killing a native in German Southwest Africa.

Mahmoud Pasha, the Sultan's fugitive son-in-law, reached Marseilles.

Germany has determined to secure a number of coaling stations for her navy in the far East, the Antilles and South America.

The German flag was hoisted over the court-house at Apia, Samoa.

At Trinity College, in Dublin, the degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Joseph Chamberlain. The students made a demonstration, but were worsted by the police.

The Sultan's son-in-law fled from Constantinople with his wife's jewels and all the money he could collect.

China has declared her purpose to fight rather than grant France's demand for territory.

President Castro's troops ousted General Hernandez' party from Maracaibo, Venezuela.

FOUR MORE BODIES FOUND.

Pit Boss Says Naked Lights Were Used in Brannin Mine.

Brownsville, Pa., (Special).—Four more bodies have been recovered from the Brannin mines, near this place, increasing to 10 the number of persons known to have been killed in Saturday's disaster. The bodies have not been identified.

The mine officials admit that two or more bodies are still in the mine, but representatives of the Slavonic Society have made a house-to-house canvass and report that eight of their number alone are in the wreck, and how many others they do not know.

That naked lights and unlocked safety lamps were used in the mine was officially confirmed by Pit Boss Thomas Jones, who made a statement to that effect. Mr. Jones was asked if it was true that on last Tuesday morning he issued a general order that the miners could dispense with safety lamps. Some of the families of the dead miners are in suffering condition, and provisions are being sent out by the Brownsville merchants, as well as from Uniontown.

The fact that last Saturday was pay day at the mine and that there were no empty wagons to load coals for many not going to work are still in the mine. Had the accident occurred any other day there would have been more than 100 men in the mine and the result would have been even more appalling than it is. Some of the bodies were removed to their homes and buried.

Little Albert Mosse, who died after being rescued, lived only a few steps from the shaft. He went to the window Saturday morning and looked out, saying to his father: "Papa, I guess there is no use of me going to work this morning, as there is no loading."

The father said Albert had better go and help him feed the mules. They both started out together and never returned.

The excitement caused by the terrible accident has driven all thought of the holiday festivities from the homes of all who live in the neighborhood, even those who have no friends killed. The search for the bodies still goes on.

BUILDINGS WIPE OUT BY FIRE.