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ANOTHER FIGHT LAST WEDNESDAY

Advices State That the Fighting Began at Six in the Morning.

METHUEN MAY HAVE ADVANCED

Gen. Gatacre Is Expected to Take the Offensive in Cape Colony Soon—Lady Wilson a Prisoner.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Fighting commenced near Modder river at 6 o'clock this morning.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—While nothing in the latest messages from the British camp at Modder river indicated an immediate advance, it appears that Pretoria has news that fighting was resumed Wednesday. It is not shown, however, whether Methuen has advanced on the new position taken up by the Boers or has merely engaged in reconnaissance in force.

Reinforcements are rapidly arriving at Sterkstroom to strengthen Gatacre, including much needed artillery. The authorities expect speedy news that Gatacre has taken the offensive, thus diverting a portion of the Orange Free State forces now obstructing the advance of Methuen.

A war office dispatch from Buller confirms the statement that heliographic communication has been fully established with Ladysmith and that Buller and White have been conferring as to their future movements. The latest advices from Frere camp show that the bombardment of Ladysmith was continued Thursday, Dec. 7. A pneumatic dynamite gun on Umubulwana hill has commenced work.

According to a special dispatch from Pretoria, General Joubert recently proposed an exchange of prisoners, and especially mentioned the exchange of Lady Sarah Wilson for a Boer lady taken prisoner at Mafeking. Lady Wilson is an aunt of Winston Churchill, and the wife of Captain Wilson, of the Royal Horse Guards. This was the first definite news that she was a prisoner. Lady Wilson has been acting in the double capacity of newspaper correspondent and Red Cross nurse.

Serious Dissensions Reported.
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from London gives the following advices from Modder river:

It is reported that serious dissensions have broken out in the Boer camp between the Transvaal and Free Staters. General Cronjé insists upon putting Transvaal officers in command of the Free State troops and says that the latter will not fight. A trustworthy native who escaped from the Boers states that he drove his master, Andrew Cronjé and Head Commandant Wessels away in a cart after the battle of Modder river. They quarreled all through the journey. Wessels severely blamed the Transvaalers for not coming to the assistance of the Free Staters.

Jacobsdahl is reported to be full of Free Staters who are returning home because they don't like the way the English are shooting.

FORTY FOOT CHANNEL

Project for Improving the Columbia Submitted to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The project for a 40-foot channel at the mouth of the Columbia river was submitted to congress today. It calls for an appropriation of \$2,531,140 and has the indorsement of the engineers and the secretary of war. It proposes to extend the present jetty a distance of three miles, producing a scour which will give a channel forty feet deep and of ample width.

The project was prepared by Captain W. C. Langfitt, who, after giving considerable study to the question, has concluded that a mid-tide jetty, while costing less than a high-tide jetty, will give just as satisfactory results.

It will be necessary to make extensive repairs to the existing jetty and approaches before the work on the extension can be taken up. It is proposed to have the work done under the direction of the United States engineers, material to be furnished by contract, and labor to be hired.

Commander Howell Dead.
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Commander Charles I. Howell, chief engineer of the United States battle ship Maine, when that vessel was blown up in Havana harbor, is dead at his home in this city. He died from an apoplectic stroke. He was fifty years old and was born in Goshen, N. Y. He was graduated from the United States naval academy in June, 1868, fourth in his class. His appointment as an assistant engineer dates from August, 1870, and in 1876 he was raised to the grade of passed assistant. He was promoted to the rank of chief engineer in 1893. He served on the Maine from 1895 until the loss of the battle-ship.

He was then transferred to the Newark and later was assigned to shore duty at the Brooklyn navy-yard. He was made a commander in September, 1899. He was sitting at a table by the side of Lieutenant Fred W. Jenkins at the time of the blowing up of the Maine. That was the last he saw of the unfortunate officer, who perished in the wreck.

Republican Editors to Meet.
HILLSBORO, Dec. 5.—Notices over the names of President D. M. C. Gault and Secretary W. J. Clarke have been sent out calling the annual meeting of the Oregon Republican Editorial Association for Monday, February 5. The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce assembly room in Portland, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The business coming before the association is the election of officers, the consideration of matters affecting the papers represented by the respective editors, and determination of a plan of campaign to be observed in the political contests to be waged in 1900.

Caught in a Fire Trap.
READING, Pa., Dec. 7.—One of the most appalling fires that has ever visited this city occurred today, when the extensive hosiery mill of the Nells & Horst Company took fire, destroying the plant, causing the death of one person, and injuring fifty-seven other employees of the company. What was at first supposed to be the bodies of two persons proved tonight to be the separated parts of one body. It is that of Miss Louise Clay, aged 48 years, who was the only person missed. All the other employees have been accounted for. Of the fifty-seven persons who were injured, thirty-one are badly hurt.

Accidentally Drowned.
ASTORIA, Dec. 7.—The body of Louis Love, the fireman on the steamer Bailey Gatzert, who mysteriously disappeared about two weeks ago, was found this morning in the river, a short distance below the can company's wharf. The body showed no marks of violence, so it is practically certain that Love fell into the river and was drowned while returning to the steamer from a trip up-town. The body will be taken to Vancouver, Wash., for burial, as his family resides there.

Boers in Rear of Methuen's Army.
LONDON, Dec. 8.—The war office has just issued the following: No further news has arrived from Methuen today, but the following has been received from the Orange River station: "A railroad culvert was blown up near Graspen this morning. The telegraph line was also cut. Guides report heavy firing of guns toward the north." The foregoing implies that the Boers have a line of communication behind Methuen, which apparently is now fighting.

Another Presidential Ticket.
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 9.—The union reform party will nominate by direct vote a presidential ticket in 1900 on the established platform of the party, which consists of a single plank—advocating the initiative and referendum method for all legislation, both state and national. This decision was reached today by the national executive committee of the party at a conference in this city with the Ohio state executive committee.

Steelheads Expected This Week.
ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—During the latter part of the coming week the first crop run of steelheads is expected and a number of fishermen are preparing to put their nets in the water after them. The cold-storage people are paying five cents per pound for all that are being caught.

Emmett a Bankrupt.
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Joseph K. Emmett, the actor, today filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$17,000, and no assets.

A TERRIFIC GAS EXPLOSION

Killed Many Coal Miners at Carbonado Near Tacoma.

THIRTY-THREE MEN DEAD

Many Others Supposed to Be Under Mine Wreckage—Cause of Accident a Mystery.

TACOMA, Dec. 9.—A mine explosion at Carbonado, forty miles easterly from Tacoma, at 11 o'clock this morning, killed thirty-three men. Identification of the dead men is almost impossible. The scraps of clothing that still cling to the bodies of the men are carefully preserved, laid aside and labelled to aid in the identification. Frenzied relatives of the missing men gather at the mouth of the mine, watching eagerly to catch a glimpse of the forms as they are hurried by to the coroner's office.

The work of rescue is being rushed forward, but it may be days before the last blackened form is taken from the mine, for many men are believed to be buried under masses of earth and rock. To extricate them will take time, and thus far the work of rescue has been pushed forward at the extreme endurance of the workers, for the black damp and noxious gases have driven the rescuers back repeatedly.

Ominous Rumbling Under Town.

CARBONADO, Wash., Dec. 9.—Shortly before 11:45 o'clock this forenoon came the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion, in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal Company, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. There was an ominous rumbling, smothered sound for a few moments, and then it ceased abruptly. People who had been accustomed to a livelihood by mining knew at once what this meant, and stood around with blanched faces.

Apprehensions of some fearful disaster were confirmed in a little while with information that the morning shift in tunnel No. 7 had been caught in an explosion of firedamp. Between seventy and eighty men were at work in the mine at that time, and the meager report conveyed the information that all must have been killed, as there was no chance of escape. Those who were not killed outright would be hemmed in by the falling walls and timbers and suffocated by the fumes and smoke before any relief could come.

Tough Skull Saved a Negro.

LEWISTON, Dec. 10.—In a quarrel over a game of cards at 5 o'clock this morning, Jack Mason, a white man, shot Harry Ruiz, a negro, in the middle of the forehead. The bullet struck the negro's skull, was flattened and passed clear around the head under the scalp, coming out near the back of the neck. The negro walked away and found a physician.

The wounded man is a barber who came from Portland last April. Jack Mason, who did the shooting, escaped arrest. He was a gambler, and has been in Lewiston for six years.

THEY SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSS

While Our Troops Had Only One Killed, Six Wounded—Story Told by an Escaped Spanish Prisoner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The war department has received the following from General Otis:

"Manila, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from General Young, at Vigan yesterday, says that escaped Spanish prisoners report a four hours' engagement on the 31st. Between his troops and Aguinaldo's guard near Cervantes, fifty miles southeast of Vigan, with a heavy loss to the enemy, who is being pursued. Our loss was one killed and six wounded. The inhabitants, of their own accord, joined the troops in repairing the trail and carrying subsistence.

"Have pushed the column to San Jose, south of Bangued. Howe's column is on

the rear trail; Batchler's battalion of the Twenty-fourth is out of reach, north of Bayombong, evidently descending the river. The natives report fighting twenty miles north. The navy reaches Aparri tomorrow. A column of MacArthur's troops, the Twenty-fifth infantry, is reported near Iba, on the west coast Zambales. Grant's column is near Subig bay.

"Lawton is in Bulacan province today, with sufficient troops to overcome opposition and scatter the enemy. It is probable the troops which engaged Aguinaldo's guard are Hare's command, as he was reported to be close in the insurgent leader's rear."

Advances in Wages.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—The United Mine Workers have received notice of an advance of 15 per cent in wages in the Fairmount, W. Va., coal region, by two of the largest operators in the state. This is the second increase within three months. Other West Virginia operators, it is said, will follow.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The executive committee of the American Wool Company today decided to make a general increase of 10 per cent in wages of employees. The increase will affect mills in sections of New England, and benefit 25,000 hands.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 8.—The Augusta Manufacturers' Association voted today to increase wages of operatives 10 per cent, the new schedule to take effect January 1. The advance will affect nearly 8000 operatives.

HIS LAST TRUMP CARD

President McKinley Sent a Reply—Sufficient to Prevent Any Contemplated Injury of Prisoners, but It Is Not Known Whether It Reached The Rebel Leader.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Considerable concern has been felt in official circles for some time respecting the fate of American prisoners still held by the Filipino insurgents. This is due to an intimation made by Aguinaldo in a note to General Otis, delivered a month ago, that grave injury might befall the prisoners if recognition of the so-called Filipino republic by the United States were longer delayed. It was in answer to this threat that the president sent a message to General Otis for transmission to Aguinaldo, announcing that if the prisoners were maltreated in any manner he and his subordinates would be held personally responsible.

At that time Aguinaldo was believed to be within the cordon established by the American troops reaching from San Fabian to San Isidro. While it cannot be learned that Aguinaldo received the communication, General Otis undoubtedly succeeded in apprising him of its contents, and, knowing the result of wanton injury either to the American or Spanish prisoners, it is hoped here that Aguinaldo will see that they are protected from harm.

Aguinaldo's effort to secure recognition by threatening injury to the prisoners is considered by the officials as the last card to be played by the insurgent leader. It has been noticed that although the insurgents have permitted many Spanish prisoners to escape, they have carefully held the American prisoners. This leads the officials to believe that Aguinaldo hopes, if finally captured, to make terms advantageous to himself. This would be impossible if the prisoners were found to have suffered any harm.

Flayed Out.

Dull Headache, Pains in various parts of the body, Sinking at the pit of the stomach, Loss of appetite, Feverishness, Pimples or Sores all positive evidences of impure blood. No matter how it became so it must be purified in order to obtain good health. Acker's Blood Elixir has never failed to cure Scrofulous or Syphilitic poisons or any other blood diseases. It is certainly a wonderful remedy and we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

Two Children Were Shot.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 10.—Yesterday was a notable day for accidents in Clackamas county, beside the two already reported. The 9-year-old daughter of L. Dovinsky, living near Holcomb's, was accidentally shot through the triceps brachialis muscle of the right arm. The little girl's 12-year-old brother playfully pointed a rifle toward her, not knowing that it was

Christmas will soon be here. Weather indications do not say so, but the interior of our store may be taken as evidence. We are busy as bees displaying the many new things we have gathered for this occasion and in but a day or two we will tell you of our readiness. In the meantime come in and look around. Every day sees something new arriving, and we aim to lose no time in showing them.

FOR THIS WEEK

..A Special Sale..

In Children's Worsted Dresses.

These dresses are of superior quality. The materials used are of the better grades, while the trimmings, the designs and the fit and finish bespeak care in the making and honesty throughout. Still our prices are not high.

Every dress is lined throughout and is made with a deep hem. Sizes range from 3 to 14 years. They come but one, two, or sometimes three of a style, for we had in mind these dresses were for nice wear and it would not do to have too many of any one style. The values run from \$2.95 to \$6.50 regularly. This week we quote special, the following for example:

A Child's Dress

made of a pretty blue cashmere, fancy yoke trimmed with three rows of narrow white silk soutache, braid and small pearl buttons, edged with a silk ribbon ruffle, three rows of same braid around collar and bottom, lined throughout. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 years. Price \$2.95. Reduced this week to

\$2.19

A Girl's Dress

made of an all-wool navy blue finest cloth, fancy reverses trimmed in white silk soutache braid and cut steel buttons, lined throughout with a good percaleine, deep hem at bottom. White grained leather belt with covered buckle. Sizes for a girl of 10 years only. Price \$5.00. This week

\$3.98



A
\$10.00
Mackintosh

\$7.50

For this week only.

We have a few too many of an all-wool, navy blue, Ladies' Mackintosh; made with a double breasted detachable cape, box-pleat in back. Entire garment lined throughout with a changeable Taffeta silk. Therefore, the price this week, instead of \$10.00, is

\$7.50.

A. M. Williams & Co.

loaded. Late in the afternoon the 10-year-old son of Clark Ganong was accidentally shot in the right hip with a 22-caliber rifle. He was out hunting with another small boy, and while chasing a rabbit out of a pile of brush, his companion fired, the shot missing its mark. On account of the small size of the cartridge in a flesh wound, no bad results are expected. The 12-year-old son of Register C. B. Moores, of the land office, suffered the fracture of the collarbone, while playing football last evening.

Catarrah Cannot be Cured with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrah Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly

on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrah. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHERRY & Co., Props., Toledo O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. 12

Thirty-Ninth Regiment Reached Manila. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—General Otis reports the arrival of the transport Olympia with the Thirty-ninth infantry one battalion of the Forty-ninth infantry, and some recruits. No casualties on the voyage.

Change in Spokane Falls & Northern. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 9.—James J. Hill has resigned as president of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, and James N. Hill was today elected president at a meeting of the board of trustees held in this city.

One dozen of Gifford's photos will make you twelve fine presents. What would be appreciated more for the holidays? nov17-1m