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NEARLY BURIED ALIVE. Indiana Woman's Narrow Escape From a Terrible Death.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—A special to the Chronicle from Indianapolis says that Mrs. Ellen Crosby had a narrow escape from being buried alive in Crawford county.

Advance in Price of Wool Hats. DANBURY, Conn., Jan. 16.—All of the leading manufacturers of men's and women's wool felt hats in this city.

A BATTLE IN NATAL

Fighting Taking Place on the Tugela River.

HEARD AT PIETERMARITZBURG

Boers Probably Contesting Buller's Passage of the River—Rumors From the Front.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Times publishes the following from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday: "Very heavy artillery firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Springfield."

NO MORE REINFORCEMENTS. Troops Now Mobilizing Will Be the Last to Go.

LONDON, Jan. 17. A. M.—Even rumors are no longer telegraphed from Natal. The conclusion is drawn from this silence by the military experts generally is that no decisive blow has been struck either way, as in such an event there would be no necessity for silence.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN conciliation committee, quietly formed to represent the peace minority, announces itself to the country today and asks for support.

THE BOERS literally tumbled over each other in their hurry to escape, but the distant fire of the British indicated a heavy loss. Desultory firing continued for some time, but the attack was an utter failure.

THE WAR OFFICE has issued orders for the formation of five new batteries. Some idea of the extent of the artillery resources to be drawn upon may be gained from the fact, according to the statement of a military expert this morning, that an old practice howitzer at Lydd, in Kent, with which it is impossible to do accurate shooting, has been used to test shells, and been solely used to test shells, and been laid under requisition for the front.

THE WAR OFFICE has placed an order for 32,000,000 cartridges in cases. The economy committee announces that it has accepted 500 out of the 10,000 which it wishes to raise, and still has 20,000 applicants to be examined.

THE WAR OFFICE has wired to countermand the departure from Egypt of a number of officers who were previously ordered to South Africa. The Daily Chronicle, commenting upon this, and upon other news related to it, says: "But there are some curious reports in circulation—apparently with some authority behind them—which point to the stoppage of the dispatch of further reinforcements while the troops now mobilized shall have embarked. The new cavalry brigade is not to leave England at present."

THE MILITARY and civil authorities at the Cape are in conflict over the treason cases. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Sterkstroom says on this point: "Keokomons and Nel, two Dutchmen who were tried by court-martial Christmas week, with general Buller's sanction, were committed January 12 for civil trial, the court-martial proceedings having been stopped by the intervention of the attorney-general of Cape Colony."

ALL ON BOARD LOST. Rumor That a Gasoline Schooner Blew Up. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 16.—A report was brought to this city today by a Mexican, who arrived overland from Ensenada, that the gasoline schooner Anita had blown up in Magdalena bay, and that six persons, all on board, had perished.

RESULT OF A FEUD

Three Prominent Kentuckians Slain and Three Wounded.

OCCURRED IN FRANKFORT HOTEL

Ex-Congressman Colson and Lieutenant Scott the Central Figures—The Latter Was Killed.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 16.—A shocking tragedy, in which the lives of three prominent men were sacrificed and that of a fourth hangs by a slender thread, while two others miserably injured, occurred here at 1 o'clock today. The principals in the tragedy were ex-Congressman David G. Colson, of Middleburg, and Lieutenant Elzebeil Scott, of Louisville.

THE TRAGEDY in one of the most sensational in the history of the state, and bloody ground. The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capitol hotel, the principal hostility of the state capital, the being being filled at the time with politicians and soldiers, who were attending the contests for state officers before the legislature. Colonel Colson is in jail tonight, charged with murder, but he claims self-defense.

THE WITNESSES to the affair were taken so much by surprise when the shooting began that most of them were almost panic stricken, and there are many conflicting stories as to how the fight commenced. Colonel Colson and a party of friends, among whom was Demaree, were sitting in the lobby engaged in conversation in the direction of Colson. The latter, it is said, had just returned from a trip to the front, and was being congratulated by his friends.

THE BATTLE was terrific, and bullets fairly rained through the lobby of the hotel, several of which went wild, piercing windows and falling on the floor. The walls and furniture of the hotel. It was not discovered for several minutes that Julian, who died later, had been shot, and at that his wound was thought to be only trifling.

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THE SAMOAN TREATY

Ratified by the Senate Without Debate in Executive Session

Bacon's Speech in Opposition—Arguments of the Friends of the Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate today ratified the Samoan treaty without debate. The ratification occurred in the executive session, after two hours of debate, which was participated in by a number of our legislators to attempt to govern any people in opposition to their wishes. Bacon said the friends of the treaty supported it upon two grounds, that it simply divides authority heretofore exercised jointly, and that the Samoan people, being 'only savages,' there is no reason why they should not be disposed of their country. He contended that it is not true that the old arrangement is simply to be continued under a division of authority, and asserted that the declaration that the Samoan people are savages is untenable. In conclusion, Bacon said he is willing that the United States should acquire the title of the Samoan people, but that the Samoan people are savages is untenable. In conclusion, Bacon said he is willing that the United States should acquire the title of the Samoan people, but that the Samoan people are savages is untenable.

CALLS IT NONSENSE. Union Trust Company Attorney on the Lake Shore & Eastern Suits.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—W. H. Peckham, counsel for the Union Trust Company, stated today that the charges in the bill of equity filed in the United States circuit court at Seattle on behalf of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad against the Seattle & International Railroad and the Union Trust Company, are "perfect nonsense."

THE REBATE PROBLEM. Proposition for Its Settlement Submitted to Chicago Meeting.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—At an adjourned meeting of the Missouri river rebate committee today, a proposition was submitted, which, if adopted, will, it is believed, result in a settlement of the rebate problem in connection with the Northern Pacific business. It is proposed to exempt the Missouri river gateway from the rebate system, applying it only to the Ogden gateway. This plan, it is believed, will be adopted, and will not subject the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company to the inequality which the rebate plan inflicts upon them as compared with the North Pacific coast lines.

TEXAS LINE MAY CHANGE HANDS. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—It was reported in Wall street that the Galveston, Houston & Northern will shortly become Houston property, connecting the Southern Pacific system with Galveston. At the office of the Southern Pacific here last night, it was said nothing was known of the matter, nor had there been any speculation of the Galveston line Friday, as had been stated.

ST. MARY'S BAY WRECK. Ill-Fated Steamer Believed to Be the Tank Liner Heligoland.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 16.—Everything goes to show that the wrecked steamer in St. Mary's bay is the Heligoland, the property of the Dutch-American Petroleum Company. Among a number of flags picked up this evening near Holy Wood was one with the colors blue, white and red—with the letter "R" in the center. This is the house flag of the company. Taken with the finding of the boat off Cape Cod it seems to leave no doubt as to the identity of the vessel. A life buoy was also picked up by the vessel. The name of the steamer painted on it, but the lettering was partly illegible from fire and water. In other respects, the wrecked steamer was disappointing. The former had to abandon work owing to the heavy sea, as they could not approach the wreck, and the boats found the task equally difficult, and were obliged to abandon it early.

THE ONLY CASE OF THE KIND. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—William A. Egleh, a son of the ex-democratic vice-presidential candidate from Indiana, and a captain of volunteers in the war with Spain, has returned to the treasury a check for \$113 sent him for his services, with the statement that he would not accept pay for service in his country in the time of danger. It is the only case of the kind in the Spanish war.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON CANAL BILL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today agreed unanimously to report favorably on the bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The bill is the same as that reported favorably in the house by the committee of interstate and foreign commerce, with a few verbal amendments.

ALASKA CANNERS SUED.

Pacific Whaling Company Wants \$100,000 Damages.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Sue for \$100,000 damages by the Pacific Steam Whaling Company against the Alaska Packers' Association, of San Francisco. It is charged by the plaintiffs that the defendants seek to monopolize the salmon fisheries adjacent to Kodiak island, Karluk beach and Tanglefoot bay in Alaska. These fisheries, the plaintiff says, are along the line of the open sea, and may not legally be treated as private property, yet the defendants attempt to exercise the control of absolute ownership over them. It is charged that, July 24 and September 6, 1899, employees of the Packers' Association destroyed the nets and boats of the Whaling Company, and by force prevented the latter from taking fish from the waters of that region. The Packers' Association had possession of the land and fishing privileges in that neighborhood before the Whaling Company entered those waters, but the plaintiff says that priority of occupation of land does not confer a right to bar later comers from the privilege of taking fish from the open sea.

SWAZI QUEEN MOTHER Plotting With the Dutch. LONDON, Jan. 17.—The correspondent of the Times at Pietermaritzburg, telegraphing Tuesday, January 16, says: "The Delagoa bay correspondent of the Times today asserts that six British troops were shot during the night of the 14th and 15th inst. by the French steamer Grande about the middle of last month, under the nose of two British warships, and were dispatched to Pretoria, against much rejoicing at the end with which contraband of war can run the blockade."

REFUGEES FROM SWAZILAND, living in the Lebombo district, recently brought news to Lourenco Marques that the queen of Swaziland, who was in England, or Cape Town, and is now plotting with the Boers, is planning to make an attempt to seize the heights. They advanced cautiously, directing their fire at a small wall held by the Yorkshires, and compelled the latter to retreat under cover. When the Boers rushed the wall the Yorkshires fixed bayonets and charged. Just at that moment, Captain Maddocks, with a small party of New Zealanders, came over the wall and charged straight for the enemy, who fled, followed by a withering fire at close range.

BOERS TRIED TO SEIZE THE HEIGHTS NEAR RENBURG, but were Repulsed. RENBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 15.—The Boers this morning attempted to rush the hill held by a company of Yorkshires and New Zealanders, but they were repulsed at the point of the bayonet. The Boers had 21 killed and about 50 wounded. The hill commands a tract of country and is the main position of the Boers, and they had determined to make an attempt to seize the heights. They advanced cautiously, directing their fire at a small wall held by the Yorkshires, and compelled the latter to retreat under cover. When the Boers rushed the wall the Yorkshires fixed bayonets and charged. Just at that moment, Captain Maddocks, with a small party of New Zealanders, came over the wall and charged straight for the enemy, who fled, followed by a withering fire at close range.

BRISK EXCHANGE OF SHELLS—British Entrenchments Strengthened. MODDER RIVER, Jan. 16.—There was a brisk exchange of shells this morning, and the Boers returning our fire for the first time in several days. The British entrenchments are being extended, and the permanent railway bridge is almost completed. Stories still reach camp that the Free States desire to end the war. The latter report is that a council was held recently at Bloemfontein, at which President Steyn and General Cronje were present. It was then stated that unless the Boers return to the front by January 17, the Free States would return home.

FREE STATES SICK OF IT. Kruger's Plans for Escape in the Event of Pretoria's Fall. LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Durban correspondent of the Standard dated today with the numerous reports that the Free States have tired of the war and will abandon the struggle as soon as the British cross the border, the following extraordinary story with reference to a journey of President Kruger's son-in-law, Eloff, to Delagoa bay, in a German warship. According to Eloff has been making arrangements for a journey to Delagoa bay, to escape through German Damaraland, in the event of the capture of Pretoria.

MAKING WELL SUPPLIED. LONDON, Jan. 17.—The correspondent of the Times at Lourenco Marques, telegraphing Monday, January 16, says: "I am informed on the best authority that six days ago Mafeking was holding out as pluckily as ever. There was then a heavy bombardment of the garrison by the Boers, and the latter were held plenty of cattle and tinned meat. It is openly stated at Johannesburg that 20 field guns were recently smuggled through Delagoa bay."

MAKING WAS BOMBARDED. PRETORIA, Jan. 13.—As a result of the bombardment of Mafeking yesterday, British fort at the east was demolished and the British retired. One Boer was wounded. Advice from the head inager at Ladysmith report that the attack on that place January 6 was disastrous to the British, and Ladysmith appears to be in sore straits.

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