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**DESPERATE BATTLE
NOW IN PROGRESS**

**Mounted Men Sent to Aid of
General Clements.**

MORE SENT FROM ENGLAND

Many Casualties on Both Sides—Five British Officers Killed—Kruger Reported to Want an Interview With Lord Salisbury.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 14.—The battle still continues within a few miles from Krugersdorp. General Clements has asked for reinforcements and mounted men under General French have already gone. There have been many casualties on both sides. It is estimated that the Boers number 2500.

DETAILS OF DISASTER.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Nootgedacht, General Clements's forces were compelled to retire by Commandant DeLarey, with a force of 2500 men. Five British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported. Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is as follows:

"Pretoria, Dec. 13.—Clement's force, at Nootgedacht, on the Magaliesburg, was reinforced by Beyer's commando from Warmbath, making a force estimated at 2500. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get to the top of the Magaliesburg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers, and were thus able to command Clement's camp. He retired on Hekepoort, and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that Colonel Legge, of the Twentieth Hussars, and Captains McBean, Murdoch and Atkinson were killed. Reinforcements have left here."

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lychtenburg, and that General Lemmer was killed. Attacks upon Bethlehem and Vrede were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. Sniping continued when the message was dispatched.

The scenes at the war office today recall those witnessed in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited people filled the lobbies, all seeking details of the disaster. The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland fusiliers in General Kitchener's dispatch leads to the foreboding that the four companies of the fusiliers are in the hands of the Boers.

The war office officials evidently expect a heavy casualty list, but they are hopeful from the fact that the dispatch does not mention the capture of the Northumberlands that such a great catastrophe has been escaped.

Orders were issued at Aldershot, Malta and other military centers to despatch all the available mounted infantry to South Africa.

It is reported that General Knox, cooperating with the British column at Reddersburg, has stopped General De Wet and that a battle is proceeding. The report adds that many of General De Wet's followers have been captured.

The scene of the fight is ominously close to Pretoria. Nootgedacht is only twenty-two miles northwest of Pretoria.

of Mr. Chamberlain's latest speech it is not decided impossible that such a meeting should take place.

TRADE AUTONOMY OPPOSED.

Important Session of American Federation of Labor Yesterday.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 14.—The American Federation of Labor today placed itself on record, as opposed to trade autonomy and in favor of centralization in trade unionism, establishing a precedent for the establishment of future organizations of the country.

Two propositions for autonomy were voted down on the ground as stated by their opponents that they would tend to disintegrate large central labor unions and destroy their power and prestige.

The convention showed a disposition to compromise on the question, recommending that the different organizations come to some agreement for the interchange of cards and disclaiming the competency of the federation to legislate for any affiliated union.

The special committee on the report of the president endorsed Mr. Gompers's denunciation of the authorities of Idaho for alleged illegal action in Shoshone county, Idaho.

Governor Stuenkel was condemned for alleged usurpation during the riots and Congressman John J. Lentz, of Ohio, was commended for the introduction of his resolution requiring the president of the United States to withdraw the troops from Shoshone county, Idaho.

The report also contained commendation of "those congressmen who endeavored to bring out the facts in the Coeur d'Alene matter."

TROOPS RECALLED.

MacArthur Is Instructed to Begin the Work of Returning the Volunteers From the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The secretary of war has cabled instructions to General MacArthur to Manila to begin the work of returning the volunteer troops from the Philippines in order to permit of their discharge in this country by the 20th of June next.

This action has been taken in anticipation of the authorization by congress of the enlistment of regular regiments to replace recalled troops. Plans for the organization of the proposed new regiments have been perfected at the war department and complete arrangements have been made for their speedy recruiting and equipment.

The secretary of war and military authorities hope the bill for the organization of the army now before the senate will become a law before congress takes its recess for the holidays.

KILLED BY BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Lodging House Proprietor Wanted to Kill His Wife But Was Killed Himself.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 14.—J. V. Cunningham, proprietor of a lodging house, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by Louis L. Felker, his brother-in-law.

The shooting took place in Cunningham's wife's bedroom. Appearances point to the conclusion that Cunningham went there to kill his wife. The couple had not been living happily together. Each accused the other of infidelity.

Two weeks ago during a quarrel Cunningham stabbed his wife twice. He gave himself up, claiming it was done in self-defense. Pending the woman's recovery he was kept in jail. Yesterday he was released on bail. Today he went to see his wife.

FAILURES FOR THE WEEK.

Two Hundred and Forty in the United States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Dun's Review tomorrow will say:

The failures for the week were 240 in the United States, against 218 last year, and 35 in Canada against 28 last year.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54 1/2.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Wheat, May, opening, 73 1/2; closing, 73 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—Wheat, March, 4s. 8d.

**GREAT STORM AT
SAN FRANCISCO**

Immense Property Damage but
No Lives Lost.

ESCAPING GAS CAUSED FIRE

Rain, Hail, and Wind Made a Concerted Attack Upon the Bay City—Much Damage in Other Parts of the State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A storm of unusual proportions visited this coast early today, doing considerable damage in some sections. Telegraph wires were prostrated and during the morning San Francisco was entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world.

The wind reached a velocity of nearly 60 miles an hour in the city and was of greater velocity in exposed sections. Thunder and lightning was accompanied by rain and wind. During the height of the storm rain fell in torrents and almost reached the proportions of a cloudburst.

The wind caused damage in many sections of the city but by far the greatest damage was done to one of the receiving tanks of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company at North Beach. Over 248,000 feet of gas was released and caused a fire which did considerable damage. The loss to the gas company will reach many thousand dollars. A house was also blown over at North Beach. So far as known no one was injured.

COMMUNICATION INTERRUPTED.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Northern and central California were swept by a heavy storm of rain and wind last night and today. There was a very heavy fall of rain and hail at this place this forenoon. Telephone and telegraph wires were prostrated in all directions.

It was impossible to get communication with San Francisco during the day. Word was received from there early this morning, however, that the storm was so heavy in the bay that the ferry-boats would have to be stopped.

MISS FLAGLER ENGAGED.

She Once Shot and Killed a Negro Boy Who Was Injuring Her Father's Pear Trees.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A Washington dispatch to the World says that the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Moore Flagler to Dr. W. G. McKeen, of Bader, Cape Breton, was announced by her mother. The marriage will take place in June.

Miss Flagler is a daughter of Brigadier-General James W. Flagler, at one time chief of ordnance of the army.

In August, 1888, Miss Flagler was the victim of a most unhappy occurrence. She shot a negro boy, Ernest Green, employed in one of the departments, killing him almost instantly. Green had been breaking the branches of pear trees in the grounds surrounding the Flagler residence in Washington. Miss Flagler warned the lad to desist but he did not heed her, whereupon she fired a revolver simply with the intention, her friends say, of frightening him away.

Miss Flagler surrendered herself immediately to the chief of police and was exonerated by the coroner's inquest. She was subsequently indicted and tried the following February. She was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to three hours' imprisonment and fined \$500. This sentence was carried out. She has since then been living in retirement at Cape Breton.

GIRL CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE.

Her Stepfather Knocked Her Down and She Shot Him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Elizabeth Miller, the 18-year-old stepdaughter of Bernard Oehschlagel, a West Twenty-sixth street saloon keeper, whom she shot on November 20, was arrested last night on the charge of homicide, as the man died yesterday.

At the time of the shooting Oehschlagel had struck and knocked the girl down. She seized a revolver and shot him, since which time he has been in a hospital.

at Buena Ventura and Porto Turnaco. The Taboca, which was seized on November 12 for military purposes, will be returned immediately. It is said, to the steamship company. The vessel is in good condition, despite its participation in two battles.

MID-WINTER PRAIRIE FIRE.

Ten Acres of Grass Burned Over in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A mid-winter prairie fire was a dangerous novelty witnessed in this city last night. It swept ten acres of grass and was subdued by farmers, firemen, policemen and street railway employees, who attacked it with brooms, blankets, rubber overcoats and sod. Many cars loaded with beef on the Panhandle tracks were threatened as was the prairie between Leavitt street and Western avenue and Fortieth and Fifty-first streets. The flames are supposed to have started from sparks from the engine of a southbound passenger train which passed at 9:30 o'clock. For a time the blaze smoldered, then broke out in several places and, fanned by the wind, spread rapidly.

JURY DISCHARGED.

Three Thought Miss Morrison Guilty of Manslaughter and Nine Thought Her Innocent.

ELDORADO, Kas., Dec. 14.—The Jesse Morrison jury failed to agree and was discharged today. The jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction of manslaughter.

The case will now go over to the spring term of court. In the meantime Miss Morrison's lawyers will make an application for her release on bond, which it is believed Judge Spinn has already made up his mind to grant.

It is not believed that another jury could be secured in the county to try the case.

HAS BAD REPUTATION.

English House of Commons Discusses Portland's Extortion From Seamen.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade, replying to a question in the house of commons today, said that the board had received several communications regarding the extortion of "blood money" from seamen at Portland, Oregon. The matter had been brought to the attention of foreigners.

THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

Given Director of the Montreal Cold Storage Company.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Donald McGillis, one of the three directors of the Montreal Cold Storage Company who were indicted for fraud, has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Of the other directors, McCulloch is out on bail, the jury having disagreed in his case, and Chisholm is in hiding somewhere in the United States.

PINGREE'S BILL PASSED.

Michigan Legislature Puts a Special Tax on Railroads, Express Companies and Telephone and Telegraph Companies.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 14.—By a vote of 59 to 12, the house this afternoon passed a blanket ad valorem tax bill providing for the taxation of railroads, express companies and telephone and telegraph companies on the cash value of their property instead of specifically upon their earnings as the present law provides.

EX-CHAMPION RYAN DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Albany, N. Y., says:

Paddy Ryan, at one time champion pugilist of the world, who was defeated by John L. Sullivan in their famous fight in Mississippi, died at his home in Glens Falls, N. Y., this afternoon, for, for \$32,000.

**PUPILS BURNED
IN DORMITORY**

Total Loss of a New York State School.

SIX GIRLS CREMATED ALIVE

Janitor Also Perished—The Fire Started in His Room—Cause of the Blaze Is a Mystery—Property Loss \$200,000.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 14.—From the smouldering ruins of the Fredonia State Normal and Training school, which was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock this morning, one charred body has been recovered. A revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven persons perished in the fire which also entailed a property loss of \$200,000. There were seventy-five young women students in the building of whom six perished. The other victim was the aged janitor.

The dead are:

Phineas J. Morris, janitor, Irene Jones, East, N. Y., Beattie Hathaway, Cannonsville, N. Y., Ruth Thomas, Pike, N. Y., Cora Stroma, Boston, N. Y., Mae Williams, Lake Como, Pa., Maud F. Fizzell, Bradford, Pa.

The young women occupied rooms on the third floor. To account for the origin of the fire puzzles the local board of managers as there was no fire in the building, its heat being piped from a boiler two blocks away. The fire started in the private room of Janitor Morris. Miss Fizzell was at the head of the fire escape and turned back into the burning building to save a diamond ring, thus losing her life.

POPULATION OF TOWNS.

Census Bureau Announces Results of Enumeration of Smaller Cities at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The population of certain incorporated places in Washington having a population of more than 2000 but less than 25,000 is as follows:

Aberdeen, 2747; Ballard, 4528; Colfax, 3121; Dayton, 2216; Everett, 7538; Fairhaven, 4225; Hoquiam, 2068; New Whatcom, 4834; North Yakima, 3154; Olympia, 4882; Port Angeles, 2321; Port Townsend, 3443; Republic, 2060; Roslyn, 2735; Snohomish, 2161; Vancouver, 4008; Walla Walla, 10,949.

ALVORD IN COURT.

Defaulting Bank Teller Enters a Plea of Not Guilty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Cornelius Alvord, Jr., defaulting note teller of the First National Bank, was arraigned before Judge Thomas in the criminal part of the United States circuit court today and pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for December 26th.

RIDERS GETTING WEARY.

Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty-Four Miles Covered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Six weary six-day riders, contesting for fame and money, at midnight had covered 2264 miles and seven laps with another team one lap behind.

THRESHER COMPANY FAILS.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 14.—A receiver was today appointed for the Minnesota Thresher Manufacturing Company of Stillwater or a suit of the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company, creditor, for \$32,000.

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