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CAUGHT IN A TRAP.

Captain Wilson's Party Surrounded and Cut to Pieces.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 13.—Details of the massacre of Captain Wilson's party by the Matabeles were received here today. Natives who were with King Lobengula at the time of the fight arrived at Bulawayo to surrender and tell the story of the struggle. Wilson's party consisted of forty British troopers and about 100 native auxiliaries. They came upon King Lobengula, who had a strong force. The confident spirit of the Matabeles were thoroughly broken, and, intent only on capturing the king, Wilson, without taking precautions against a surprise, dashed forward with the troopers. Lobengula, discovering the smallness of the attacking force, planned a successful ruse. He ordered the center of his column to retreat before the British advance, while the flanks fell away on either side in order to surround the British. The plan worked perfectly. The troopers, dashing recklessly forward, soon left the native auxiliaries far behind. Then the Matabeles in front made a stand, and those on the flanks began to close in. Wilson discovered his danger and tried to cut his way out to join his auxiliaries, but the Matabeles pressed him on every side in overwhelming numbers. The troopers' horses fell beneath them, and they were finally compelled to make a life-and-death stand, fighting from behind their dead horses as breastworks.

CLUBBED TO DEATH BY THE SAVAGES.
Ammunition for their carbines soon gave out and they had to resort to their revolvers, and when there were no more cartridges for them, defending themselves with their swords. The savages pressed closer and closer, and finally, with savage yells, swept down upon those who remained alive of the little band, and with assegais and clubs beat them to the earth, and all was over, after a struggle characterized by almost unexampled bravery.

So ended another tragic chapter in the history of Great Britain's military operations in Africa, in which, as in others, perished some of her bravest soldiers and the young sons of some of her best families, sent out to get a first taste of war. Among the officers in the Wilson party were Captains Fitzgerald, Judd, Greenfield, Kirton and Barrow, and Lieutenants Hugh and Hoffmeyer. During the latter part of the stand not a man of the British force was unwounded, some of them being hit at least a dozen times. All reports are to the effect that the young troopers made a gallant defense, keeping the savages at bay a comparatively long time, owing to their accurate marksmanship and the steadiness with which they faced certain death. It is estimated that about 4,000 savages participated in the attack, while the British, it is said, numbered only 34. After all was over the triumphant natives stripped the bodies of the troopers, mutilated them horribly and possessed themselves of their weapons.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

ALABAMA has nearly fifty Baptist Young People's unions.
The German Epworth league now comprises 301 chapters, with an aggregate of 10,846 members.

It is thought that no less than \$100,000 has reached the treasuries of the missionary societies this year from the Christian Endeavor societies in the churches.

An English paper reports a Christian Endeavor cycling club, whose object is to promote open-air mission work in villages. This is a "wheel within a wheel" to good purpose.

RECENTLY a large party of Australian Endeavorers traveled about fifty miles to assist in holding a week's evangelistic services. Their earnest efforts were crowned with much success.

By the use of the two-cents-a-week pledge plan, the Second Presbyterian Christian Endeavor society of Nashville, Tenn., has lately handed over to the Presbyterian board of foreign missions the sum of \$48.50, of which \$10 came from the juniors.

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MIDWINTER FAIR.

CALIFORNIA MIDWINTER INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AND PROMOTION OF PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION.

[Weekly Circular Letter—No. 5.]
F. H. TRUSELL, Chief of Department.

The best news of the week in connection with the coming Exposition has been the extension of the time limit of excursion tickets from the East to 80 days. This means that those who come to California to see the Midwinter Exposition will have a month in which to visit other parts of the state besides those contiguous to San Francisco, and that the benefits to be derived by the entire Pacific Coast will be correspondingly multiplied. And just here there ought to be a word said about the number of visitors that may reasonably be expected to come out of the frozen East to hibernate in the country.

"Where the leaf never fades in the still blooming bowers,
And the bee banquets on through a whole year of flowers."

Those who have already arrived at San Francisco as the advance guard of the grand army of midwinter continent crossers say that the influx of visitors will exceed the most sanguine expectations of the friends of the Exposition. Eastern railway managers are constantly sending to the Department of Publicity and Promotion for advertising matter in connection with the Fair. Their patrons are hungry for information on the subject. Some of them are so hungry that more than one of the great trunk lines have deemed it necessary to prepare vast quantities of matter based on the material furnished by this department with which to satisfy the popular demands. All this means that thousands of people in the East are going to take advantage of cheap rates, and the special attractions of the Exposition as an excuse for making a long-promised trip to the "land of sunshine, fruit and flowers."

Meanwhile the list of attractions continues to grow, and there will be lively times during the next three weeks getting all the concessions in readiness for the opening day. There is one feature of the contemplated attractions, however, for which no elaborate building has to be erected, and yet it is one in which a very widespread interest centers, and that is the grand athletic tournament. This tournament is to cover the entire term of the Exposition. The contests will not be on each succeeding day's programme, but there will be several events each week and every Saturday will be largely devoted to this feature. There will be games of lacrosse between British Columbian and American teams; there will be polo matches between swell society riders; there will be football games between college and university teams; there will be races and all sorts of contests on the cinder path, and last, though by no means least, a series of baseball games in which the entire Pacific Coast is invited to take part.

With a view to facilitating arrangements for the last mentioned feature in this connection, Colonel T. P. Robinson of San Francisco has been selected to arrange the games on the diamond field, and in order to have the largest possible number of clubs participate that gentleman desires the addresses of every uniformed baseball club not only in the state of California but in all of the states of the Pacific Coast. These addresses should be sent to him at room 82, second floor, Mills building, San Francisco, and based upon the number of addresses of intending participants which may be received there will be arranged such a baseball tournament as has never before been seen anywhere in the world.

The latest and most startling of the suggestions that have been forthcoming in the form of concessional features of the Fair is that which is to represent "Dante's Inferno," and which has already begun to be spoken of about town as "hell on earth." This concession is to be located in a very prominent part of the Exposition grounds, and the character of the entrance to the building containing the exhibit is one that will attract inevitable attention. A great dragon's head, 15 feet high, with bat like wings protruding from either side, seems to crouch against the ground and grin a welcome to the passing crowds. The bat like wings, and entire front in fact, are gilded to look like burnished gold, and, when the sun is reflected from it, it presents as brilliant an exterior as one can easily imagine. Out of the center of the lower part of this figure-head, so to speak, projects a long, red tongue of the dragon, and on this, those who care to venture in must step and walk between the teeth of the dragon's lower jaw into the very body of the beast.

The interior arrangements of these "Infernal Regions" is rendered remarkably effective by the highly colored stalactites which hang from the walls and which seem to extend for miles, almost, away in the distance. In one large grotto a stage is erected, and half a dozen skeletons dancing grotesquely in the foreground are so reflected by mirrors that their number seems to be "legion." At another point, after traversing several tortuous avenues, the visitor comes upon a clever construction with mirrors above and below and with lights so arranged that there really seems to be no top or bottom to the place, and hence the name "Bottomless Pit." There is much that is grotesque about the dancing skeletons in the cave referred to, and there is considerable that is uncanny in every part of this arrangement, but there is nothing that is disgusting or terrifying though there is much to amuse. When people turn to go out, after having seen all the show, they find themselves confronted by numberless passages that seem to lead everywhere, but which really lead nowhere, for when you start to follow one you run plump against a mirror, and the result is that before you find the way out you are fully convinced that this particular type of "Hell" is a decidedly jolly place to be in.

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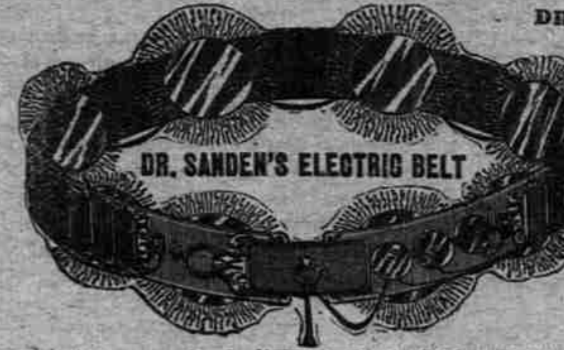
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