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GEN. STEWART VICTORIOUS.
 A Brilliant Victory for the English Troops.
 LONDON, Jan. 28—11 A. M.—Intelligence has just been received at the war office that General Stewart's force is entrenched at south Metemneh. The dispatch also gives the gratifying information that Stewart is in communication with General Gordon. Stewart's force had several fights with the Arab rebels before they reached Metemneh. Stewart himself was badly wounded. Five of El Mahdi's emissaries were killed in the fight. General Wolseley in a dispatch reports the capture of Metemneh by the British, and also says Sir Charles Wilson has gone to Khartoum on board the steamer to confer with Gordon. He is expected to return as soon as possible and report personally to Wolseley.
 Official dispatches indicate that the march of Stewart and his little army from the Abou Klea wells to his present position has been no easy task. Almost every foot appears to have been sharply contested by the resolute Arab foe. There was a constant succession of encounters from the action of the 17th till the Nile was reached, the British troops steadily gaining fresh victories over the impetuous but easily demoralized foe. On the morning of Monday, January 19, two days after the fight at Abou Klea, the enemy appeared in force in front of the advancing British army. A short, fierce battle was fought. This occurred at a point about three miles from the Nile. The British were compelled to sustain a heavy fire for some time. Early in the engagement Stewart received a severe wound, and Sir Charles Wilson thereupon assumed command.
 Works were hastily constructed under the leaden rain which continued to pour upon them from the enemies' rifles. The wounded men and baggage train were left under guard behind the quickly built earthworks, while the rest of the force advanced, in the face of a hostile fire, to a gravel ridge some distance in front. Here a large force of rebels had established themselves in strong position. As soon as the British line came near, a fierce charge was made against it by the rebel foe.
 The British troops were arranged as usual in the form of a square, and steadily advanced to meet the wild onset of the loudly cheering enemy, who were rushing down upon them. At the same time the rifles of the British were doing bloody execution. The charge was checked, and not an Arab came within thirty yards of the British square. The rebels did not long stand before the murderous English fire, but were repulsed with heavy loss.
 Five emirs and 230 men were left dead upon the field, and large numbers were wounded. About the English losses few details have yet been received. It is known, however, that Cameron, special correspondent of the London Daily Standard, and Herbert, special correspondent for the Morning Post, were killed.
 The place where the battle occurred was a slight distance beyond the Shebanat wells.
 Stewart's wound, while not fatal, is so serious that he will be disabled for the remainder of the present campaign. General Wolseley considers the deprivation of his services a national loss. He characterizes Stewart as the ablest soldier and most dashing commander he ever knew, and recommends him to the queen's most favorable consideration.
 Lord St. Vincent, of the artillery, was among the British slain.
 Where the battle of the 19th occurred is in the desert, about five miles from Metemneh. When General Stewart reached that point he found the enemy hovering about his little army on all sides, and skirting it often within uncomfortably short range. The rebels had evidently stationed themselves in the vicinity to await his arrival and give him battle. When they began to surround him and press in upon him he determined to abide the event. He ordered his men to dismount and form a zereba. This was made mainly of saddles and baggage, and during its construction rebel firemen drew nearer and maintained a hot fire from behind ambushes and such hiding places as they could find among the bushes and high grass. This fire was very well directed and was most disastrous in its effect upon the British troops. Twelve men were soon shot dead, and forty others wounded.
 Among the first killed were Mr. Cameron, special correspondent of the London Standard, and Mr. Herbert, special correspondent of the London Post. General Stewart was one of the first to be wounded. He was shot in the thigh. When he was shot the work of making the zereba was about completed, and the army had been put in motion to form its battle array. As soon as completed the square advanced under a steady ambush fire a distance of two miles. At this point the enemy began to move upon the square in two large columns. These were directed against the British right front, which stood unmoved.
 During the rebel charge, the English troops forming the assailed front delivered a terrific fire, aimed right at the enemy's middle, mowing down men in such heaps that they formed actual obstacles, and interfered so seriously with the evenness of the advance necessary to the success of the onslaught that its center line was brought to a standstill,

THE TALL SYCAMORES SON.
 "I was surprised to read in the Post a few days ago that Charles S. Voorhees, the son of the Indiana senator, is the congressman elect from Washington territory, said a well-known young Detroit lawyer at the Michigan Exchange last evening. "The surprise is due to the difference between his present position and his situation when he was a resident of Detroit."
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 "The paragraph in the Post stated that young Voorhees played Hamlet once and once only, some years ago at an Indianapolis theatre. But that was not the only time he appeared on the stage. He was thoroughly stage-struck and joined John McCullough's company, coming here with that organization. He played minor parts, and overacted to an extent that caused him to be gazed by the audience. Voorhees asked McCullough if the latter thought he would ever become an actor, and McCullough told him he would never become a great one. He was an impetuous and would have nothing to do with him. Then I took him to an afternoon paper publisher, who told the senator's son to write a sample article and submit it. Voorhees constructed a gushing love story, and was told that that style of literature was not what was wanted on the paper. That ended the attempt to make a newspaper man out of him. After this failure I saw nothing of Voorhees for several days. One evening the door bell at our house rang, and when it was answered Mr. Voorhees and a lady were admitted. He astonished me by presenting the lady as his wife, having just been married by father Van Dyke. The lady was a Miss Bauble, a pretty French girl, who was boarding at the same house, and with whom Voorhees had become smitten. A brief courtship resulted in the marriage, Miss Bauble having sufficient faith in and love for the young man, in spite of his impetuosity and failure to obtain employment. The newly married couple passed the evening with us, the walk to the house and back to the boarding place making up their bridal trip. Getting married did not improve the young man's financial condition, although I don't know as it hurt it any. After standing the strain as long as he could he was compelled to apply to his father for assistance. It came at once, and in accordance with the Senator Voorhees' directions the ex-actor and bride went to Washington. I heard nothing of him until I read of his election to congress, and you can well imagine the marvellous change four years will make in an average American's life. It seems funny to think that the man who was poverty stricken and unable to obtain work in Detroit in 1881, is in 1884 a member-elect of congress."

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