

DEATH IN FIRE

Awful Fate of Mrs. Malone, an Aged Lady at Alsea

WAS FOUND ENVELOPED IN FLAMES

Her Body Charred While Life Still Remained—Oriental Ores Shipped to American Smelters.

CORVALLIS (Or.) Dec. 30.—Mrs. Malone, 55 years old, was burned to death yesterday morning, at her home in Alsea. She resided with her son, Captain Malone, and arose shortly after 6 o'clock. Her screams attracted attention, and her son found her enveloped in the flames of her burning clothing. Her eyes were burned out, and various parts of her body were badly charred. She died a few hours later.

ORIENTAL TRADE

Tacoma, Dec. 30.—One hundred and seventy-one sacks of ore concentrates were brought here on the City of London, from the mines near Singapore, in the Straits Settlement, for treatment in the Tacoma smelter. This is the first shipment of ore from the Orient to an American smelter. The product of these mines have been shipped to England in the past, and this shipment is in the nature of a trial order.

LAWTON'S REMAINS COMING

Funeral Conducted at Manila on Saturday and the Body Now En Route Home.

Manila, Dec. 30.—The funeral of General Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, December 18th, was held today, with impressive ceremonies. The remains were conveyed from Paco cemetery down the Luneta to the Pacific and thence to the transport Thomas, which sailed this afternoon. As the body was removed from the vault, the Chaplain Marry read prayers. The personal staff of the late general was augmented by Color Sergeant Simon, Drummer Haberkam and Privates Dakum and Mohrman. The latter, who were closely connected with Lawton's recent campaigns, bore the casket down the vault to a six-horse caisson awaiting at the gate.

The funeral procession was composed of the band of the Twentieth regiment, General Hall and his staff, two troops of the Fourth cavalry, who were with Lawton at the time of his death, a battery of artillery, a number of clergymen, a caisson covered with flowers, the personal staff of the general, and Foot, Generals Wheeler, Bates, Forsythe, Kobbe and Schwan, and Admiral Watson, in three carriages, the naval battalion, Major-General Otis and staff, the foreign consuls in full dress, and members of the Philippine supreme court. Native delegations from the towns where Lawton established civil government held wreaths.

Women from the same towns waited upon Mrs. Lawton yesterday and presented her with their condolences and flowers. Crowds of natives and Americans witnessed the procession, the band played dirges and the crowds wept. At Pasig the casket was transferred to a tug, taps were sounded and prayers were offered by Chaplain Pierce. Four enlisted palbearers will accompany the remains to the United States.

A SHORT, SHARP FIGHT

KID M'COY WHIPS MAHER IN THREE ROUNDS.

The Irishman Not Clever Enough for His Active Antagonist—Betting on the Result.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Kid McCoy again placed himself in the championship class by defeating Peter Maher in a brisk, well-fought battle of three rounds, before the Coney Island Athletic Club this afternoon. The fight was scheduled to last twenty-five rounds and the purse was to have been \$20,000, but the attendance was not as large as had been expected, and before the fight was begun the principals agreed that the winner should receive the gross gate receipts. The battle was hard fought from start to finish, but McCoy was far the cleverer man in ring tactics, dodging, side stepping and hitting powers. He showed himself to be a good ring general, ever watching for an opening and never failing to take advantage of one. Maher, although credited with being a heavy hitter, did not get in any effective blows. His foot work was poor and at times he did not appear to have perfect control of himself.

When the men entered the ring and stripped for the battle, both looked to be in perfect condition. Under the Marquis of Queensbury rules, new gloves, provided by the club, were handed to the referee and he in turn gave them to the boxers' seconds. Maher donned his quickly, but McCoy claimed the gloves did not fit him, and stubbornly refused to use them. He insisted on wearing an old pair which

he claimed suited him, but the referee was obdurate, and McCoy gave in. McCoy was the aggressor in the start off and sent a left hook to the jaw, flooring the Irishman. In attempting to counter, Maher overreached himself and fell, but regained his feet almost immediately. Maher then began rushing tactics, forcing the Kid to the ropes. The Irishman had McCoy in a tight place at this early stage of the game, but the Kid broke away nimbly, and put a hard left to Maher's stomach before the first round ended.

In the third round Maher outpointed McCoy by 50 per cent. McCoy waited for the big fellow, who had the better of the previous round. Peter sent a hard left to the face which the Kid countered. McCoy landed a left and right on the jaw. Peter wavered and McCoy sent another right, which fell a bit short and then, dropping his left to the body, tried a right swing and, as Peter side-stepped, the Kid met him with a full swing with his left, which landed on the point of the jaw, and the Irishman went down, resting on his right elbow, and was counted out in this position. It was a terrific blow and an ox could scarcely have withstood its force. It was the cleanest knockout ever seen in a ring fight.

Probably in the history of ring fights in this vicinity there has never been such a quick change in betting as that which occurred during the two hours preceding this fight. For some days past Maher has been a favorite, as good as 100 to 60 being bet on his chances. One hundred to 70 on Maher was the ruling price when the club house doors opened this afternoon, and for no apparent reason, Maher stock was beared, while the Kid's was bulled, and when the men got into the ring their positions in the betting market were reversed, with the Kid the favorite.

A HOT FIGHT

American Troops Defeat Rebels at Cabuayo, Luzon

A BLOODY BATTLE AT SANTA ROSA

A Threatened Uprising in Manila Prevented by the Authorities—Aguinaldo's Wife is a Prisoner.

MANILA, Jan. 1.—The first movement of the general southern advance occurred this morning, when two battalions of the Fourth infantry landed and occupied Cabuayo on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed and two wounded. Twenty-four of the enemy were found dead in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and four six-pounder rapid-fire guns were captured. The gunboat Laguna de Bay bombarded the town before the disembarkation of the troops from the cascos, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire. The enemy evacuated the place before the charging Americans, retreating to Santa Rosa to which town they were pursued. Heavy fighting occurred along the road to Santa Rosa, which was occupied by the insurgents, retreating south toward Silang. The Americans burned the country around Cabuayo. The gunboat returned to Calamba for reinforcements, and thence to Manila to fetch ammunition. She recently captured two of the enemy's steam launches.

Other regiments are mobilizing to-night, at San Pedro Macati and Pasig, preparatory to continuing the southern advance.

Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents incriminating a thousand Filipinos who intended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found showing the distribution of the city into districts, and a careful assignment of leaders and followers. The precautions, taken by the Americans on Saturday, it is now evident, alone prevented an uprising. The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

IMPORTANT PRISONERS

Manila, Jan. 1.—Aguinaldo's wife, her sisters and eighteen Filipinos have surrendered to Major March's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry at Bon-toc. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March, and the Filipinos also gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

VETERANS' OFFICERS

Department Commanders Appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 1.—General Willis J. Hulin, commander-in-chief of the national association of Spanish-American War Veterans, today announced the appointments of the department commanders. Among them is Major Edward H. Fox, of the state of Washington. These commanders, in addition to the commander-in-chief and adjutant-general (ex officio) shall constitute the executive board of the council of administration, and they will immediately select a staff of adjutant-general, quartermaster, inspector general, assistant surgeon general, judge advocate, signal officer and chaplain.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

The Army Given the Preference Over the Navy at the Function.

Washington, Jan. 1.—At the president's reception, today, the troublesome question of precedence between the army and navy was settled in favor of the former. General Miles leading the military contingent with Adjutant General Corbin at his left side. After the army had passed in review, Admiral Dewey, with the venerable Admiral Melville on his arm, led the naval line. Dewey was with the receiving party and was escorting in on the arm of Secretary of the Navy Long.

THE CZAR GRIEVES

Again Calls Upon the World to Arrange for Perpetual Peace.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—The Vorwaerts published today what purports to be a receipt written by Count Muraviev at the czar's direction, addressed to the governments that took part in the international conference at The Hague. The receipt, it is said, will be issued on the Russian New Year, January 13th. It renews the expression of the aspirations of the czar for the peace of the world and the diminution of armaments, and points out that the good work of The Hague conference threatens to crumble away unless the work is prosecuted with zealous devotion. Then it proceeds with an expression of regret that another war has broken out, "the spreading of which over the entire range of civilized humanity has been for the present prevented by the peaceful-disposition of disinterested states." The receipt deprecates the fact that the

nations are now engaged in a monstrous rivalry in building naval armaments, the terrible results of which it pictures in eloquent terms and concludes as follows:

"The czar, at the beginning of the new century, sends his receipt into all lands, begging that international deliberations may be resumed on this most grave and difficult of questions, appealing more especially to those parliaments who are about to deliberate on naval armaments, whether there is not a better way to safeguard peace."

CRUSADE AGAINST VICE

To Be Inaugurated in New York City—Many Ministers Interested.

New York, Jan. 1.—This, the first day of the new year, had been selected for the inauguration of a crusade against vice on the lower East side. The movement has attracted wide attention by reason of the forces behind it. These include the society of ethical culture, whose leader, Prof. Felix Adler, has announced his intention to rid the congested district of its many plague spots. Prof. Adler will have the assistance of over a score of ministers of all denominations, among them, it is reported, Rev. Briggs formerly of the Presbyterian church, but now a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. Politicians will be appealed to and if those appeals fail then other means will be resorted to.

EMPLOYEES PENSIONED

The Pennsylvania Railroad Adopts a Most Laudable Course.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—The system of pensioning old employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on the lines west of Pittsburg, was inaugurated today. About 950 men, who, by reason of long service in the company's employ, have become incapacitated for further active duty, were retired on pensions that average nearly half the wages they received when at work.

MURDERER PLEADS GUILTY

Death Sentence Pronounced Upon a Criminal in Massachusetts.

Barnstable, Mass., Jan. 1.—Edwin Ray Snow, charged with the murder of J. F. Whitmore at Yarmouth, last October, was arraigned today. He retracted his previous plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to be executed March 18th.

CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKES

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—Charles Taggart, who arrived in this city from the Cocopah country of Lower California, reports that the earthquake of Christmas day had a marked effect upon the geysers of that region, causing them to spout with redoubled force.

WILL NOT ACT

Attorney General Griggs on the Railroad Freight Classification.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Attorney General Griggs today returned to the interstate commerce commission the transcript of the evidence, taken at the hearing before the commission last week, in the matter of the new freight classification, with a view to action by the attorney-general under the anti-trust law, if his judgment should warrant the same. In his letter to the commission, referring to the demand of the shippers that legal action against the railroads be taken, the attorney-general says:

THE OPEN DOOR

Leading Nations Agree to America's Proposal Respecting China's Future.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Negotiations, opened by Secretary Hay with the great powers of Europe and Japan, towards securing a common understanding for the continued "open door" policy throughout China, have met with most gratifying results. The state department is unwilling at present to make public the nature of replies received, as this information will be embodied in a special message to congress. But in other quarters, thoroughly reliable information is in a position to have trustworthy information. It is learned that favorable responses have been made by Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, and Japan. There is no doubt, it is thought here, that Italy, the remaining country addressed, will make a favorable answer if, indeed, it has not already done so. The importance of this understanding, by all first-class powers of the world in conjunction with the United States, can hardly be over-estimated so far as it relates to the future of China and the commerce in that empire.

FREIGHT FOR MANILA

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The transports Tartar and Valencia will probably be sent back to Manila with freight. There are now about 4000 tons of freight waiting on the government dock, and no steamers to take it. The dock, and no steamers to take it. The Sheridan is already engaged to sail from here on the 4th prox for Seattle to take forage from there to Manila.

WHITE REPORTS TO BULLER

Ladysmith and Cheveley Camp Were in Communication on Friday Night

The Beleaguered Garrison Was Well—Boers Attempted to Muddle the Messages with Flashlights and Were Promptly Bombarded by Naval Batteries.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Sunday, 4:30 a. m.)—The war office, when communicating, about midnight, copies of the messages exchanged between the queen and the inhabitants of Kimberley, stated that no further news had been received up to that hour, and nothing of importance has come from other sources during the night.

The week's sorties, skirmishes, reconnaissances and bombardments, at the various points where the British and Boers confront each other, so far as can be judged, have had no effect upon the general situation at the seat of war, which is practically the same as it was a week ago.

During the night of December 28th, Ladysmith and Cheveley camp were in full communication, the former reporting all well. While signalling was in progress the Boers attempted to muddle the messages with flashlights from each extremity of their long entrenched line. The naval brigade took advantage of the opportunity to shell the Boer positions, which were plainly revealed by their own lights. The naval battery resumed the shelling of the Boer trenches on the morning of December 29th, but their fire failed to elicit any signs of life.

DARK DAYS

London, Dec. 30.—It is strange to note that, as the New Year dawns for Great Britain, the greatest army she ever put in the field remains passive in South Africa, held at bay by two of the smallest republics on the face of the earth, while at home, in spite of the large volume of trade and apparent prosperity, her financial interests are in a state of instability not seen since the Baring crash. All Europe is yelping at her heels, and the necessity for American friendship is recognized on all sides. The papers and people, that for years have been ready with a jibe for America's good will, no longer make any attempt to belittle the desirability of securing her friendship.

"America," says the Globe, usually humorous at the expense of all things trans-Atlantic, "with a crop of 52,000,000 bushels of wheat, is especially in a position to help us."

The fact that the government has chartered so many transports has resulted in a rise in the price of bread, while coal is rising by leaps and bounds to famine prices. Unless the situation improves, many industrial concerns depending on the coal supply may have to suspend operations before February, as their margin of profit is rapidly being wiped out. Wages have gone up, but labor is hard to find. The normal Christmas congestion of transportation aggravates the situation while the government's need of fuel for transports, war vessels and depots on the

street, and the firemen were kept busy extinguishing small fires on roofs of the surrounding buildings.

CAPTAIN CARTER'S FRIENDS

Will be Tried for Defrauding the Federal Government.

New York, Dec. 30.—Benjamin D. Greene, John F. Gaynor, Edward H. Gaynor and William T. Gaynor, members of the Atlantic Dredging & Contracting Company, jointly indicted with Michael A. Connelly and former Captain Oberlin M. Carter, of the United States engineer corps, for conspiracy, resulting in a loss to the government of \$57,749 in connection with the Savannah river and Cumberland sound contracts. Appeared for examination today before United States Commissioner Shields.

BY A BRILLIANT CHARGE

AMERICANS DRIVE FILIPINOS FROM THEIR POSITION

Insurgents' Loss Was Heavy—Many Rifles Captured by the Victors—Several Men Wounded.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—(Sunday, 9:30 a. m.)—Colonel Lockett has had a second engagement with the insurgents northwest of Mont Alban, and by a brilliant charge drove the enemy from their position.

A LARGE FIRE

Great Destruction of Property in the City of Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fire at an early hour today completely gutted the buildings, extending from 216 to 222 Monroe street and badly damaged the building at 212, 214 Monroe street, causing a loss aggregating \$950,000, and resulting in the injury of nine firemen, two of them seriously.

The fire is supposed to have originated on the second floor in the workroom of Wooley & Co., wholesale woollens, at 229 and 233 Monroe street, and fanned by a fierce northwest wind, spread so rapidly that when the first fire company arrived on the scene, the whole south end of the building was a mass of flames. A second and then a third alarm was sent in, but in spite of tons of water thrown into the building by 23 engines and two fire tugs, the firemen that for a time the entire wholesale district was in danger.

The flames quickly communicated to the building at 216 and 218 Monroe street, gradually spreading east to 212 and 214 Monroe street, where its progress was finally checked. Immense brands were carried as far as Twelfth

way to the cape has created an unprecedented demand.

That there will be a day of reckoning for some one is a certainty that even the most guarded and conservative show American friendship. Whether it be Lord Lansdowne, Lord Wolsey or General Buller it is impossible to tell. But all information obtainable at present and the gist of criticisms point to Lord Lansdowne as having to shoulder the onus for the terrible mismanagement. While Great Britain feeds contentedly on the long special cables showing American friendship, British agents in Europe believe the sentiment in the United States has been gradually turning Boer-ward until the time is now ripe to develop it into a material effect.

KILLED IN ACTION

Pretoria, Dec. 29.—Three British prisoners from Malapo-report that Captains Vernon and Sandford, of Colonel Baden-Powell's staff, were killed during the engagement in which Lord Edward Cecil and Cavendish Bentinck were wounded. The losses of the British were very severe.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(Tuesday, 4:30 a. m.)

The success of General French in driving the Boers from Colesburg has shot a welcome ray of light through the gloom of the campaign in South Africa. Everywhere it is commented upon as an example of sound tactics, and as an illustration of what may be done when the right methods are employed with the Boers. The government is urged to take the lesson to heart and see that no one is left unturned in the endeavor to get the largest possible force of cavalry and mounted infantry to the front. Now that General French has the Boers on the run, the hope is expressed that he will give them no rest, but will harass them until they have found their way across the Orange river, which is twelve miles distant.

The important result of the success of General French is, that it will have a deterrent effect on Dutch disaffection. There is some disposition here to exaggerate the importance of the small skirmishes and engagements. It should be borne in mind that General French has only 2000 men, and, so far as the important points of the campaign are concerned, the situation is virtually unchanged.

The heliograph reports from Ladysmith show that all was well on December 31st. The bombardment was being continued, but its intensity had relaxed. The entire seventh division will have sailed from England by January 11th.

ANOTHER SENSATION

Corvallis Times:

Kings Valley has not only the distinction of having the smallpox, but it has in addition a sensation in the shape of an old-fashioned runaway matrimonial venture. A fond father, or two, was in Corvallis on Thursday morning, and 167 a time the telephone wires were kept hot; but at last accounts the happy couple were several lengths ahead.

MONEY COMES IN

B. F. Childs, proprietor of the Star cheese factory, at Brownsville, has sold all the cheese he had remaining from the summer's run to San Francisco parties. The lot consisted of 11,568 pounds. By this transaction a few others of like nature, over 12000 have been brought into the community of Brownsville during the past week.