

SAMOAN SITUATION.

Engages the Serious Attention of the Three Great Powers.

Considering Advisability of Partitioning the Islands--The Anti-Expansion Conference in Chicago--Another Big Battle at Manila in Which One American was Wounded.

By Associated Press to the Journal. NEW YORK, Oct. 17.--A special to the Herald from Washington says: Negotiation has been commenced between the three powers signatory to the Berlin treaty, contemplating a permanent settlement of the Samoan question.

Filipinos lost a number killed and wounded.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.--The president has ordered the promotion to the grade of brigadier general in the regular army of the following colonels: Pennington, of the Second artillery; Frank, of the First artillery; Carpenter, of the Fifth cavalry; Owenshine, of the Twenty-third infantry; Burke, of the Seventeenth infantry.

These officers are to be placed on the retired list at intervals of one day each.

AN OLD MINER Returns Rejoicing About the Famous Sumpter Mining District.

Capt. L. M. Baker is just home from the Sumpter mining district, in Baker county. He got into the mines on September 3 with his son, Fred Baker, the mining editor of the Spokane Review. Mr. Baker gained four pounds a week, and prospected the old Galena district in Illinois, and having gone all through the excitement of California and Southern Oregon, he could not resist the fever, but shouldered a pick and made several locations of ledges, which he expects to return to next summer and work.

Mr. Baker brought home some rock that assays \$341.50 to the ton and shows high grade quartz that goes as high as \$20,000 a ton, the last pay strike in the Golconda and flex mines. He predicts a big rush into the Sumpter district next spring.

MANILA, Oct. 17. Bell's regiment moving from a point north west of Bacol this morning, drove the enemy out of Porac. One American was wounded.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.--The opposition of

BATTLE OF MAFEKING

First Collision Between the Boers and British in South Africa.

Three Hundred Boers and 18 British Reported Killed in First Battle--The Boers Capture Another Armored Train--Destroy a Trainload of Dynamite.

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 17.--Parliament opened today in extraordinary session, to consider the South African situation.

PERITORIA, Oct. 15.--[Delayed in transmission.] Fighting continues north of Mafeking. The British after the second engagement retired but resumed the attack afterwards. Two burghers were killed and three wounded.

PERITORIA, Oct. 16.--[Delayed in transmission.] Heavy fighting took place this morning north of Mafeking. An armored train opened fire on the Boer command. One burgher was killed and two wounded.

The second engagement followed, in which nine British were wounded. Yesterday nine miles north of Mafeking a train loaded with dynamite was fired upon and blown up by the Boers.

LORENZO MARGUES, Oct. 17.--The refugees on the Transvaal report that the Boers were repulsed at Mafeking, sustaining heavy losses.

KIMBERLY, Oct. 17.--An armored train while reconnoitering near Späfontein, engaged the Boers, killing five and wounding seven. The British had no losses.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 17.--It is reported the Boers had an engagement with another armored train from Rhodesia.

From Cape town come persistent retortations of the report that the Boers attacked Mafeking, being thrice repulsed with heavy losses. Small pox has broken out here among the natives from Johannesburg.

LONDON, Oct. 17.--A special dispatch from Capetown says 300 Boers and 18 British were killed in the battle of Mafeking.

THE BOER LOSSES. Were Exaggerated By the Reports of Refugees.

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 17.--Belated despatches from the scene of action in South Africa throw little fresh light upon the situation.

The Boers appear to be strengthening their positions in Natal and biding their own time for an attack. The Orange Free State burghers are threatening to invade Cape Colony by way of Norvalpont and Allwalton, both of which are at their mercy if they possess the artillery.

Today's news from the western border reduces an alleged heavy fighting at Mafeking to ordinary proportions. The earlier sensational story originated in skirmishes between an armored train and small detachments of Boers, although since then much may have happened to the little garrison.

It is difficult to understand how refugees arriving at Lorenzo Margues have come into possession of news of serious Boer losses at Mafeking.

A British Victory. By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, Oct. 17.--Col. Baden-Powell is reported to have made a sortie from Mafeking in force and attacked the Boers who were investing the town. After fierce fighting the British carried the day.

England's Inactivity. New York, Oct. 17.--A dispatch to the Tribune from London, says: After three days of alarms and sensations there is general impatience over the vagaries of rash-pancy journalism, and increasing disposition to criticize the government for waiting too long before providing adequately for the defence of the imperial possessions in South Africa.

Sir Charles Dilke is known to have strong views on the subject, and will probably take a line of his own when parliament meets, unless George Wyndham silences him in advance by a satisfactory statement of the details of the military preparations.

A high military official is quoted as saying that England now has the toughest job which she has undertaken in very many years. The experts agree that the British must remain on the de-

COAL FIRE AT PASCO

By Associated Press to the Journal. PASCO, Oct. 17.--A Special to the East Oregonian from Pasco, Wn., says the immense coal bunkers of the Northern Pacific at that point are on fire and are burning fiercely.

POOL ROOM ROBBED OF \$4000

By Associated Press to the Journal. DENVER, Oct. 17.--Austin's pool room was robbed of \$4,000 early this morning by Robt. J. Boyken, an ex-policeman who has been employed as special policeman at the club. Boyken escaped.

A SOLDIER IS HONORED.

Sol Wholley of Washington Presented With a Sword

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.--Today at the presidio, Col. Wholley, of the First Washington volunteers, was presented with a magnificent sword by the men of his regiment.

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COLUMBIA RACES ALONE

The Shamrock broke Off Her Topmast 10 Minutes Out.

The McKinley and Bryan Aggregations Still Moving--Dewey is Running Things in Washington--The Admiral Will Take a Complete Rest.

By Associated Press to the Journal. The yacht race started at 11:14. The Columbia is rapidly drawing away from the Shamrock. At 11:24, three miles from the start, the Shamrock's topmast was carried away. She is being towed back. According to agreement the Columbia continues over the course alone.

New York, Oct. 17.--What promised to be a splendid day's sport in the contest for America's cup between the Shamrock and the Columbia, brought disappointment to the owners of the big sloops and the public generally.

Within a half hour after the start, which was a good one, the Shamrock was disabled by breaking her top mast and was obliged to give up the race, while the Columbia, under the rules governing the contests for the international trophy, proceeded to sail over the course alone.

SNOW STORM AT LEADVILLE

By Associated Press to the Journal. LEADVILLE, Colo., Oct. 17.--For more than a week a snow storm of unprecedented severity, for this time of year has been raging in the mountains surrounding Leadville. One band of 100 sheep and the herder with them are lost.

Coal Mine Explosion. By Associated Press to the Journal. POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 17.--The explosion of a mine by gas occurred at the Shenandoah City colliery, by which 22 men are entombed. Ten were rescued alive, but it is feared the others are

Keep Coughing Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

WHEAT MARKET. CHICAGO, Oct. 17.--December 70's Cash 72 1/2. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.--Cash 1.08 1/2.

THE NEW YORK RACKET. It is not only interesting but profitable to look over the stock of goods at... They have full lines of just such clothing and overcoats, for fall and winter use, as are required for comfort. Sold at \$1 to \$4.50 per suit for children, and all grades and prices for men and boys, also the celebrated STAR-5-STAR line of SHOES AND BOOTS for winter use, for all ages. Their line of hats, underwear, hosiery, notions, ties, handkerchiefs, rubber boots and shoes, are unsurpassed. All bought for cash, and sold for the lowest possible price for cash. We can save you a good per cent. on all purchases. Don't fail to call and see the goods and prices. E. T. BARNES, Prop. Salem's Cheapest One-Price Cash Store. Cor. Commercial and Chemeketa Sts.

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