

BLOODY BATTLE FOUGHT

British Forces Are Annihilated

Officers and two Hundred Men Butchered

Less Than 40 Escape, and Maxims and Guns are Lost

London, April 23.—An Aden dispatch says a skirmish, with heavy casualties, has occurred at Navilodo, miles from Sliado, Somaliland, between British forces and natives. The British loss is placed at 200 men and officers killed. Somalis' loss is unknown. The war office confirms the report.

The fight occurred on the 17th. The British attacked a small reconnoitering party and 200 natives with two maxims, under Colonel Plunkett, were sent out to reinforce them. They encountered an overwhelming force of the enemy, consisting of cavalry and infantry. The enemy attacked Plunkett in the open, fighting at close quarters. Plunkett continued the fighting until his ammunition was exhausted. He then formed a hollow square and unsuccessfully attempted to break his way out. The enemy finally overwhelmed the square, and annihilated all with the exception of a few fugitives who reached the main camp. Colonel Plunkett is among the dead, besides six captains, two lieutenants, two white soldiers, 8 Sikhs, and 124 Africans. The rifles and maxims were lost.

The report to the war office further says: Two hundred men and 1000 mules, with only four days' water supply, under Colonel Cobbe, have been closely invested ever since the water to Plunkett's force. The British have lost several, including a lieutenant killed, Colonel Swann, is in command of the entire expedition, will march to the relief of Plunkett. Other reports received from Somaliland today indicate that Cobbe, one of the principal points, has been captured, and several lines of communication, with large quantities of stores, have been abandoned. It is evident the campaign is a failure on account of the lack of sufficient forces. The present expedition was sent to Somaliland in 1901 to quell the natives and punish the murder of the British commissioner. This latest disaster is the most severe of the campaign, and is a great victory for the natives.

Pay Homage to Shakespeare. Stafford-on-Avon, April 23.—This quiet town was the scene today of the customary ceremonies in observance of the anniversary of the death of Shakespeare. An impressive

ceremony was held in Holy Trinity Church this afternoon, when the mayor, the trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace, members of the Shakespeare club and various deputations from schools came to lay their floral tributes on the grave. This evening the play "A Winter's Tale" was presented by Mr. Benson's company.

Passing of Famous Playhouse. London, April 23.—By a strange coincidence the day honored as the birthday of William Shakespeare sees the last of that great London home of the immortal dramatist's plays—the Lyceum theater. The famous playhouse, which for over a quarter of a century has done more honor to Shakespeare than any other in Great Britain, was put up for sale at public auction today. The reason for the sale, which will involve the destruction of the historic theater, is that the Lyceum Theater Company cannot see their way clear to carry out the structural alterations required by the London county council if the building is to remain a theater.

Rub Butte Off the Map

Butte, Mont., April 23.—Striking messenger boys and their friends among various labor organizations of this city yesterday afternoon mobbed the Western Union and American District Telegraph offices, and for over eight hours closed the offices. Windows were smashed, doors barricaded, clerks, together with the Manager Ben Posey, of the A. D. T., were kept close prisoners, while a boisterous mob, armed with eggs and decayed vegetables, surrounded the building. Yesterday's trouble arose over the attempt of the Telegraph company to employ men at the rate of \$5 a day to deliver messages and break the strike. The company had been using girls, but they were insulted and abused at every turn until the situation became unendurable. Police protection was refused, and yesterday men were put on delivery service. The men messengers fared badly with the mob. Those who ventured forth, after having cases of eggs broken over them, were rolled in vegetable refuse and bombarded with rotten apples. The police stood idly by, indifferent to riotous acts, and laughing at the work of the mob.

Late last night the officers opened the doors of the telegraph office, released the inmates and services was resumed. Despite ugly threats last night no wires leading into the city were cut. Today the companies have abandoned all efforts to deliver messages with men, and reinstated the girls.

The Western Union officials threaten to cut Butte out of the circuit if the hostility of the unions continue.

All Latest Styles. Carrying but one kind of shoes—Packard's Men's Shoes, at \$2.50—we are able to keep the latest lasts and leathers. Geo. W. Johnson, clothier, Salem, Ore.

SUCKER SOLONS SCRAP

Illinois Legislators at War

Clubs, Inkwells and Cuspids Used as Weapons

Speaker is Chased out and Successor Elected

Springfield, Ill., April 23.—The house of representatives is in a state of riot. Resenting the passage of the Lindley municipal ownership bill by use of the gavel and temporary adjournment of the house by the same means. Supporters of the Mueller municipal ownership measure refused to recognize the speaker's declaration that the house was adjourned, and effected their own organization. Wild scenes ensued, and personal encounters resulted, clubs, ink wells and cuspids being used. Democratic Representative Cummings attempted to assault Speaker Miller, but a policeman and doorkeeper knocked him down. Miller rushed from the house, surrounded by friends and policemen. Fights are occurring momentarily in the corridors of the house. Representative Charles Allen, one of the supporters of the Mueller measure, was chosen speaker by the insurgents. Other officers were also chosen. An effort is now being made by the insurgents to secure a quorum, and nullify the action of the Miller men.

After a quorum was secured the Lindley bill was recalled, and sent back to its second reading. Six amendments that had been gavelled through were laid on the table. The insurgents say they will hold possession of the house, despite Miller's attempt to regain control. At 2:30 the mayor was appealed to for police protection. There is some talk, though unofficial, of calling for troops.

Springfield, April 23.—The insurgents this afternoon drew up a petition to Miller, demanding the roll calls and saying they would refuse to vote and block legislation if it was denied. He then decided to give up the chair in a peaceful manner. When Miller entered the house at 2:30 order had been restored. He took up the gavel and called the house to order, but the insurgents laughed at him. One of them moved to adjourn until 5:30 and the motion carried.

Brute to Children

St. Louis, April 23.—The Humane Society has taken two children, Geo. and Florence Migge, aged 8 and 7 years, from the home of John Earl, on Washington avenue, and Earl is in jail charged with mistreating them. The boy's back is lacerated to his hips, both eyes are black, and four of his teeth are missing. The little girl is even in a worse condition. On the instep of her right foot is a wound caused, it is believed, by the application of a glowing poker. Portions of her stockings had been burned into the flesh. Four fresh scars are on her left limb, and there is a deep scalp wound on the top of her head. The Humane Society charges that Earl inflicted these injuries as punishments because the children failed to perform acrobatic feats which he endeavored to teach them. The wound on the girl's head was caused falling from a trapeze. Earl and his wife travel as performers with patent medicine shows. Recently they took the children from the orphan's home for adoption, and when one of the officers of the institution called to see how the children were getting along, the discovery of their condition was made.

Governor Lord Comes Home

Baltimore, April 23.—William P. Lord, ex-governor of Oregon, and United States minister to Argentina, has just arrived here from that country. His return was made necessary by a severe illness. He will proceed to Oregon tomorrow.

There have been no new cases of smallpox at Shaniko for 12 days, and it is thought there will be no more.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION OF COAL OIL

Scattered Shower of Blazing Oil

Probably Fifteen Killed and Bodies Burned

Office Force and Many Workmen not to be Found

Minneapolis, April 2.—An explosion of a tank of the North Side Oil Company killed, it is believed, from seven to 15 people, and injured as many more, at noon today. The plant is in flames, and the bodies of the dead cannot be reached. Only two persons of the office force, composed of 10 clerks and a girl, can be found. A dozen workmen are also missing. Ambulances and patrol wagons carried about 25 injured to the hospitals. The explosion was terrific, spreading burning oil all over the nearby buildings, and causing a shock felt all over the northern portion of the city. The firemen cannot control the flames.

Minneapolis, April 23.—All the missing are now accounted for, except nine. There is hardly any doubt but they are killed. Two, according to eyewitnesses, were blown to shreds. A number of other corpses are seen in the debris. Seven of the injured cannot recover, being badly burned, cut and bruised.

Coming Out of the Woods. Cinnabar, Mont., April 23.—According to program President Roosevelt and his companions will emerge from the solitudes of Yellowstone Park to-

morrow. Rejoining the remainder of the party here the trip to St. Louis will be commenced. After passing through Livingston and Billings, the party will arrive at Alliance, Neb., late Saturday afternoon. After a short stop there the journey will be resumed to Grand Island, Neb., where the party will spend Sunday. During Monday the president will visit in the order named Hastings, Lincoln, Fremont and Omaha. He will spend the night in Omaha and reach Shenandoah, Iowa, early on the morning of Tuesday. During that day he will make a brief stop at Clarinda, Van Wert, Osceola, Des Moines, Oskaloosa and Ottumwa. Passing the night on the train, the President will arrive at Keokuk on the morning of the 29th, and on that day will visit Quincy, Ill., Hannibal, Louisiana and Clarksville, Mo., arriving in St. Louis late in the afternoon.

Will Help America

London, April 23.—In today's budget to the House of Commons the secretary of state for home affairs announced the total cost of the war with the Boers to be £217,000,000. With regard to consols, which have taken a sensational drop, he said there was nothing to excite alarm, as they are England's best security, now that the war is over. The making of peace proved almost as costly as making war, regarding the taxes as announced and the duty on corn abolished. This will be of great benefit to American farmers.

Judge John McBride, brother of Oregon's ex-senator, was married at Spokane Wednesday.

The run of smelt in the Sandy is increasing. Troutdale citizens and people from the surrounding country are dipping the little fish out with all sorts of devices.

SHIP'S CLOSE CALL

Inflammable Cargo Caught Fire

Captain Led His Crew Through Smoke to Victory

Passengers Knew Nothing of it Until it was Over

Liverpool, April 23.—The American liner, Friesland, which arrived today from Philadelphia, had a narrow escape from disaster on the voyage. When three days out her highly inflammable cargo caught fire. Captain Apple, unaccompanied, swung himself into the hold, amid blinding smoke, and then called for volunteers. The officers and crew responded, and after 40 minutes' hard work the fire was extinguished. The passengers knew nothing of their danger until the flames were subdued.

The Mormon Company at Baker City, known as the Oregon Lumber Company, has purchased the Lost Lake Company's plant at Hood River.

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