

## FEW BRITISH ESCAPE

Of 250 the Boers Kill or Capture 198 by Unexpected Attack.

## CREEP ONTO CAMP OF THE RIFLES

Got Within Short Range Before Opening Deadly Fire—Many Prisoners Are Taken, but Released—Full Details Not Yet Reported.

LONDON, June 17.—Lord Kitchener cabled from Pretoria, under date of the 16th, as follows:

"Near Welmansrust, twenty miles south of Middleburg, 250 Victorian mounted rifles from General Beaton's columns were surprised in a camp at Steenkopspruit by a superior force of Boers at 7:30 a. m. June 12. The enemy crept up to within short range and poured a deadly fire into the camp, killing two officers and sixteen men and wounding four officers and thirty-eight men, of whom twenty-eight were only slightly wounded. Only two officers and fifty men escaped to General Beaton's camp. The remainder were taken prisoners and released. Two pompoms were captured by the enemy. Full details have not been received.

The serious reverse which Lord Kitchener reports is the first accident Australian contingent and it is supposed to be due to neglect of proper picketing. Although it is offset by the defeat inflicted upon Dewet, the loss of the guns is regarded as a serious matter which will encourage the Boers to continue the struggle.

More or less fanciful accounts are published on the continent of alleged peace negotiations, but there is nothing in them and nothing has come of the interview between Mrs. Botha and Mr. Kruger beyond revealing the fact that Mr. Kruger will listen to no proposals unless they are accompanied with a guarantee of the independence of the republics.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Capetown says that Cecil Rhodes, speaking at Bulawayo Saturday, predicted that a federation of South African states would come in three or four years. But he contended that to grant self-government to the republics before federation would render federation impossible.

## H. CLAY EVANS IS TO RETIRE.

Judge Peters to Succeed Him as Commissioner of Pensions.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The talk of the early retirement of H. Clay Evans as commissioner of pensions has been revived in the last two days. It is said here that the president is considering Judge S. R. Peters of Newton, Kan., for the place. The judge served in congress with the president and the two are close personal friends. There seems to be ground for the belief that the president is giving the matter serious consideration.

CHICAGO, June 17.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Topeka, Kan., says: Ex-Congressman S. R. Peters of Kansas today received a dispatch calling him to Washington, where he will be tendered the office of pension commissioner, succeeding H. Clay Evans. President McKinley has had under consideration the names of ex-Congressmen Blue and Peters for this position and Mr. Peters' summons to the White House settles the appointment in his favor.

## Reducing Chinese Forces.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The recent large reduction is now accounted for by the terms on which the indemnity was made up. When each country put in the amount of its claim it included an estimate of the military expenses running up to July 1 next. This was with the idea that it will take until July 1 to settle the indemnities.

## Mexican Kills a Texas Sheriff.

LULING, Tex., June 17.—Deputy Sheriff J. C. Duke has received a telephone message from the Schnabel ranch, seven miles southeast of here, to the effect that R. M. Glover, sheriff of Gonzales county, was killed and Henry Schnabel was badly wounded by two Mexicans. Details of the tragedy are not obtainable. The Mexicans escaped.

## Gen. William Gardner Dead.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 17.—General William Montgomery Gardner, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, Gardner graduated from the military school here tonight, aged 73. General Gardner was in the class of 1864.

## Negroes Are Arming.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 17.—Considerable excitement has been caused by what appears to be a scheme of the negroes at Leavenworth to arm themselves with revolvers purchased from soldiers at Fort Leavenworth. Ever since the burning of Fred Alexander the negroes of Leavenworth have been in an ugly mood and conservative men say that they are being armed up at that place may touch off any time.

## CALLES SIGNS TO SURRENDER

Stabbing Insurgent Representatives Pledge Him to Early Surrender.

MANILA, June 17.—Colonels Infant and Guivar, representatives of General Calles, signed the name of their principal to an agreement to surrender. Under the terms of the agreement General Calles is to assemble his men at Santa Cruz, Laguna province, as quickly as possible, and there surrender himself and his command to the American authorities. The exact number of his force is uncertain, but there will probably be more than 500.

Seventeen judges have been appointed to the courts of first instance. Among these appointments here are eleven Americans, who have been given the most important circuits, as follows: Manila, Kinkaid of New Mexico and Odlin of New Hampshire; Appari, Blount of Georgia; Dagupan, Johnson of Michigan; Batangas, Linebarger of Illinois; Nueva Caceres, Carson of Virginia; Iloilo, Bates of Vermont; Negros, Norris of Nebraska; Cebu, Carlock of Illinois; Sambaonga, Iekis of Iowa; Jojo, Whitsett of Missouri.

## BLACK HORN WAS UGLY.

With a Yakima Indian He Tried to Murder a Policeman.

PENDLETON, Ore., June 17.—Half a dozen well mounted Umatilla Indians are scouring the Blue mountains to capture Black Horn of the Umatilla reservation and a Yakima Indian who last night tried to murder a policeman, chief of the Indian police. The latter, about midnight, was attempting to arrest Black Horn and the Yakima Indian for being drunk and disorderly, when Black Horn drew a pistol and the Yakima Indian a dirk. They rushed on a policeman, who fired three times without effect. The Yakima Indian ran behind and struck a policeman in the back of the head, knocking him insensible. Parr, another Indian, fired twice, but failed of his mark.

Jack, also a policeman, started up a fusillade with no better results. Black Horn and the Yakima then sprang on their horses and left for the Blue mountains. Black Horn, two years ago, was accused of murdering Wip Sha and afterwards placing his body on the railroad tracks.

## JAPAN THE ONLY HITCH.

Cannot Borrow Money at 4 Per Cent for China.

PEKIN, June 17.—The foreign ministers say that although yesterday's meeting did not result in the settlement of matters, still things are working most satisfactorily toward a conclusion and that the amount of the indemnity and the 4 per cent rate of interest were almost agreed upon, the only hitch being with regard to Japan, which country cannot borrow money under 5 per cent. It is the desire of most of the ministers to arrange this satisfactorily, as it is felt that Japan deserves special consideration. The probability is that additional bonds will be given sufficient to cover the loss.

Special Commissioner Rockhill, on behalf of the United States, has agreed to add 5 per cent to the tariff provided China would agree to the widening and dredging of the Shan Si and Pei Ho rivers and also to certain tariff reforms.

## Raise Cattle on Shares.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 17.—A special to the Times from Grand Forks, N. D., says: News has been received here that the agents of the Northern Pacific road are authorized to purchase cattle and sheep in Montana and deliver them to farmers on a share basis. The new plan will be especially appreciated by the Russian, Swedish and Norwegian homeseekers, who have come into this state in recent years and taken up claims.

## New Governor Arrives.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., June 17.—Sir Cavendish Boyle, new governor of Newfoundland, arrived here from England to assume his administrative duties. He will take the oath of office tomorrow.

The British warship, the Columbine, arrived here this afternoon. The flagship Charybdis will stop at Cape Race to inspect the wreck of the Leyland liner Assyrian. The Charybdis is due here tomorrow.

## Increase in Philippine Revenues.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—An increase of \$930,915 in the customs revenues of the Philippines for the first quarter of 1901, as compared with the same period of 1900, is set forth in a statement made public today by the division of insular affairs of the War department. The total revenues for the first quarter of the current year amounted to \$2,199,304.

## Kilne in Killing Business.

DENVER, Colo., June 17.—A special to the Republican from Roswell, N. M., says: Arthur Kilne, a well known stockman, today shot and killed his wife, Beatrice Kilne, dangerously wounded Marshall Madoux and probably fatally wounded the landlady with whom Mrs. Kilne was living, who attempted to interfere, and then committed suicide. Kilne was crazed with jealousy, his wife having deserted him.

## SINKS IN A COLLISION

Ferryboat Northfield Goes Down With Hundreds of Passengers.

## LOSS OF LIFE IS NOT YET KNOWN

Jersey Central Express Boat Mauch Chunk Does the Mischief—As Crash Came Water Was Instantly Filled With Struggling Men and Women.

NEW YORK, June 14.—One of the most frightful ferry collisions in the history of this city took place at 6 o'clock this evening just off the foot of Whitehall street. The Northfield of the Staten Island ferry, crowded to the guards, was run into and sunk in nine minutes by the Jersey Central railroad express boat Mauch Chunk. A score or more of passengers are dead, but the total drowned may not be discovered for days.

Within three minutes after the collision the water was filled with frantic men and women, screaming for help and struggling to keep above the surface. Before the Northfield had gone more than 200 feet from its slip it became apparent that a collision was inevitable.

The captains of both vessels rang furiously to their engineers to stop and back full speed astern, and both boats whistled loudly. Then the crash came. A startling cry of fear as if from one voice was heard, then the shrieks and shouts of the hundreds packed on the Staten Island ferry. Scores of women fainted. Others leaped madly into the water. The boats after an instant's pause succeeding the ramming, separated. Through a great ragged hole torn in the ferryboat's side water streamed in a torrent. Many of the women were hysterical and with whitened faces and tears running down their cheeks they clutched to the life savers, which were tightly secured in a network of wires.

With but few exceptions every man aboard behaved like a hero. All knew the Northfield was mortally hurt. It was rolling heavily and sinking rapidly. But these men, some of them laborers going from their work, others bankers from Wall street returning to their country houses on the island, thought first of the women and children. Scores of men seized little ones in their arms or took charge of the two or three women nearest them and encouraged them and cheered them with assurances of safety. Many of the women refused to be quieted, seized life preservers and jumped.

Tugs and craft of every sort, hearing the dying siren of the stricken boat, steamed full speed toward her from the bay and from North and East rivers. The Northfield was just floating, a crippled hulk, as the first tug boat reached it. In scores of cases, women climbed over the rail on the saloon deck and held their hands beseechingly to the tug boats, almost letting go their hold before the boats were within 100 feet.

As fast as the pug nose of a tug boat bumped against the side of the Northfield it was black with struggling men and women, grasping in terror at anything that promised a hand-hold to safety. In the front part of the Northfield a dozen men passed women and children to the nearest tugs, picking them off the side guards, where they clung in water to their knees and half unconscious with terror.

12:30 a. m.—No bodies have yet been recovered from the Northfield. The loss of life can only be estimated by reports to the police from eye witnesses. There was a full tide flowing and there is little hope of recovering any bodies tonight.

## May Adopt Australian Plan.

HAVANA, June 15.—Senors Brava, Silva, Aleman, Betancourt and Zayas have been appointed by the constitutional convention a committee to draw up the electoral law. It is probable that the Australian system will be adopted.

## Illinois Keeps Up Pace.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 15.—The battleship Illinois arrived at the shipyard this afternoon at 5 o'clock after a remarkable run down the coast, during which she made an average speed of fifteen knots under natural draught.

## American Banks Abroad.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—The state department has been informed by Deputy Consul General Hanauer, at Frankfurt, Germany, that steps are being taken for the creation of a federal bureau of technical in the empire.

## Congress in Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Hon. E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, is in Washington for the purpose of calling on the president and Secretary Hay preparatory to his return to Pekin. He expects to see both these officials today. Mr. Conger has been kept fully advised by the state department of Chinese affairs since his departure from China, but desires a personal interview with the president and Secretary Hay.

## THE UNION PACIFIC DEAL

Reported Control of St. Paul Bonds Up Stock of Both Roads.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The rumor was circulated in Wall street, whether for stock jobbing purposes or not remains to be seen, that the Union Pacific has got control of the St. Paul by the transfer to John D. Rockefeller of \$25,000,000 worth of St. Paul stock by an unnamed holder, supposed to be James Henry Smith, known as "Silent" Smith. The story was denied by St. Paul people, but as it had the effect of sending Union Pacific up 5 1/2 points and St. Paul up over 4 points, both issues were heavily dealt in.

According to the story, Smith and his associates had in their possession \$25,000,000 worth of St. Paul stock which has for years been locked up. Recently J. J. Hill wanted to control the road in connection with the Great Northern, and learning that the Smith estate controlled nearly a third of the capital stock, which is \$81,520 shares, or \$88,152,000, he made overtures looking toward the acquisition of their share.

Smith could not be persuaded to sell, and Hill took the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road. Then followed the fight over the Northern Pacific, which resulted in the recent panic. Mr. Rockefeller is now supposed to have induced Mr. Smith to sell his shares. It is said that among Smith's associates were two of the St. Paul directors.

## A LOCOMOTIVE BLOWS UP.

Engineer and Fireman Killed and Another Man Injured.

COLUMBUS, Neb., June 14.—As a result of a boiler explosion on a Union Pacific engine two men are dead and a third fatally injured.

The dead:

ENGINEER CHARLES J. FULMER, Omaha.

FIREMAN DAVID JENKINS of Omaha.

Injured:

William Fleming, head brakeman, Omaha, severely scalded, leg broken; may recover.

The engine was one of the large class, No. 1831, drawing train No. 17, in charge of Conductor Wallace and Engineer Fulmer. When about four miles east of Clark's the boiler exploded without a moment's warning. The engine is said to be completely destroyed. One car was derailed and traffic delayed about four hours. Parts of the wrecked engine were found 100 yards from the track. The boiler, which was found fifteen feet or more from the track, half buried in the soft mud and its pipes and sheathing wonderfully twisted, has been dug up and subjected to a careful examination with a view to determining if possible the cause of the explosion. This, however, is still a mystery.

## Let Government Buy Corn.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 14.—A number of members of the Farmers' Alliance listened to an address by George H. Phillips of Chicago at the West hotel. The address dealt principally with corn and corn "corners." "Let the government," he said, "tax the farmer a cent a bushel on his corn crop and with the money build elevators in which to store 100,000,000 bushels of corn and pay 49 cents, Chicago basis, for it."

## American Coal for France.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Consul General Gowdy at Paris, in a communication to the department of state, expresses the opinion that American coal can be advantageously placed in competition with coal imported from other countries into Europe, especially in view of the recent imposition of the English export tax on that product. The main obstacle in this regard, he says, would be the high rates of ocean transportation.

## White House Sick Report.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—After the usual morning consultation of Mrs. McKinley's physicians the following bulleting was issued: "Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that her condition continues to improve."

## Former Fairfield Boy Drowns.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., June 14.—A telegram from Kansas City announces the death, by drowning, of Glen Prickett, the youngest son of the late Hon. W. S. Prickett. He was born and brought up here.

## Mrs. Pullman Wants Divorce.

CHICAGO, June 14.—Mrs. Lyn Fullman today filed suit in the Cook county court for divorce from George M. Pullman on the ground of desertion.

## Professional Swine Judges.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 14.—The Association of Professional Swine Judges met here in connection with the annual meeting of the State Swine Breeders' association. The association expressed a serious grievance against the Iowa state fair management on account of the fair people having disposed of a building for \$50 which had been for many years used by the judges of swine, leaving them without any place for headquarters.

## FRAUDS ARE NOT GREAT

Presido Army Officers Claim That the Matter Has Been Exaggerated.

## SOLDIERS HAVE SOLD CLOTHING

But It is Said That There is No Leak in the Quartermaster's Department—Much Plunder, However, Has Been Unearthed at Second Hand Stores.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—Captain A. W. Kimball, post quartermaster at the Presidio, made the following statement today in regard to the alleged frauds in the sale of the quartermaster's supplies belonging to the government:

"I am the officer most concerned in this matter, yet no one has yet made any inquiry of me. I am the only bonded officer at the post and the only one accountable and disbursing officer. If there has been anything irregular I would be pleased to give all the assistance in my power in the search for the guilty men, if there are any. All the government things sold in the pawn shops are sold by discharged soldiers from the returning volunteer regiments."

Colonel J. B. Rawles, artillery corps, post commander, said:

"All this talk of fraud is perfect rot. People have been nagging for a year on the same subject. I have been aware of the soldiers selling their clothing for a long time. One of the puzzling and perplexing things in army management is to keep the soldiers from selling their clothing. I am confident that no quartermaster's sergeant or civilian employe is implicated in the selling of even a shoe string."

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Abe Abrams, son of Louis Abrams, the second-hand dealer, who, with another son, is in custody.

Detective Reynolds reported to the federal authorities today that he found twenty pairs of government shoes in a Sacramento store last night.

Captain Seymour of the local detective force said today:

"No one can say, in view of all that has transpired within the last few days, that frauds have not been going on. Detective Reynolds reports to me that the investigation has made a stir among the second-hand stores and those who deal in the class of goods stolen from the army, and that those who have not yet been visited by Colonel Haus are hurrying to cover what government goods they have."

"It seems that this Abrams family has had a monopoly in this trade, and the quantities which they were able to supply their customers made it seem conclusive to my mind that there is some one or more having access to the quartermaster's department in collusion with them."

"They will have a hard time explaining away the evidence against them."

The announcement that a warehouse full of stolen goods has been found, which was made yesterday on the authority of Captain Seymour, proves to be erroneous.

## TWO MISSIONARIES EATEN.

New Guinea Natives Indulge in an Awful Orgie.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 14.—The steamer Mlowera brings the news from New Guinea, via Sydney, Australia, of the massacre of Rev. James Chalmers and Rev. B. F. Tomkins and fourteen native teachers by cannibals. The white men were eaten.

The scene of the cannibal orgie was seen by the troops sent out to investigate the massacre, and a portion of a jaw and thigh bones of the missionaries were found, together with their hats and portions of trousers which belonged to Mr. Chalmers. The expedition punished the natives, destroying their villages and canoes.

Some prisoners taken during an attack made by the natives on the troops told the awful tale of massacre and cannibalism.

## Will Teach in Philippines.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., June 14.—President Seerley has made another appointment for the corps of teachers in the Philippines. Edwin M. Wilcox of Montour is the last named. President Seerley has now named four graduates for this service.

## Both Firemen Are Killed.

LES ANGELES, Cal., June 14.—Two are dead and four injured as the result of a head-end collision on the Santa Fe this morning, six miles east of Williams, Ariz. The dead: Lee Perkins of Williams; fireman; Jim Monahan of Winslow, fireman.

## Chief Sharp Nose is Dead.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 14.—Sharp Nose, chief of the northern Arapahoes of the Wind River reservation, died a few days ago at the age of 66. He was one of the most blood-thirsty Indians of the west and many murders have been attributed to him. He was the war leader of his tribe and urged going on the warpath at the slightest provocation. He was the leader of the recent rebellion against the agent at Fort Washakie

## THREE BOYSDMEN ARE HELD.

District Court Jury Renders Verdict in the Bartley Litigation.

OMAHA, Neb., June 17.—The jury in the Bartley bond case brought in a verdict discharging W. A. Paxton, Thomas Swobe and Cadet Taylor from all obligations as sureties for Joseph E. Bartley, the defaulting state treasurer. John H. Ames, C. C. McNish and E. E. Brown were held to be liable for \$545,947.16, the amount of the shortage in Bartley's accounts.

This was the third action brought by the state to recover on the bond of the ex-treasurer. The defendants in the original case were Joseph S. Bartley, F. M. Cook, A. B. Clark, John H. Ames, C. A. Hanna, Mary Fitzgerald, Ed J. Fitzgerald, C. C. McNish, E. E. Brown, Thomas Swobe, Cadet Taylor, N. S. Harwood and W. A. Paxton. The case first came to trial in February of 1898, before Judge Powell, and a verdict was entered for the defendants. This decision was reversed by the supreme court.

On a second trial before Judge Fawcett a verdict was returned against all the defendants with the exception of Mary Fitzgerald, who escaped all obligations on a plea of insanity. This decision was reversed by the supreme court, and the case came back to the district court and has been on trial before Judge Baxter.

## SHEEPSKINS FROM THE STATE

Two Hundred and Eighty-Two Young People Receive Them.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 17.—Two hundred and eighty-two young men and women received, in the presence of an audience that filled the large auditorium to its doors, the certificates showing that they had labored faithfully for four years at the University of Nebraska and were entitled to all the honors attaching thereto. Of these eighty-seven received the degree of bachelor of law and were admitted to practice in the courts of the state, seventy-two were granted the degree of bachelor of arts, and there were twenty post graduate students who were enrolled with the degree of master of arts. Wilbur C. Knight received the degree of doctor of philosophy, the highest honor conferred at the university.

Following the custom of previous years, a commencement procession, including the distinguished visitors, faculty, alumni, seniors and their friends, formed on the university campus and marched to the Auditorium, where the degrees were conferred.

## Music Day and Night.

To hear the celebrated Belstedt band there will necessarily have to be a hustle. The contract with the Omaha Musical union for a month of music has more than half expired, and soon all opportunity for hearing the famous Cincinnati band will have passed. Afternoon entertainments (matinees) can be enjoyed at reduced rates of admission. This is the identical musical organization that won such renown and was so popular at the two Omaha expositions in '88-'89. If heard at Omaha this year it must be in June, as the engagement closes with the month, when the band goes to Kansas City for a series of concerts.

## National Guard Encampment.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 17.—At the next meeting of the State Military board an officer high in authority will submit a proposition to have the encampment of the Nebraska National guard this year held in some secluded and rough section of the state, preferably among the lakes in Cherry county, and at least forty miles from the nearest town or railroad station. Heretofore the guard has held its encampments near large cities.

## Nebraska Funeral Directors.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 17.—The Nebraska Funeral Directors' association, in session here, elected officers as follows: President, H. B. Davis, Omaha; vice presidents, E. Ratnour, Weeping Water; A. H. Fellers, Humboldt; E. Livingston, Harvard; secretary, George Brown, Superior; treasurer, N. P. Swanson, Omaha; executive board, H. K. Burket, Omaha; Jas. Heaton, Lincoln; W. G. Roberts, Lincoln; demonstrator, W. P. Hoehenschue, Iowa City, Ia.

## Rains Affect Chinch Bugs.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 17.—Rains in this county are bringing out the small grain and corn in fine shape and are having a desirable effect on the chinch bugs, which were reported quite numerous in some localities.

## Elects State Normal Teachers.

PERU, Neb., June 17.—The State Board of Education met here and elected teachers to fill vacancies at the State Normal. W. R. Hart of the University of Nebraska was elected professor of psychology and pedagogy at \$1,000; C. F. Beck, formerly deputy state superintendent, was elected assistant in mathematics at \$1,000; S. L. Caldwell was elected teacher of penmanship, drawing and spelling at \$600.