BIG BOER VICTORY

Gatacre's Force Meets With Severe Defeat at Stormberg.

HUNDREDS ARE CAPTURED.

British Commander Asserts He Was Misled by Guides.

GATACRE SENDS OFFICIAL REPORT

Out of Two Thousand Men Upwards of Seven Hundred Are Reported Dead, Wounded or Missing—Says He Will Wire Further Casualties Later.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:

"Gatacre reports: Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides and found impracticable ground. Casualties, so far as known at present, are:

Royal Irish Rifles: Wounded—Lieutenant-Colonel Eager, Major Eaton, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieutenant Stevens, Lieutenant Barnardston.

Suffolk regiment: Wounded—Second Lieutenant Maynard and 12 men.

GENERAL SIR W. F. GATACRE.

Missing—Captain Weir, Lieutenant Christee, Second Lieutenant Rodney and 290 men.

Fourth Field battery: Severely wounded—Lieutenant Lewis and three men.

Seventy-seventh Field battery: Killed—One gunner. Wounded—Major Perceval.

Northumberland Fusileers: Missing—Major Stevens, Captain Fletcher, Captain Morely, Second Lieutenant Wake, Second Lieutenant Coulson. Three hundred and sixty-five commissioned officers and men.

Dorsetshire regiment: Missing—Lieutenant Radcliffe.

Royal Berkshire regiment: Killed—One private.

"The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained."

How the Battle Was Fought.

General Gatacre left Putters' Kraal by train for Molteno and then proceeded by forced march 12 miles toward Stormberg. He had 2,000 men, including the Northumberland Fusileers, the Royal Irish Rifles and two batteries of field artillery. The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing column.

The engagement began at 4:15 a. m. At 7 a. m., after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired. They are now marching toward Molteno. General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

General Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnaissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers, who were strongly entrenched all over the Stormberg range. He left Putter's kraal shortly after noon yesterday, with a fighting force slightly over 4,000 men. The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "halt," under the belief that the Boers were near. Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a neighboring kopje and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column. It was soon found, however, that this position also was covered by Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops therefore sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries in the meantime engaging the Boers and covering the troops in their withdrawal.

The action now became general at long range and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward, with a view of getting on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong commando was seen moving from the north and the Royal Irish Rifles and the Northumberland regiment were sent out to meet it. It was soon discovered, however, that the Boers had machine guns well placed and the British were compelled to face a terrific fire. Finding it impossible to hold the position in the face of an enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retirement closely and bringing two big guns to bear on the retiring column.

Most Serious Defeat Yet.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—It is hardly too much to regard General Gatacre's repulse near Stormberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign. Already the official advices show that two men were killed, nine officers and 17 men were wounded and nine officers and 596 men are missing. But it is evident that the worst is not yet known. The proportion of wounded and killed is so small, when compared with the missing who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers—that the supplementary list of casualties is anticipated with serious misgivings. It is also feared that there were serious losses of guns and equipment.

The most serious aspect of the affair is the effect it is likely to have on the Dutch in Cape Colony, who have been wavering as to whether to throw in their lot with the Boers. Hosts of the northern farmers are now likely to join the rebellion. Defeat is also serious because it will delay the junction of General Gatacre with General French at Naauwpoort. The plan was for their combined forces to relieve the pressure on Lord Methuen's column.

The disclosure of such a strong force at Stormberg was quite unexpected. Doubtless General Gatacre was the victim of treacherous guides. But the result points also to the absence of proper cavalry scouting.

The British troops who recently occupied Arundel are advancing. They have had several skirmishes, but no casualties. Three miles north of Arundel they found the Boers in a throng.

The Pretoria reports of renewed fighting at Modder River originated from the fact that the British, with a team of 32 oxen, hauled a naval gun to the top of a high ridge north of Modder River town, whence they fired lyddite shells on the Boer position at a range of 6,700 yards. The lyddite shells appeared to do immense damage. The Boers retired, but the incident is interesting as showing that the Boers are still in possession quite close to Modder river.

Lord Methuen is still compelled to ride about in a dog cart, as his wound prevents him going on horseback.

It is reported that the Boers are busy making entrenchments at Speytfontein. Kimberley reports all quiet there up to Dec. 7 and that the pressure of the investment is diminished.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 11.—It is rumored here that the Boers attacked Kimberley at close quarters last night but were repulsed with heavy loss.

BOY STABS A TEACHER.

An Unruly Scholar Seriously Wounds a School Principal at Lehigh, Ia.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 12.—A serious stabbing affray took place yesterday at a public school at Lehigh, 12 miles south of here. Principal O'Malley ordered James Elsbury, a troublesome pupil, to change seats, when Elsbury impudently refused. O'Malley went to the boy and attempted to take him out of the seat. The boy grew violent, drew a large pocketknife and attacked the teacher. In the encounter the teacher was stabbed three times, in arm, shoulder and side. Immediately there was chaos. Pupils ran out of the building and gave information of the affair about town. The boy was arrested. Principal O'Malley was carried to his home, where he now lies in a serious condition. O'Malley is a well known Iowa educator and was recently candidate for county superintendent.

Reorganizing Fifty-First Iowa.

DES MOINES, Dec. 12.—An election of major in the Fiftieth Iowa regiment has been ordered by Adjutant General Byers. It will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of T. C. Dalzell of Davenport. General Byers left yesterday afternoon for Knoxville to muster in Company D of the new Fifty-first Iowa. From there he will go to Shenandoah to muster in Company E and will stop at Vilisca on his return to look after Company B.

Magnetic Healer Goes Free.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 12.—Word is received from Clarinda that the indictment of Professor H. B. Yates, the magnetic healer, has been quashed. This is the second effort to secure a conviction and both times the proceedings have ended without a trial.

Killed by an Overhead Trestle.

BOONE, Ia., Dec. 12.—William Copeland, a brakeman on No. 19 of the Milwaukee road, was struck by an overhead trestle in this city and instantly killed.

Drowns In a Well.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 12.—H. L. Wagoner, aged 24, while watering cattle at a well, fell in and was drowned.

CHARGED WITH A ROBBERY.

Former Employe of the Pacific Express Company Under Arrest at Cheyenne.

CHEYENNE, Dec. 12.—Ed Neptune, an ex-employe of the Pacific Express company, was arrested yesterday, charged with robbing the office of the company in this city. Neptune, who was formerly an express messenger from Omaha to Cheyenne, denies the charges against him and says he was at home at the time the robbery was committed on Saturday night.

It is now officially reported that the robber carried away $2,000 in cash and $4,000 worth of money orders and other valuables.

Woman Run Down By Cars.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 12.—Mrs. C. A. Baldwin was struck at the Lincoln avenue crossing and instantly killed yesterday by the St. Joseph and Grand Island train. Her body was thrown 40 feet and horribly mutilated. She was a well known woman, the wife of an ex-county surveyor. Engineer Harry Dunn was arrested and held for investigation.

Death of Captain Wood.

MANSFIELD, O., Dec. 12.—The announcement of the death of Captain Wood, commander of the Petrel, in Dewey's fleet, was received here with much sorrow. Captain Wood was born in this city Aug. 16, 1848. His sister, Mrs. W. E. Loughridge, resides here and she left last night for Washington to attend the funeral.

CATCH BANDIT BAND.

Party of Insurgent Guerrillas Captured by Colonel Smith.

WILL BE HANGED AS EXAMPLES.

No Quarter Will Be Given Bands of Aguinaldo's Disorganized Army When Taken. Have Kept Country In a State of Terror for Several Weeks.

MANILA, Dec. 13.—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventeenth infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerrillas who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans. All are insurgents who became bandits when the disintegration of the Filipino army began. They kept the country around Malasqui in a state of terror for several weeks, and committed 25 murders in that number of days. When they were caught they were promptly sent to General MacArthur's headquarters at Bayombong by train. It is expected they will be speedily tried and either shot or hanged as an example, if convicted.

The whole country north of San Fernando and between San Fernando and Manila, except within the permanent line of troops around the city and the closely patrolled stretches of railroad, swarms with similar bands. Probably they will be increased by men from Pilar's army, many of whom are making their way south to join the insurgent force in Cavite province. These people for the most part succeeded in dodging General Grant, Colonel Bell and Colonel Hood's troops, who are scouring the country for them. They devote their energies to ambushing commissary wagons and to picking up soldiers who leave their commands. Every day some wagon train is fired upon or some soldier disappears.

The policy of these ruffians is to make the country uninhabitable for Americans. Only a small proportion of the insurgent arms have been surrendered and the problem of suppressing this guerrilla warfare is anything but easy of solution. Some of the American officers think it worse than fighting Indians, owing to the difficulties of the country and the trouble in locating the enemy, who resort, when hard pressed, to the amigo dodge and hide their guns.

Some of the Americans favor the issuance of a proclamation declaring all natives found with arms to be bandits, punishable as criminals instead of being treated as prisoners of war.

FUNSTON TO FIGHT IT OUT.

Says He Will Call Men to Account For Slander on His Return.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A special dispatch to the Record from Honolulu says: Brigadier General Funston, accompanied by his aide, Burton J. Mitchell, arrived here Dec. 3 on the transport Indiana. It is a coincidence that it was on the Indiana that General Funston, then colonel with the Twentieth Kansas, went to Manila a little more than a year ago. While here the American troops held the first American election ever held in Hawaii.

"I regret now," said General Funston, speaking of his dispute in America, "that I allowed myself to get into this controversy. But my fighting blood was up at the malicious statements made reflecting on the Kansas troops and the American soldiers generally, as well as upon myself. But now that I am in it, I shall not back out. As soon as I can get back from Manila I shall take the matter into the courts."

Peck Talks at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Ferdinand W. Peck of Chicago, commissioner general of the United States at the Paris exposition, delivered an address last night before the Contemporary club in the banquet hall of the Mercantile club on the great French enterprise. While the commissioner general's address was devoted almost exclusively to the Paris exposition of 1900, he found time to incidentally refer to the St. Louis World's fair and gave a good deal of valuable advice to those interested in that undertaking, from the standpoint of one who carried a portion of the responsibility of the Chicago World's fair. Mr. Peck's remarks were frequently punctuated by applause.

Sequel to Bank Wrecking.

OMAHA, Dec. 13.—The bank wrecking case of the United States against C. A. Reimers, former president of the First National bank at Neligh, was called for trial in Judge Munger's court yesterday. The case involves Charles R. Allder, the cashier, and Edward O. Reimers, assistant cashier, in an alleged attempt to wreck the bank of which they were officers. Falsifying the books and other dishonest methods are charged. Both of the Reimers are on hand ready for trial. Allder is a fugitive from justice and is said to be in Mexico.

Poynter Besieged by Politicians.

LINCOLN, Dec. 13.—Governor Poynter returned from Omaha yesterday and went directly to the executive mansion, where he was visited by several politicians. Governor Poynter began the consideration of the several hundred letters, telegrams and petitions bearing upon the senatorial vacancy and only succeeded in getting fairly under way in the work by evening. He announced that he might postpone making an appointment until the latter part of the week.

Street Car Conductor Robbed.

OMAHA, Dec. 13.—D. M. Huse, conductor of Farnam motor car 101, was held up and robbed last night by two masked men with guns at the south end of the line at Tenth and Bancroft streets, about 10:30 o'clock last night. The robbers secured $15.20 in small change and a valuable gold watch.

YAQUIS ATTACK MEXICANS.

Battle In Which Large Number Are Killed on Both Sides.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 13.—Information reaching here is to the effect that on Dec. 3 the Yaqui Indians and the Mexican forces under General Torres had a pitched battle near Rio Chicago, on the Yaqui river. The engagement was between the main body of the Indians, the Mexican force numbering some 4,000 men. The Indians pushed the fighting themselves by attacking the Mexican force in their camp.

The onslaught was vigorous but not very effective, as the Indians did not advance in a solid body, preferring their old warfare of man for man behind boulders and trees. In this manner they began their attack on the soldiers' camp and, according to report, the fighting was most severe and lasted for a day and night, when the Indians withdrew, having sustained considerable loss. The militia made several attempts to dislodge the Indians from their retreat in the rough woody country during the engagement, without success, and upon each deploy, the soldiers lost quite a number of men in killed and wounded. While the troops are engaging this main body of Indians there are a number of smaller bands of Yaquis roaming around the mountainous country, laying ranches in waste and otherwise playing havoc. It is learned that the Mexican forces have the Twentieth infantry marching to their assistance, when they hope to follow the main body of the Indians and either capture or annihilate them.

TAYLOR NOW GOVERNOR.

Declares Intention to Work for Repeal of the Goebel Election Law.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 13.—William S. Taylor was inaugurated governor at noon yesterday. The crowd was much smaller than in past years, due to a blizzard. The inaugural ceremonies were simple. Retiring Governor Bradley, in the course of his speech, said that he hoped that the Goebel election law, which had brought so much turmoil to the state, would be wiped from the statute books.

Governor-elect Taylor, in his inaugural address, said one of the chief aims of his administration would be to secure the repeal of the election law. The oath of office was administered to Governor Taylor at noon by Chief Justice Hazelrigg.

The lately defeated Democratic candidates for state offices began serving notices of contests against Republican candidates who were given certificates of election last week. Several have been served.

TWO AMERICANS SHOT.

Captain Imboden and William Gold Murdered In Honduras.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—It is reported here from an apparently reliable source that two Americans of prominence were shot and killed last Monday in San Pedro, Spanish Honduras, the same inland city where Frank Pears was murdered. The killing, as reported, was a particularly aggravated type, and this fact together with the prominence of the victims will doubtless lead to another official inquiry. As the story reached this city Captain Imboden and William Gold were in their room at San Pedro when a native of prominence walked up to the door and without the least provocation opened fire. Captain Imboden was shot once and Gold three times. Both died in a short time.

Fight Over Omaha Delegate.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—The question of the sitting of a single delegate occupied the American Federation of Labor convention the greater part of yesterday's session. The importance of the action to be taken in this matter is in the fact that by it the federation expects to establish a precedent either of strict upholding of its constitutional provisions in regard to admission of delegates, or of leniency in seating in its conventions members of labor organizations not affiliated with the federation. The case in point is that of W. H. Bell, a member of a nonaffiliated labor union, who seeks admission as delegate from the Central Labor union of Omaha.

Librarian Bates Is Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Edward Bates, librarian of the treasury department at Washington, is dead at the home of his father, Dr. Julius Bates of this city. Mr. Bates was about 25 years old and prior to his appointment as librarian of the treasury department was curator in the public library of St. Louis. The appointment was made last summer. The work and the climate of the capital affected his health, so aggravating a throat trouble that two weeks ago he was obliged to give up the position.

Weather Stops River Work.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 13.—The weather of the last few days has made necessary a temporary suspension of the work of straightening the channel of the river in Nodaway county, which has been in progress since the early part of last summer. Up to this time eight cuts, varying in length from 20 to 140 rods, have been made between Maryville and Pickering. The river has been turned into two of them with highly satisfactory results.

New Strawboard Trust.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—A new strawboard trust will be launched the first of the year in opposition to the old trust. The promoters are Crawford Fairbanks of Terre Haute, M. N. Williams of Anderson and Colonel W. T. Durban, Republican national committeeman from Indiana. The first two were until recently connected with the American Strawboard company. The mills in the new combination are at Terre Haute, Anderson, Joliet and Lima.

BOONE, Ia., Dec. 13.—An Indian from the Tama reservation was struck by a Northwestern train four miles east of Boone and instantly killed. He was walking on the track and seemingly did not hear the warning whistle.

WOMAN AND FASHION.

Toilet In Automobile Red Cloth. Fashions For Children—Mauve Taffeta Petticoat.

The illustration shows an up to date toilet in automobile red cloth. The long, straight skirt shows the fashionable box plaited back, enriched with stitching, and, like all the new skirts, is hung separate from the lining.

The bolero jacket is short at the back, has the edge cut in deep scallops

THIS IS UP TO DATE.

and dips below the waist line in front, being enriched throughout with rows of stitching. Many rows of stitching adorn the middle of the back and encircle it half way between neck and waist. The wide belt is of black satin and the high collar of cloth covered with stitching. The long tailor sleeves are adorned top and bottom with rows of stitching.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Children's Fashions.

Children's fashions are miniature reproductions of the modes for grown up people just as far as small gowns can represent the varied details of fashion within their limited space and the bounds of good taste. There are double skirts, skirts with a circular flounce and skirts with plaits in the back variously finished with the inevitable rows of stitching. Then there are gimps, yokes and vests of all kinds, not too elaborate for children's wear.

Tucked taffeta silk yokes seem to be a special fancy, and yokes of white cloth striped with double rows of soutache braid, one of white and one of black, sewed close together, are very effective. Plaid silk is useful, too, for the yokes of serge school gowns, and a plaid silk waist trimmed with narrow braid and made with a velvet vest is another useful adjunct to the school girl's outfit.

Mauve Taffeta Petticoat.

The engraving represents a mauve taffeta petticoat, very close fitting, ornamented with applications in black

PETTICOAT FROM PARIS.

chantilly lace, extending about half way up the garment. Round the bottom are two small flounces of chantilly ace over flounces of taffeta.—Paris Herald.

Laces and Furs.

Having clung to lace during the summer season, we are loath to leave it, and softly tinted lace is lavishly arranged midst our sables and other brown furs. Chiffon is also used to form dainty jabots and frills, which fall out from full fronts and set in full plaits round fur collars and form cascade plaitings on either side of our muffs. Brown furs are to be much worn this winter, but where the small coat or tailor made costume is not concealed by a wrap the complete white fox muffs and boas are in the ascendant and are infinitely becoming and uncommon.

HOLD NIGHT SESSIONS.

More Time for Money Debate In the House.

GROSVENOR TALKS FOR THE BILL.

Cochran and Newlands Make Speeches Against It—Pettigrew Introduces Resolution In the Senate Asking If Philippine Republic Was Not Once Recognized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—There is such great pressure for time on the part of members from both sides who desire to participate in the currency debate of the house that three night sessions will be held this week. The members listen attentively to the speeches. Only one Democrat thus far has spoken in favor of the bill, Driggs (N. Y.), who had announced that he had pledged himself before election to support the gold standard and proposed to redeem that pledge. He will be joined by several of his Brooklyn colleagues, and probably several others. The features of the debate yesterday were the speeches of Grosvenor (O.) for the bill and of Cochran (Mo.) and of Newlands (Nev.) against it. The other speakers were Parker (N. J.), William Alden Smith (Mich.), Prince (Ills.), Lawrence (Mass.) and Powers (Vt.) for the bill, and Shafroth (Colo.) and Sims (Tenn.) against it.

Pettigrew Wants to Know.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Whether Admiral Dewey, acting for the United States government, formally or informally, recognized the Philippine republic at Manila, is a question which Pettigrew of South Dakota desires the navy department to answer. He introduced a resolution yesterday directing the secretary of the navy to supply the senate with information on the subject, but Chandler of New Hampshire objected to its immediate consideration.

Following this objection Pettigrew and Chandler had a sharp tilt over the resolution offered by the former, demanding that the secretary of war make an explanation of certain charges against General Merriam in his conduct of the Couer d'Alene trouble, which Pettigrew declared was a disgrace to civilization. Politics were injected into the controversy and the personal references made by each senator against the other lent some liveliness to an otherwise quiet session.

No Chancellor is Chosen.

LINCOLN, Dec. 13.—The board of regents of the State university met yesterday, but made no selection for the chancellorship. After some routine business had been transacted the report of Acting Chancellor Bessey was submitted and read and the board adjourned to meet again today.

Making a Fight on Bynum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Some of the Democratic senators have intimated to their friends that they will resist the confirmation of William D. Bynum to be a member of the board of general appraisers at New York. Bynum participated in the campaign with the Palmer and Buckner Democrats.

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