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FIGHTING ON MODDER RIVER AGAIN

Nothing in the Reports to Indicate Importance of the Engagement.

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Rumors of Relief of Mafeking.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—While nothing in the latest messages from the British camp at Modder river indicated an immediate advance, it appears that Pretoria has news that fighting was resumed Wednesday. It is not shown, however, whether General Methuen has advanced on the north, or taken up by the Boers, or has merely engaged in a reconnaissance in force. Reports were again current at Orange River Tuesday, December 5, that Mafeking has been relieved. It is known through dispatches dated there to advance in force November 15 from Rhodesia, for the purpose of repairing the railroad line and restoring communication with Colonel Baden-Powell. The Boers, however, were strongly entrenched near Gatacre, midway between Mafeking and Mafeking.

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POYNTER SEEKS SOLITUDE

Governor Goes to Albion to Escape the Importunities of Politicians.

NO DECISION IN SENATORIAL MATTER

Chairman Tefft Asks that a Republican Be Appointed or that Special Question of the Legislature Be Called.

SOUTH DAKOTANS HUSTLING

Gamble and Burke Look to the Matter of Military Commissions for Their Constituents.

MAILS ARE LOADED DOWN

Letters and telegrams concerning the senatorial vacancy have been received by the governor from over 200 people and the last mail this afternoon brought in many more that were not opened. The interest manifested is widespread. People in almost every state in the union have expressed a solicitude to get into an interview with the governor today were Frank T. Ransom, William A. Paxton, John Power, W. O. Strickler, J. E. Kiley, Warwick Saunders, Lee Herdman and John Noble of Douglas county, Senator Frank H. Johnson of St. Louis, W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, Judge Edgar Howard of Papillion, F. M. Davis of Beatrice, P. H. Walsh of Falls City, R. E. Wagner of Beatrice, Representative Lemmon of Kearney county, Representative Lemmon of Kearney county, George A. Luikart of Norfolk and Dr. Givens of Wymore. Representative Crockett made an earnest appeal to the governor to select an Alton man, and presented a number of petitions and personal letters in support of his request that be appointed.

THE ALLEN MEN WERE MORE ACTIVE IN THEIR FIGHTING

Senator Jones of Arkansas stating feeling about the matter, and that he was not satisfied without any outside assistance. No appointment is expected before next week.

CUBANS TALK INDEPENDENCE

Meeting to Celebrate Anniversary of Maceo's Death Develops Violent Patriotic Demonstration.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 8.—A meeting held at the Antonio Maceo club last night to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Maceo developed a violent patriotic demonstration to cooperate the American. This club represents the national party and is composed of colored people, of whom there were 1,000 present. One prominent colored politician said during the proceedings that the time was nearly ripe for the spirit of free Cuba to leap from the grave of Maceo and to drive the intruders from the island.

All patriotic President McKinley's Cuban policy, although General Quintanilla had appointed his honors by a mild speech, in which he advised patience until the American press had been fully defined.

The local press violently criticized President McKinley's message. American congressmen and senators are in a hurry to give to the color question in local politics will lead to annexation.

ABBOTT IS TO SUCCEED COOK

Kansas City Newspaper Man Selected to Take Charge of Press Bureau of Democratic Committee.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—It was announced here today that William J. Abbott, well known in newspaper circles throughout the United States, has been selected to take charge of the press bureau of the democratic national committee. Abbott was in Kansas City today and departed for the metropolis of the United States in the company of Judge J. G. Johnson, democratic national committee man from Kansas.

It is stated that the management of the bureau, which is temporarily in charge of the national committee, will be turned over to Abbott at an early date. Abbott is a personal friend of Bryan and has been identified with the Tammany organization in New York and has held responsible editorial positions on newspapers in New York, Chicago and Kansas City.

SOUTHERN POPULISTS MEET

An Important Meeting Held at Memphis to Consider National Convention Plans.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 8.—An important meeting of the southern leaders of the people's party was held in Memphis today and decided that the executive committee should be requested to call a meeting for February for the purpose of naming a date for the next national convention of that party.

Those present were: Frank Burkitt of Mississippi, Milton Park of Texas, A. W. Files and W. S. Morgan of Arkansas, Dr. C. W. Crook of Alabama, W. L. Peck of Georgia and Joseph Parker of Kentucky.

Frank Burkitt, who is president of the National Reform Press association, said that the association will meet in May of next year.

Chicago Pastor Goes to Denver.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—Rev. E. S. Brown, pastor of the West Side Christian church of Chicago, has accepted a call to the Central Christian church of this city.

Central Christian Takes Out Silver.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The United States treasury department will take out \$4,800 ounces of silver.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Partly Cloudy and Colder. Variable Winds.

MURDERER REVEALED

Confession of Woman Clears Up Mystery of Odessa Double Killing.

MRS. LAUE MAKES A CLEAN BREAST OF IT

She Asserts that Frank Dinsmore Killed Laue and Mrs. Dinsmore.

REPEATS STORY TO COUNTY ATTORNEY

Dinsmore Poisons Wife and Then Carries Her Body to the Kitchen.

LAUE SHOT WHILE SLEEPING IN HIS BED

Threats of Lynching Dinsmore Are Freely Made and Sheriff Places Extra Guards Armed with Winchester on Duty.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The mystery surrounding the double murder that occurred at Odessa, ten miles west of Kearney, Monday night, in which the lives of Lillian Dinsmore and Fred Laue were taken, has been cleared up.

Mrs. Laue, the wife of the murdered man, made a confession, in which she charged Frank L. Dinsmore, husband of the murdered woman, with committing both crimes.

The confession was made only after several hours' work with Mrs. Laue by a brother and an uncle of the dead man. As soon as Mrs. Laue had confessed to them D. Laue, the uncle mentioned, at whose house they were staying, hitched up his team and brought her to Kearney, arriving here at 2 o'clock this morning. County Attorney Nye was called upon and met Mrs. Laue and the brother and uncle of the dead man at the city hall, where the confession was taken down in writing and signed by the witnesses.

Attorney Nye refuses to give out any of the contents of the confession, and the following was obtained from a person who was a witness to her confession before coming to Kearney and also when it was taken down in writing:

It seems that for several months Dinsmore has been infatuated with Mrs. Laue, and on different occasions has tried to get her to elope with him, which, however, she refused to do. It also appears from statements made by her and Mrs. Dinsmore's brother that Dinsmore possessed hypnotic power, which power Mrs. Laue claims to have been under for the last six months. Mrs. Dinsmore's brother says that he has had her sister under his power for several years. Dinsmore is charged with laying the plans for the killing of both persons, and Mrs. Laue says she told her what to say at the inquest.

Puts it Off.

Dinsmore wanted to commit the crime Thanksgiving night, she says, but was persuaded to put it off by Mrs. Laue.

Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore had retired at their usual time, as also had Mr. Laue. Shortly afterward Dinsmore came into the kitchen where Mrs. Laue was sitting and told her that part of the deed was done, and that he would have to finish the job, at once going to Laue's room and shooting him while he was still asleep in bed. Dinsmore then brought his wife downstairs and placed her on the floor in front of the kitchen stove, where she lay until she had been examined by a doctor.

Mrs. Dinsmore's death was caused by poison, probably prussic acid, as a receipt for its making is reported to have been found in a desk by the man sent to Odessa by the Omaha Elevator company to take Dinsmore's place.

The brothers of Mrs. Dinsmore say they spent thousands of dollars in procuring evidence against Dinsmore to show their sister that he was unfit for her to marry, but he possessed the power to make her love him.

It is asserted Dinsmore has a son in Kansas by a woman to whom he was not married and that he is guilty of assaulting a young girl at Odessa, but her name is unobtainable.

Threats of Lynching.

The confession of Mrs. Laue has caused great sensation and rumors that an attempt will be made to lynch Frank Dinsmore are flying thick and fast. Extra guards are on duty at the county jail, loaded with repeating Winchester rifles. Sheriff Funk is determined to protect the prisoner regardless of consequences. As he is an officer of iron nerve, there will be serious trouble before the prisoner is taken from here.

The county attorney claimed that there would be no attempt at mob law, provided Dinsmore is convicted, yet he requested the sheriff to have ample guards for an emergency.

Mrs. Laue has been placed under bond to appear as a witness for the state and will probably not be prosecuted.

Mr. Locke of a detective agency at St. Joseph and for whom Lillian Bloomfield (Mrs. Dinsmore) worked as stenographer, has been here the past two days looking up the case.

Frank Dinsmore was taken to North Platte on passenger train No. 3 tonight for safekeeping. He was extremely nervous and frightened and wanted the guards to keep close to the cab in which he was taken from the jail to the train. He will be kept there until his preliminary trial.

PAINTERS TRYING TO AGREE

Report of Conference Committee is Submitted to National Convention at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 8.—Very little business is being attempted by the National Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators outside of trying to reach a conciliation with the Baltimore faction or opposing brotherhood. The report of the conference committee has been submitted by W. H. Bell of Omaha, chairman, and widely discussed, but no settlement was arrived at.

Cincinnati and Detroit seem to be leading in the contest for the next convention. Scranton, Pa., Buffalo and Kansas City are also candidates.

CONTEST FOR MINOR OFFICES

While the Goebel People Are Undermined the Other Democratic Candidates Will Fight It Out.

WILLIAMS TO JOIN BOER ARMY

William and Daniel Davies Sell Their Farm Near Holstein and Start for the Cape.

HOLSTEIN, Ia., Dec. 8.—William and Daniel Davies have sold their fine 360-acre farm here and will go to South Africa.

Their father, Daniel Davies, is a large farmer at Woodbury, Iowa, and has sent for them to join the Boer forces. Eight weeks ago they received a letter from him saying all the farmers in that section were planning an uprising in Boer interests and asking them to come. They left immediately on the sale of their property.

MACRUM SAYS HE'S COMING HOME.

Cables the State Department He Will Sail December 18.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Consul Macrum has broken his long silence, and in a cable message received at the State department today, dated Pretoria, announces that he will sail December 18, via Naples, for the United States. This is an indication that he has received the department's telegram granting his application for leave of absence.

Adelbert Hay, who is going to Pretoria to replace Macrum, will leave Washington tomorrow on his journey.

British Buy Missouri Mules.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—A local commission firm today announced the closing of a contract for the delivery of 1,000 pack mules to agents of the British government for shipment to Capetown. Twelve hundred Missouri mules sold by the same firm have already been shipped to South Africa from New Orleans.

Gambler Captures Boer Supplies.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A special dispatch from Capetown announces that the British gunboat Partridge has captured the British steamer Mashona, Captain Johnson, which left New York November 3, via St. Vincent, November 16, for Algoa Bay, laden with flour for the Transvaal. The cargo will be landed at Capetown and the ship released.

Total Casualties at Ladysmith.

LADYSMITH, Thursday, Dec. 8.—(Via Western.)—The total British casualties here since November 1 are five officers and twenty-six men killed and fifteen officers and 130 men wounded, with three missing. The Boer force is still around the town in large numbers, but all the British are in good cheer.

American Beef for British.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Libby, McNeill & Libby have shipped 250,000 pounds of canned beef to the British army in South Africa. Twenty-four cars were required to carry it and this is the largest shipment of canned beef ever made from this city.

Satisfactory at Cabinet Meeting.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The cabinet held a two-hour session today. Lord Salisbury had recovered his health sufficiently to preside.

TO FIGHT FOR SEVEN-HOUR DAY

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Association Maps Out Plans for Next Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' association closed today. Officers were elected as follows: President, N. Donnelly; trustees, John Colby, M. Connelly and F. C. Letts. The members of the association mapped out their plans for next year and decided to make a fight for seven hours and higher wages. It is expected that many new local orders will be established.

Family Party in Georgia.

ADAMSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 8.—Lucy Carbo and her child in arms were killed here today by Jim Maxwell. Frank Bird was also wounded. The men were at the woman's house and quarreled. Maxwell escaped.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS, Dec. 8.

At Queens-town—Arrived—Campana, from New York for New York. Departed—Campana, for New York. At Naples—Arrived—Bismarck, from Genoa for New York. Departed—Bismarck, for New York. At Genoa—Arrived—Werra, from New York for New York. Departed—W