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UTAH OFFICER'S GREAT DANGER

Most Thrilling Adventure and Hairbreadth Escape of Major R. W. Young.

VICTIM OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

Filipino Cart Driver at the Point of Plunging a Knife Into His Throat When He Is Instantly Shot Dead—A Startling Story.

A story of thrilling adventure and hairbreadth escape comes from an officer of the Utah batteries now in the Philippines. It directly concerns Major Richard W. Young, and if true, shows that dashing and popular officer to have had a call, so close to death as to have almost felt the sensation of dissolution itself. The "News" has carefully investigated the story and it appears to be a narration of unquestioned fact. The major was perfectly silent on the matter in his letter to his wife and family as published in this paper a few days ago. That is what has caused some of his friends to reluctantly accept it as correct. But on the other hand it is argued that he would not be disposed to disclose personal experiences that had been transacted with great danger, preferring that they should be related after his home-coming when they shall have lost their four producing qualities.

From the letter giving the particulars it would seem that the incident was not widely known even among the Utah battleymen at the time of the last letter-writing or else there had been an expressed desire to say nothing of it. However, the details as briefly set forth are that while returning from the intrenchments one day he came near being assassinated by a Filipino whom he was compelled to instantly slay in order to save his own life. It appears that the native had been engaged to drive him to headquarters. The conveyance used resembled a Japanese jinrikisha, differing from it only in that it was drawn by a small scrawny pony instead of by a man. The distance traveled was considerable, and the major who was almost exhausted with field duty, was overcome for a moment and fell asleep.

When it was that the Filipino attempted to assassinate him, but fortunately failed in the execution of his murderous designs. Whether a kindly Providence warned him or whether he through fear of treachery had been "sleeping with one eye open," is not quite certain. Suffice it, do see, that he awoke suddenly and found himself in a most difficult situation. The Filipino was upon him with a long knife almost at his throat. But Major Young was quick to act. Already his hand was upon his revolver, and like a flash he drew it and shot the would-be murderer dead.

The call was decidedly close for Major Young and it is hoped he will never again be required to pass through such an experience. The citizens of Utah generally will congratulate him on his narrow escape and hope that he will return home unharmed and in good health.

Further details of the affair will be awaited with interest. The reason for not naming the officer to whom letter the adventure is set forth is that the "News" has been requested to withhold the identity for what appears to be good and sufficient reasons.

CONCERNING LIEUT. WELLS.

Apprehension Regarding Him—He Is Doubtless Safe and Well.

A good deal of anxiety is felt among the relatives and friends of Brant S. Wells, now on duty in the Philippines. He is a brother of Governor Wells, and is a popular and brave officer. In the battle near Iloilo at Jaro a week ago, he was performing the duties of first lieutenant of company H and was acting captain also. He would therefore have been in the front ranks. The list of wounded does not include his name, but friends are continuous anxious in regard to him. He is no doubt alive and well. He was severely wounded in the hip at the battle of Santiago, and came home and was later assigned to the Eighteenth regiment of infantry under Colonel Miller in the Philippines. He left Manila last December for Iloilo, on the island of Panay. There a week ago at Jaro a severe engagement was fought in which company H lost one man killed and fifteen wounded. As the fifteen names of those wounded and of the one killed were given, it does not appear that anything unusual has happened to Brant.

STREET SPRINKLING.

The Contract Duly Approved and Twenty-five Carts Ordered.

The city sprinkling contract has been duly signed and approved and to Messrs. Studebaker Brothers will be assigned the task of keeping down dust and dirt, and kindred street refuse out of the eyes and nostrils of Salt Lake pedestrians.

The bid and contract meet with the approbation of all concerned and at a comparatively early hour this morning Mayor Clark affixed his signature to the document that will empower the wagon firm to keep the atmosphere, on windy days, free from foreign substances.

Great things are expected of this contract from the mere fact that the latest thing in sprinkling wagons will be utilized in making King Boreas less aggressive and generally unpleasant.

Councilman Patrick, chairman of the sprinkling committee, has taken interested himself a great deal in the matter and today he and Councilmen Allen, Dobbs and Sidaway and Superintendent of Waterworks John T. Caine, personally inspected the sample sprinkler now on exhibition at Studebaker Bros. These officials were highly elated over it, alleging that it more than met the specifications, being in their judgment superior to the claims of the company. Upon this conclusion and upon the action of Mayor Clark, the order for twenty-five more sprinklers of the same general style was telegraphed to South Bend, Indiana. The order will be filled within the next thirty days. The sprinklers are of 800 gal. capacity apiecely. The tanks are handsome and of superior quality and are supplied with the most modern dust-allaying separator known. Both vehicle and tank are very prettily painted. The engine is provided with the celebrated Arnold wheel and rib spring such as are used on the vehicles of the fire department. It is the opinion of the business men that the Council has made a decidedly wise investment. Time, it is believed, will demonstrate the accuracy of this claim.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Burgess Follows Her Husband, Leaving a Family of Six Children.

Mrs. Maria Burgess of the Sixteenth ward retired last night at 10 o'clock in apparently good health. She awoke at 2 p. m. and got up, calling to one of her daughters and saying that she felt as if she was choking. Her daughter arose to aid her, and she fell into her daughter's arms and expired in about fifteen minutes. She was in the prime of life, 42 years of age, and in good health. Her husband died nine months ago, so that the family are now wholly alone in the world so far as parents are concerned. Geo. H. Burgess is the oldest of the family of six. There are four daughters younger than George, and one other son, the youngest in the family, who is eight years old. The bereaved children have the deepest sympathy of their friends and acquaintances. The funeral services will be held on Sunday at 12 m., in the Sixteenth ward meeting house.

EVANGELIST MOODY.

Will Probably be In Salt Lake Very Soon.

The well known evangelist, Mr. Moody, will probably visit this city in the near future, when it is proposed to engage the Salt Lake Theater for a series of meetings, extending over two or three weeks.

The following letter received this morning by Mr. Anthon from H. J. McCoy, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at San Francisco, is self-explanatory:

"My Dear Mr. Anthon—Have done my best to have Mr. Moody promise to come to Salt Lake on his way east. I think he has written you regarding it. He has a very sick grandchild at Santa Barbara, but I feel quite confident that he will be on the Union Pacific central route by way of Ogden, so will give you two or three days on route. Will be able to let you know probably the last of the week. H. J. McCOY."

A HEBREW SOCIETY.

Files Articles of Incorporation and Names Officers.

The Hebrews of this city who belong to an organization bearing the name of The Congregation Montefiore, a religious society, incorporated yesterday under the above name.

The articles provide for an annual meeting on Sunday, which has interested himself a great deal in the matter and today he and Councilmen Allen, Dobbs and Sidaway and Superintendent of Waterworks John T. Caine, personally inspected the sample sprinkler now on exhibition at Studebaker Bros. These officials were highly elated over it, alleging that it more than met the specifications, being in their judgment superior to the claims of the company. Upon this conclusion and upon the action of Mayor Clark, the order for twenty-five more sprinklers of the same general style was telegraphed to South Bend, Indiana. The order will be filled within the next thirty days. The sprinklers are of 800 gal. capacity apiecely. The tanks are handsome and of superior quality and are supplied with the most modern dust-allaying separator known. Both vehicle and tank are very prettily painted. The engine is provided with the celebrated Arnold wheel and rib spring such as are used on the vehicles of the fire department. It is the opinion of the business men that the Council has made a decidedly wise investment. Time, it is believed, will demonstrate the accuracy of this claim.

IN THE FIGHTING AT JARO, PANAY.

Four Hundred Rebels Clash with Seven Companies of Americans.

THE AMERICAN LOSS IS 16.

Filipinos Have 50 Killed and 100 Wounded—Americans Affected by Sunstroke.

Manila, March 22.—4:30 p. m.—Details of the fighting at Iloilo on March 16th show that an rebel citizens from Iloilo were met by seven companies of the Eighteenth regiment of United States infantry, and a battalion of the Tennessee volunteers. As reports these troops had three two-inch Hotchkiss guns under Gen. Miller, north of Jaro across the river. The Americans were met with a heavy fire. One man was killed and fifteen were wounded of the Eighteenth regiment, and there were several cases of sunstroke. Gen. Miller estimates that fifty rebels were killed and one hundred wounded.

OTIS REPORTS CASUALTIES.

Washington, March 22.—Gen. Otis today reported to the war department the following casualties:

March 16th, near San Pedro Macati, wounded, First Idaho, H. C. A. Burdick, groin.

March 21st, near Marigondon, wounded, First Colorado, private Andrew A. Alfred, scrotum, moderate.

March 16th, at Jaro, Panay, killed, Eighteenth infantry H. Private Louis Bickel, company A, Eighteenth infantry H. Joseph Daly, thigh, Theodore Hart, chest, Preston Kemp, leg, Wilson Frederick, shoulder, L. Tax Horton, forearm, C. Joseph H. McCleary, hand, William H. Rice, hand, Jesse F. Smith, groin, Ralph William Bisson, leg; H. Riley C. Callaghan, scalp; William R. Shoemaker, contusion; Edward Marshall, leg; F. William Bacon, leg; I. Corporal Charles F. Bates, foot; First Nebraska, L. Private T. H. Marlow, shoulder.

Lieutenant R. S. Wells of Salt Lake City, is first lieutenant in company H, Eighteenth infantry, in which two men, H. C. Callaghan and William R. Shoemaker, were wounded during the engagement.

Sherman Still Improving.

Santiago de Cuba, March 21.—Mr. John Sherman passed a satisfactory night and is now better than at any time since he was taken sick. His recovery is confidently expected.

PRESIDENT'S TRIP WEST.

May be Taken This Summer, if Business Will Permit.

Yellowstone Park and the Pacific Coast the Objects of His Vacation Visit.

Washington, March 22.—It is now believed that President McKinley will take a vacation this summer if business will permit. Last spring he wanted to make a trip through the West, visiting Yellowstone Park and going as far as the Pacific coast, and he may do so this year if the state of the public business will permit.

RECOVERED FROM THE RUINS.

Many Trinkets Being Found in the Windsor Hotel.

New York, March 22.—One hundred and fifty men worked all night on the ruins of the Windsor hotel fire, but nothing was found of the two men. At daylight the work of removal was resumed. There was some trouble encountered on the 46th side. The workmen threw out to the roller and found water filled the cellar and was rising as the men shoved away the debris.

The digging had to be stopped and engine men brought in to pump out the water.

Articles of many different kinds continued to be unearthed. Some of these were in a state of perfect preservation, considering the intensity of the flames in the center of the house. One was in the name of Minnie Quilter, and another in the name of Kate Dunn.

A marked package of letters and books bore the name of Col. W. C. Brown and the address 20 Broad street. A letter addressed to the care of Dr. H. B. Purdy, 10 Lexington avenue. A spoon was marked "J. H. K." An envelope addressed to Mrs. Ida Hamilton contained a card with the names of M. J. Cramer and Miss Kate Walsh. A business card of Charles Ward, address of George Peckham, Springfield, N. Y. Among other things found were a