

FIFTIETH YEAR.

BRITAIN FEELS HUMILIATED.

Would Not be Surprised if Gen. Gatacre's Defeat Would Result in Cape Colony Becoming Aflame from End to End.

Situation Decidedly Serious—Little News Allowed to Leak Out—Only the Magnificent Work of British Artillery Prevented the Stormberg Defeat from Being a Rout—Artillery Covered the Retreat—British Set an Impossible Task—Expected to Attack 500 Men, but Now Believe There Were 6,000—Were Treacherously Guided—Queen Wants the Details—Boer Batteries Unmasked at Modder River—Terrible Effect of Lyddite Shells—Prospect Before Methuen's Column.

London, Dec. 10.—Later details regarding the disaster to Gen. Gatacre's army show that but for the magnificent work of the British artillery the disaster would have been far more extensive, as the incessant Boer fire in the midst of the repulsed infantry ultimately led to disorder, which only saved developing into a rout through the batteries of artillery occupying strategic positions, covering the retreat, and drawing a portion of the Boers' fire.

Apparently the British were set an impossible task, and were treacherously guided. After a trying march and being under arms sixteen hours, they attacked the wrong part of the Boer position, where the hill was impregnable and the burghers were estimated to number 600 men instead of 500 as the war office reported.

There is little in the story to mitigate the intense humiliation caused by the disaster, which was almost an exact counterpart of the battle of Nicholson's Nek. The war office was besieged with anxious relatives, and the successive editions of the newspapers were eagerly scanned. Men and women were equally intent in pleading for information, as the authorities either do not possess it or are not prepared to publish it.

The affair has caused the most depressing influence everywhere, not excepting the stock exchange, where confidence at the lowest price in many years, and South African securities dropped so much on account of the military reverse which is retrievable.

ENGINEERS OBJECT TO BREWERY MEN

Former Want Latter Excluded from Federation of Labor Convention.

MEETING IN CHICAGO TODAY

Engineers Not Recovered Yet—Nineteenth Convention of Federation Opens Business.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—Nearly 200 delegates representing all branches of the union with an estimated total membership of nearly 800,000, were present at Harmonie Hall today, when the nineteenth annual conference of the American Federation of Labor was held to order.

In the absence of both President Rogers and Vice President McGuire, the gathering was called to order by James Dugan, of Baltimore, second vice president. Mr. Dugan announced that the character was suffering severely from injuries resulting from a fire in Washington, and that he might not be able to attend the conference.

In compliance with the federation's prohibitory speeches by outsiders, resolutions were tendered by officials of the city or state. The only address of the character was by Herbert J. Brown, president of the Detroit Council of Trade and Labor Unions.

The President Dugan, responding to the welcome, said that the convention was the largest meeting of organized labor representatives ever held in the United States, besides containing a number of delegates from across the sea.

When the committee on credentials reported, the seating of the brewery men was protested against by representatives of the stationary steam engineers. The brewery men retorted by protesting against the credentials of the stationary engineers and firemen.

After adoption of a resolution of sympathy for President Dugan, the convention proceeded to the election of officers. President Dugan was re-elected, and the convention took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

CANALIST LIST IN PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Gen. Otis cables the following names of canalists who are being considered in action at Manila, Luzon, Nov. 24. A third infantry, L. 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

coast where he was pursuing Aguinaldo and encountered General del Pilar on a fortified trail. They fought for four hours, during which time seventy Filipinos were killed and wounded. The American loss was one killed and six wounded.

Danish West Indies Not for Sale. Washington, Dec. 11.—The state department authorizes a contradiction of the report that the government at Denmark has offered the Danish West Indies islands for sale.

No communication on this subject has passed between the two governments since the failure of the negotiations several years ago.

HOW SUBITO WAS TAKEN. Admiral Watson Reports the Action of the Navy There.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The following cablegram has been received at the navy department from Admiral Watson telling of the part played by the navy in the occupation of Subig Bay.

"Manila, Dec. 11.—On the morning of the 9th, about 11 o'clock, I received a telegram from Subig Bay, asking for MacArthur, our co-operation with Grant's forces scattered toward Olango, Subig Bay. I suspended the Charleston court of inquiry and started the same evening for Subig with the Baltimore, the Oregon and a company of marines from the barracks. We arrived at daylight on the 10th with land troops organized. I found Major Stevens in possession of Olango, having arrived at dark the 9th. Relieved the army forces by 100 marines. Myself commanding. Transported the army detachment to Subig. The town was abandoned on our arrival. Grant arrived in the afternoon. We left the Oregon, the Gardiner, and the Maryland and returned to Cavite on the 11th. The Olango navy yard machinery is in fair condition, the shops damaged only by the previous attack."

On the Death Roll.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Commander E. P. Wood, U. S. N., died of typhoid fever at his residence here today. He was in command of the gunboat Petrel at the time of his death. Since his return from Manila his health has been broken and he lacked the power to throw off the disease which caused his death.

London, Dec. 11.—Baron Penzance (James Plasted White), is dead.

CONGRESS AT WORK TODAY

House Takes Up the Currency Bill, and Debate Begins.

Senate Receives Resolutions Against Polygamists in Congress—Other Matters.

HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 11.—There was only a fair attendance in the galleries of the House to witness the opening of the debate on the currency bill. Immediately after the reading of the journal the House, under the special order, went into committee of the whole. Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, in the chair, and entered upon the consideration of the bill. Mr. Overstreet, of Indiana, who is to be in charge of the measure on the floor, opened the general debate with a set speech.

SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The announced intention of Mr. Mason (Ill.) to address the Senate today on his resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate with the South African republics in the war with Great Britain, drew a large crowd to the Senate galleries.

In the absence of Prest. Frye, Mr. Platt (Conn.) was designated to occupy the chair.

Mr. Hoar presented the resolutions of the Massachusetts legislature in favor of a constitutional amendment providing for uniform hours of labor in manufacture in the United States.

Mr. Platt (Conn.) presented resolutions of the legislature of Connecticut opposing the admission of polygamists to Congress.

Mr. Chandler (Me.) directed the attention of the pension committee to a bill introduced by request by Mr. Pettus (Ala.) providing for the payment of a pension to Freedmen.

Mr. Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, expressed the opinion that no such measure should have been presented to Congress.

In answer to Mr. Gallinger's question, "that is a bill that ought not and probably will not receive the favorable consideration of the pension committee. The promoters of the bill are deluding thousands of poor people and are simply trying to keep this agitation alive for their own benefit."

Mr. Cockrell urged that the bill be reported back adversely as soon as possible. It was referred to the pension committee.

Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) offered a resolution calling on the secretary of war for all orders and papers relating to Gen. Merriam's action relating to the Court d'Alene miners, receding charges against Gen. Merriam in his conduct of the affair.

Mr. Chandler objected to the immediate consideration of the resolution and it went over.

Wanted for Forgery.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—On board the steamer America Maria, which arrived here today, are F. A. Johnson and A. M. Kent, who are held in detention. Kent is wanted in Jamestown, N. Y., for embezzlement and forgery. He fled to Japan with Marjory Vinton, the actress, who was arrested in this city October 21st just as she was leaving one of the steamers from China and Japan.

NEWS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

Bubonic Plague in Japan. Stamped Out—Hawaiian Affairs.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The steamship America Maria arrived today from Hongkong via Honolulu. Yokohama advises state that the bubonic plague, which developed at Kobe not long ago, has been successfully stamped out and there is no longer any fear.

Honolulu news is to the effect that Congress will be appealed to, to set aside Attorney General Griegs' report which makes void all transfers of public lands made by the Hawaiian government since annexation.

The transport Garonne with mules on board put into Honolulu after attempting and failing to reach Manila by the northern route from Seattle. The vessel encountered terrific storms and was compelled to head southward after losing eleven mules, nine of them killed by the storm. She will continue her journey in a few days.

The Port Stephens and Lenoxx have already gone with horses and mules. The Hancock and Pueblo arrived in good condition after weathering very severe storms and left for Manila on Sunday morning. The Duke of Pile, St. Paul, Ohio and Indiana are now in port taking coal.

COMMITTEE WILL COME TO UTAH.

If Not the Entire Organization, a Sub-Committee in the Roberts Case Will Be Here in the Inquiry.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Judge Miers, of Indiana, a member of the Roberts committee, said to a "News" correspondent today that he could not see how they could get out of going to Salt Lake to take testimony in the case.

He thought it probable that they would hear testimony there during the Christmas holidays.

William Glasmann, editor of the Ogden Daily Standard, is at Willards. In speaking of the Roberts case he says there would have been no fight for the Roberts had it not been for the Tribune. "Judge Goodwin," says Mr. Glasmann, "has been a disconcerting since he was defeated for senator, and since Mr. Roberts's election he started this crusade which has aroused the country. The Tribune has continually charged that Mormons were violating the laws against plural marriage, but this is not so. I have a standing offer to pay them \$100 apiece for the first ten polygamous marriages contracted since Utah became a State, and I have not paid out one cent as yet."

He says the impression prevailing here that the Church is behind Mr. Roberts is absurd, and that eighty per cent of the Gentiles are taking no part in the matter. The committee will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Roberts investigating committee was not in session today, having adjourned until tomorrow, when Mr. Roberts will be heard further.

A member of the committee stated there was little further doubt that a sub-committee, and possibly the full committee, would have to visit Utah and take testimony.

Mr. Roberts's witnesses will be summoned along with the others, and will be given the same allowances for traveling expenses, as the other witnesses receive.

It will be particularly interesting to those glorifying in the science of engineering. (The quantity of explosives required to remove given bodies.) It will probably be exciting and interesting to those who like fun.

There will be 30,000 pounds of explosives ignited at the same instant, and it will be ignited probably by the same means employed in blowing up the Maine.

This will be the largest premeditated explosion on record in the United States, excepting that at Hell Gate.

Accurate surveys of the Butte have been made and photographs will be taken at time of explosion and after. The surface has been cleared away. Surveys and photographs will show the practical results attained.

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS OFF

Meeting of the Executives of the States of the Arid West to Take Place at the Knutsford Has Been Postponed.

Governor Wells received a telegram today from Governor Richards of Wyoming, stating that the conference of governors scheduled to take place at the Knutsford Hotel in this city on Monday next, had been postponed owing to the inability of many of the governors of the arid land States to attend.

It is not known to what date the conference has been postponed. It was originally called by Governor Richards and was for the purpose of considering the arid land problem and the recommendation to Congress of legislation looking towards the ultimate redemption of the vast areas of desert lands in the West.

Governor Wells was making preparations for the entertainment of his distinguished guests when they were cut short by the telegram from Governor Richards.

GOVERNOR STEUNENBERG HERE.

Says that Congressman Roberts's Rights as a Citizen Have Been Grossly Disregarded—Should Be Seated Without Question.

Governor Frank Steunenberg of Idaho is in the city today on his way east. The governor was seen at the Kenyon hotel this afternoon by a representative of this paper and talked very pleasantly over affairs in his State. Governor Steunenberg said that Idaho is in a exceedingly prosperous condition, with the brightest of prospects ahead.

"Nearly all the railroad building of importance in the west," said his excellency, "is being either done in the State of Idaho, or is headed in that direction. I look for great industrial prosperity for the State."

"Governor, do you have any objection to expressing yourself to the 'News' as to the case of Mr. Roberts?" was asked.

"I certainly do not," was the ready and emphatic reply. "I think the rights of Mr. Roberts as a citizen have been grossly disregarded and trampled upon. I think he should have been seated without any manner of question."

"Have you called upon Governor Wells?"

"Not yet. I have had some business appointments to fill this morning which have prevented my doing so, but I shall doubtless make a call later on. I am due in Washington on the 20th, and would consequently have been unable to be in attendance at the conference of governors of arid land States which was to have been held here on next Thursday. But Idaho would have been well represented in the persons of our secretary of state and state engineer, whom I had authorized to attend the conference in behalf of Idaho."

SENATOR MASON AND THE BOERS.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Mr. Mason (Illinois) this afternoon called up his resolution offered a few days ago in the Senate, expressing the sympathy of the Senate with the South African republics in their war with Great Britain.

His speech was long and delivered with characteristic vehemence. He was accorded careful attention by his colleagues and by the gallery auditors.

He maintained that under the Monroe doctrine and precedents previously established the United States had the same right to extend its sympathy and hopes for success to the Boers in their struggle for liberty as it had to interfere with Spain in its conduct of the affairs in Cuba.

He urged that the interest of the United States was aroused by the fact that the South African war was a struggle between democracy and royalty—between the divine right of kings and the divine right of men.

reaching character of the "News" circulation. The competitors cover an extensive stretch of country, reaching from Ohio on the east, to southern California on the west, and from Canada on the north, to Mexico on the south. The various bundles will at once be handed to the gentlemen who have kindly consented to act in passing on the merits of the articles. The adjudicators on the story are Dr. J. E. Talmage, Prof. Clark of the High School, and Prof. L. E. Young of the University. Messrs. John Nicholson, O. F. Whitney and J. H. Paul will decide on the poem. The Judge or Judges on the article, "Utah's Undeveloped Resources," have not yet been chosen, but will be announced in the immediate future.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The following postmasters were appointed today:

Utah—C. R. Nelson, vice Henry Jensen, resigned, Mayfield, Sanpete county.

Nevada—Reinhold Keefe, vice C. E. Pearson, removed, Charleston, Elko county.

Idaho—Kate Black, vice J. W. Fenderson, resigned, Spalding, Nezperce county.

OBJECTED TO THE TESTIMONY.

The taking of testimony in the Smith case was interrupted today in order to permit of arguments on the objections of Counsel for the defense to exclude certain testimony.

The evidence sought to be excluded was relative to the depositing of the alleged dynamite boxes with the express agent at Eureka. Counsel for defendant argued that testimony of that nature would not prove the commission of the offense as alleged in the information.

Nearly the whole of today's time was consumed in argument and at a late hour this afternoon Judge Norrell overruled the objection and the taking of testimony was proceeded with.

E. J. Dugan, the express agent at the Rio Grande Western depot, Eureka, was called by Mr. Putnam this morning, for the purpose of proving the deposit of the alleged infernal machines by Smith or some one else. The witness had no recollection of the name and occupation, when Mr. Truman inquired if it was the intention to prove by the witness the deposit of the boxes in Wells Fargo express company's office at Eureka.

Mr. Putnam said it was. Mr. Truman thereupon offered an objection to the admission of such evidence, on the ground that it would not show nor tend to establish any crime alleged in the information, viz: the assault with intent to kill, was committed in Salt Lake county.

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ASSAULT.

Counsel took the position that an assault was an unlawful attempt, coupled with the present ability, to inflict a bodily injury upon another, and that the deposit of the boxes at Eureka would constitute such an act as would show a complete crime in Juab county. Furthermore, Mr. Truman said the statute providing that where an offense is committed in one county and the act is completed in another, the offense shall be deemed to have been committed in the county where the act was completed.

"Admitting for the sake of argument," said Mr. Truman, "that Smith did deposit the box with the agent at Eureka, the State is attempting to show that the act was completed in Juab county, and if this testimony goes in, we insist that your honor is without jurisdiction."

POSITION OF STATE.

Mr. Putnam took the position that the assault on Judge Powers was not completed until he had received the box from Wells Fargo Express company.

OBJECTION OVERULED.

Mr. Westervelt followed Mr. Putnam and after Mr. Van Cott and Mr. Thurman had been heard again on the question, Judge Norrell overruled the objection. Mr. Dugan was again called to the stand, and was giving his testimony when the "News" report closed.

At the preliminary hearing the witness charged with the crime alleged in the information, viz: the assault with intent to kill, was committed in Salt Lake county.

Snowden Case Goes Over.

Judge Norrell today continued the trial of Dr. Snowden, the Richfield dentist, charged with kidnaping, until Wednesday morning, and also excused the witnesses until then.

Sheriff Coons made a return on the attachment for Miss Audrey Kleier, the young woman in the Utah National bank case. Mr. Rogers suggested that she be allowed to go on her own recognizance until Wednesday. Mr. Putnam offering no objection, Miss Kleier left the court room in company with Snowden and her mother.

SALT LAND CONTENT.

Salina Parties Reach an Amicable Understanding.

The salt land contest between Alex. Almeron, Crane Bros. and others of Salina has been adjusted satisfactorily to all parties interested.

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TITLE TO BINGHAM TOWNSITE IN CLOUD

Mr. T. R. Jones Owns a Patent to Forty Acres of Land Embraced in the "Old Reliable" Mining Camp.

Patent was Taken Out in 1878 by the Elder Judge Sutherland and Has Come Into Possession of Mr. T. R. Jones, Banker of This City—Patent Covers Ninety-five Per Cent of the Township of Bingham—Taxes on Property Have Been Largely Paid by Residents on the Ground—Surveyor Wilkes is Out There Today Looking to a Settlement of the Controversy that is Bound to Come Some Day—Mr. Jones Gives Assurance that There Will be No Trouble.

There will be a number of surprised people in this city when the fact becomes known that ninety-five per cent of the ground embraced in the townsite of Bingham, the "Old Reliable" camp in West Mountain mining district, this county, is owned by one individual; and that this person is no other than the manager of the American Smelting company, Mr. T. R. Jones, banker of this city.

The fact became public property today that Mr. T. R. Jones is the owner of a patent embracing forty acres of the townsite of Bingham and that this patent was perfected and taken out in 1878 by the elder Judge Sutherland. Mr. Jones has fallen heir to the patent and a year ago had the land surveyed and platted in his own behalf. The plat has been filed with the county assessor but its official existence has not been known until today.

This morning County Surveyor Wilkes, with a party of assistants, went out to Bingham, representing the county of Salt Lake, for the purpose of looking into the matter and ascertaining from an expert point of view.

Mr. Jones was seen in his private office this afternoon by a representative of this paper and he asked if it was a fact that he owned a great portion of the townsite of Bingham. Mr. Jones said:

"Yes; I have a patent to which I tell you, to a piece of land in Bingham. There has been no party of surveyors sent out there today by me or by anyone for me, but I have previously sent out such a party. The county, I believe, has sent someone out today. I don't suppose there will be any trouble. The patent I own was taken out in 1878 by Judge Sutherland—the old gentleman—and covers the townsite. It embraces forty acres of the townsite of Bingham."

JONES OWNS IT ALL. Will Issue Quit Claim Deeds to Residents—No Strip Controversy.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Bingham, Dec. 11.—County Surveyor Wilkes and deputies are up here today making an official plat of the city of Bingham. Their work and the results growing out of it will be watched with interest.

Residents here are aware of the claims of Mr. Jones and regret them very much but are compelled to acknowledge their validity, inasmuch as Mr. Jones has a patent on forty acres, which tract embraces not less than 95 per cent of the entire townsite. His patent is an agricultural patent. On the top of this, however, is another patent known as the McGuire and Gibbons placer patent for a strip of ground 900 feet long by 300 wide. This has caused a controversy which is yet unsettled.

It is understood that Mr. Jones will issue quit claim deeds to bona fide occupants on payment of the regular expenses entailed in the transfer. He will not, however, give a warranty deed in any case. Such land as is unoccupied he proposes to hold against anyone all counter-claims.

become presidential on January 1st. The salary of the postmaster will be \$1,100.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis and the Merchants' National Bank of New York as reserve agents for the Boise City National Bank of Boise, Idaho.

PRES. RICHARDS' FUNERAL. Church Authorities Will Leave on Noon Train Tomorrow.

Prest Richards funeral. President Richards' funeral will be held in Ogden tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock. There is every evidence that the obsequies will be largely attended.

The First Presidency, Twelve Apostles and other Church officials, as well as many friends of the deceased will leave Salt Lake on the Rio Grande noon train (exact time of leaving) 12:01, to attend the services. For this occasion, and for this train only the company has made a round trip rate of \$1. Purchasers of these tickets will be obliged to return in the evening of the same day.

The casket will be closed at 11:30. But the remains may be viewed by friends until that time. Persons in this city desiring to look upon the face of the departed will have to leave on one of the earlier morning trains. The Oregon Short Line and Rio Grande Western both have 9:45 trains for the Junction City.

WILD MAN IN TOWN.

Insane Man Who Has Not Had a Bath for Five Years.

William Kidd, whose mother is now in the insane asylum at Provo, was apprehended yesterday at Fort Hermiston by Deputy Sheriff William H. Goldman, upon complaint of Samuel Butterfield of that place.

Kidd was taken to the county jail, where he was the object of a boisterous curiosity of any who were unfortunate enough to see him. He is the wildest looking man ever handled by the peace officers, but is also very meek; and in the meantime he is extremely dirty. He has been lying in bed for five years, covered with hair and fifth from the crown of his head to the tips of his toes. It is known that he has not indulged in the ordinary ablutions of life—not dreaming of a bath for over five years.

The poor fellow is, of course, insane, and will have a hearing on that account—but not until he has been reintroduced to a bar of good, sound, common washing soap, a particularly searching scrubbing brush and every-day water. He will then, perhaps, be somewhat presentable.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the theatre tonight "In Old Kentucky" will open an engagement of three nights. The company arrived in this city yesterday. Thursday "Puddin' and Whisk" will be the bill.

At the Grand Hotel's latest success, "A Stranger in New York," plays a full week opening tonight.

BINGHAM POSTOFFICE.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The post-office at Bingham Canyon, Utah, will