

ERIOUS CHECK TO BRITISH ARMS

General Methuen's Column Fights 16 Hours, and Then the Commander Reports Hold- ing His Own, but Losses Heavy.

London, Dec. 13.—General Methuen's report from Modder river shows that he met serious check on Monday, and suffered great losses.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Methuen, dated, Tuesday, Dec. 12:

"Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy on a long, high kopje from 4 until dusk Sunday. It rained hard last night.

"The Highland brigade attacked, at daybreak on Monday, the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed, but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear.

"The cavalry and mounted infantry with a howitzer artillery battery attacked the enemy on the left, and the guards on the right, supported by field artillery and howitzer artillery.

"They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending including the kopje, for a distance of six miles to the Modder river.

"Today I am holding my position, and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 15,000 men. Our loss was great."

The war office received the following dispatch from Gen. Forester-Walker:

"Capetown, Tuesday.—Methuen wires that Gen. Wauchope was killed in action yesterday."

Major General Andrew G. Wauchope, C. B., C. M. G., entered the army in 1865, was promoted to major in 1883, served in the Ashanti war 1873; in the Egyptian war 1882; in the Sudan expedition of 1884, and in the Nile expedition of 1884-85. He was in command of the first brigade of Egyptian expeditionary force in 1888.

Gen. Wauchope has been wounded four times, three times severely.

Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 13.—Three hundred and twenty wounded, including twenty-seven officers, have arrived here from the Modder river."

Pretoria, Dec. 11, Monday.—An official report says:

"A battle at Modder river began yesterday with cannon firing, heavy fighting proceeding from 3:30 o'clock in the morning until 9:30 o'clock with cannon, machine and rifle. A bombardment began at 4:30 o'clock, and the fighting still continues. A balloon has just arisen above the British positions, where it remained ten minutes and descended. There were heavy rains during the night."

At 9 o'clock this morning a dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions have been maintained, and that forty-one British prisoners had been taken.

At 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had somewhat abated, the British are constantly using their balloons.

The fighting was still going on at noon. Kimberley is still quiet.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, Dec. 12, morning, says:

"This morning a union brigade consisting of English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh fusiliers, under Gen. Barton, with several naval guns, advanced and took up a strong position three miles from Colenso, meeting with no opposition."

London, Dec. 12.—Gen. Methuen, as expected, followed up his artillery attack with a general assault on the Boer positions Monday, and his report regarding the result of the battle is the only one that has been received. The engagement was evidently of considerable magnitude, and the list of the killed and wounded will be forthcoming without delay.

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Pride of Japan Tea
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Full Weight Package
Satisfaction in every package
Choice pickings from the new crop
A perfect tea

In the meanwhile, the Boers on the open ground, directly in front, moved with the object of making a flank attack. But this was frustrated by the guards' artillery.

The Boers commenced shelling in the evening but no damage was done. The British slept on their position.

It is expected there will be a renewal of the fight tomorrow.

The losses on both sides were heavy.

CARD OF THANKS.

The universal feeling of sympathy manifested by the people of Utah, in the bereavement occasioned by the death of President Franklin D. Richards, is greatly appreciated by his relatives.

The immense gathering at the funeral, the splendid tribute to his worth made by the speakers, and the general anxiety shown during his sickness are very gratifying to their hearts.

To all who by word or deed have imparted aid or comfort in this time of severe trial, we desire to express our gratitude and thanks, and the hope that they will receive similar support in any sorrow that may come to them.

THE FAMILY.

WARD ENTERTAINMENTS.

The ward fair and festival in the Eighteenth ward opens this evening. It will last three nights and Saturday afternoon, there being a change of program each night.

The lower door of the hall will be fitted up with booths, refreshment stands, candy stands, etc., presided over by young ladies in costume.

During the evening the following program will be rendered in the upper hall:

1. Sextette, Miss Bessie Edmonds, Miss Ruth Wilson and Messrs. Pyper, Ensign, Whitney and Spencer.

2. Skit Dance Teresa Taylor

3. Recitation Mr. B. S. Young

4. Duet Miss Lily Pye

5. Song (Violin Obligato, G. H. Schettler) Miss Lily Pye

6. Dutch Clock Dance Miss Lily Pye

7. Duet David and Shepherd

8. Recitation Miss Nellie Boyer

9. Song Mr. Fred Graham

Tomorrow night in the upstairs hall the second act of the Chimes of Normandy will be rendered with the following cast:

The Marquis Mr. H. S. Goddard

Greenech Mr. J. D. Spencer

Ballie Mr. A. S. Campbell

Serpentine Miss Louise Savage

Chorus by Misses Edmonds, Pitt Wilson, Savilla, Penrose, Barrow and Owens, Gates and Wallace.

Friday night there will be a grand ball and an auction sale of the articles in the booths remaining unsold.

Saturday afternoon there will be a children's party with a free entertainment. The funds derived from the fair will go to the Sunday school organ fund and poor fund of the ward.

A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

Boston Deputy Sheriff Locked After by Bert Seaboldt.

Bert Seaboldt of Salt Lake City, the mining expert, who recently had such an interesting experience with the blue laws of Massachusetts, doesn't forget a New Englander.

White examined the deputy sheriff, who was at the Brown Palace Sunday, on his way back home from the coast, and Mr. Seaboldt says he endeavored to show him as good a time as his purse and morals would permit.

When the mining man was arrested in the Cape Cod country in connection with a business deal some time ago, Tilden was one of the deputy sheriffs who thought Seaboldt was a good fellow, and helped to keep him from getting lonesome during his constructive imprisonment.

After Mr. Seaboldt's bondsmen came for the school children, and he late prisoner to a dinner, and that the reason Mr. Seaboldt is doing the right thing now.

SHOES FOR POOR CHILDREN.

They Will be Furnished by the Salvation Army.

There was a surplus of \$100 realized from the Thanksgiving dinner fund raised by the Salvation Army, and these few dollars, this benevolent organization proposes to use in buying shoes for the school children.

The foot wear is sadly neglected. The shoes of the meager number of 1,000 shoes will be furnished only upon recommendation of principals and teachers.

Adjutant Crawford with a few associates are arranging to give the poor children of the city an old-fashioned Christmas. Last night the City Council granted permission to the army to cut some evergreens in City Creek canyon.

It is proposed to dispense many of the necessities of life and some of the luxuries in connection with this Christmas party and afterwards distribution of clothing will be made to the needy. The people who are heading this movement are depending largely upon the charity of the people of Salt Lake to assist in making Christmas merry for the poor.

PERSONAL.

H. Kemper, of Bingham, is at the Walker.

The Cullen register contains these names: S. M. Shattuck, Denver; M. Cunningham, Los Angeles; J. A. Hays, Boise.

At the Knutsford are registered Mrs. J. P. Riley, Mrs. M. J. Sweeney, New Orleans; A. W. Elliott, Boston; Mrs. J. C. Card, Portland; C. P. Caldwell, Bernina, Chilton, Spokane; K. J. Anderson, S. E. Tipton, Boise; W. B. Peck, Mrs. W. B. Peck, J. H. Rohr, Lindley Vinton, New York.

J. E. Markel and his secretary, F. H. Culbertson, are here from Omaha. Mr. Markel is the lessee of the Union Pacific system of hotels.

The whisky that is imbued by the

MEETING OF BASEBALL MEN

The Most Important Session That Has Been Held for Years.

PURIFYING NATIONAL GAME

It is Not Believed that the Proposed Scheme for Reduction in League Circuit Will Go Through.

A New York dispatch says that today marked the beginning of the annual winter meeting of the national league at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Armed for an especially bitter attack, the members were all on hand, but so much time was consumed by the board of arbitration that the league only met to carry out the requirements of the constitution, and immediately adjourned.

Not in years, not since the end of the famous Brotherhood fight, has a league meeting been fraught with so much importance as the one just begun. For weeks past there has been no end of lobbying and wire-pulling among the various club owners, for all the avowed purpose of reducing the circuit and purifying the national game. Several of the major league teams were also represented.

It is not believed probable that the proposed scheme for a reduction in the league circuit will go through. The situation, as summed up by one of the baseball men tonight, was to this effect:

"Louisville and Cleveland will sell on fair terms. Wagner wants big money for his franchise in Washington, and the Brooklyn-Baltimore syndicate want the earth for the Oriole franchise. Who is going to put up with this money? The league? Well, I hope not."

At the conclusion of the conference the members of the national league of baseball clubs argued as to the merits of the Wrigley controversy, in which the New York, Brooklyn and Syracuse clubs are involved.

At the conclusion of the conference it was announced that a resolution had been adopted declaring that the Syracuse club had no right to control Wrigley's services after his contract had terminated with that club. In a word, the action of the board of arbitration was a rebuke to the minor league clubs.

As this ruling means that any national league club may take the players of the minor league clubs at the end of their season, which is one month earlier than that of the big league, and try them out without paying any money for their services, the club to which the player is under reserve, the fact that the minor league clubs may be dickered with another club for the sale of the player makes no difference.

The Wrigley fight was a three-cornered one between New York, Brooklyn and Syracuse. At the conclusion of the Eastern League season, Wrigley signed to finish the season with New York. A few days later he was sold by the Syracuse club to Brooklyn, and acting under the advice of President Powers, Wrigley went to Brooklyn and finished the season.

Tomorrow the board of directors will consider the appeal made by the New York club to have the Brooklyn management disciplined for playing Wrigley when he had signed the New York contract. What will be done is problematical.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Jack Moffatt is Unfortunate in His Fight with George Gardiner.

A New York dispatch says that Jack Moffatt of Chicago was singularly unfortunate tonight in his bout with George Gardiner of Lowell, Massachusetts, at the Broadway Athletic club. Moffatt had all the better of the argument up to the middle of the seventh round, when he broke his left forearm in swinging for Gardiner, who blocked the blow with his elbow. Moffatt kept on fighting with his right, his left hanging useless by his side.

But Gardiner was unable to land a knockout blow, despite the fact that his manager, Tom O'Rourke, cried to him repeatedly to go in and end it. When Moffatt went to his corner he held out his right arm for a doctor to examine it. The doctor, who was a member of the ring, and when the bell rang for the beginning of the eighth round both men stepped to the center of the ring and White went between them, neither having shaped for the renewal of hostilities. The referee then announced that Moffatt was unable to continue, and declared Gardiner the winner.

SPORTING NOTES.

On December 22nd Prof. Young Dutcher and Chris Lund will have another meet in the prize ring. It will be twenty rounds for a side bet and he better man takes all. Dutcher says he will do some surprising work this time.

Next Friday evening the athletic classes of the Y. M. C. A. will give an exhibition, arrangements having been made by Physical Director J. A. Augustus. The program will be concluded by a game of basket ball between the Reds and Blues.

No word has been received by Manager Axton, of the Y. M. C. A., from the Curless Indian team regarding a game which they were to play in Chicago on Saturday night. The Indians will play in Chicago and Denver before going to the coast.

Although the high school team has quit training, several members are very anxious to play a game with some of the eastern teams that will pass through here on their way to the coast.

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POLICE POINTERS.

"Billy" Bryan got himself into serious complications last evening. He called at the city jail and asked to see young Gilbert, who is serving a twenty-days' sentence for frequenting an opium den. Jailor Kimball complied with Bryan's wishes and let him in. When he was about to take leave of his imprisoned friend he held out his hand and bade him an affectionate farewell.

Jailor Kimball noticed an expression of glad surprise on Gilbert's face and made a grab for the prisoner's hand. Lo, there were two nicely cooked opium pills. The next thing Bryan knew he was flying towards Chief Hilton's office. He said he didn't know he was doing wrong, and after giving him a good lecture the chief told him to leave.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Abstract of transfers filed in the county recorder's office, Salt Lake City, December 12, 1899:

Joshua Cope to Emma J. Caldwell, warranty deed, east 41-2-3 feet of lot 1, block 1, subdivision 1, Kins First Grand View addition 3 100

James Alexander to William Hyde, warranty deed, 27 acres in sections 21 and 22, township 3 south, range 1 east 2,350

Joseph Shaw to J. W. Farrer, warranty deed, part of south half of northeast quarter of section 16, township 3 south, range 1 east 85

James Higgins to W. L. Turner, warranty deed, 1.1-3 acres northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 24, township 2 south, range 1 east 90

W. J. Halloran to Frances Reed, warranty deed, 50 feet by 8 rods southeast from 4 rods east, 20 feet south of northwest corner of lot 12, block 11, Five-acre plat 600

W. J. Halloran to Frances Reed, warranty deed, 20 feet by 10 rods southwest from 82 feet north of southeast corner of lot 7, block 7, plat A 2,500

J. W. Cully to Cella M. Bruce, warranty deed, block 8 and west half of block 9, West Drive subdivision 200

Josie Midgley and husband to T. Brinton, warranty deed, 64x65 feet southeast from Northwest corner of lot 3, block 32, plat D, Salt Lake City to Amanda E. Burns, quit-claim deed, lots 37 to 39, block 2, Kets addition 110

R. J. Gibson to William Young, quit-claim deed, interest in Ensign No. 1 lode, etc., West Mountain 1

Estate of George Harrison to Mary A. Harrison, deed, southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 15, township 2 south, range 1 east 713

Hannah M. Gonsalves to W. B. Peck, Jr., trustee's deed, 10x5 rods northwest from southeast corner of lot 2, block 21, plat F. 335

Total\$10,335

Kolts 20th Century Chocolate. The Latest Confection out.

DESERVES IT.

Remarkable Success of a New Treatment for Piles.

For many years it has been supposed that the only absolute sure cure for piles was by surgical operation, but the danger to life and the pain and expense has been so great that many thousands suffer for years rather than submit to the last resort; or they seek the temporary relief in the many remedies claimed to relieve piles and rectal trouble, salves, ointments and similar simple remedies which give only slight and very temporary relief.

A new preparation which is painless and harmless but which affords immediate relief and in many cases a complete cure in very short time, is sold by druggists under the name of Pyramid Pile Cure.

It is in suppository form used at night and its regular use has cured thousands of obitular, long standing cases, and it seems to be equally effective in the various forms of piles, whether itching, bleeding or protruding.

The Pyramid Pile Cure always the inflammation and intolerable itching, reduces the tumors, and its astringent properties cause the enlarged blood vessels to contract to a normal, healthy condition.

A Baltimore gentleman relates his experience with a Pyramid Pile Cure in these words:

"It affords me unusual pleasure to add my endorsement to those of others relative to your really wonderful pile remedy. I was in sufferer for years until told by a fellow salesman of the Pyramid Pile Cure. It has entirely cured me and I cheerfully send this for publication if you wish to use it in that direction. I wish you would send me one of your little books on cause and cure of piles. I desire to show it to some friends."

Any pile sufferer may use the Pyramid with certainty that it will give instant relief and regular use a permanent cure and the still further certainty that it contains no cocaine, morphine or metallic or mineral poisons.

All druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure, 50 cents for full sized treatment.

topers of late, seems to inspire them to deeds of daring. Last night Ray Simper of Murray came to town and took two of the high kicked row and when Officer Roberts remonstrated, Simper threatened to dislocate the policeman's countenance. Ray occupied a berth in jail last night.

PROF. GEO. BRYSON DEAD.

Well Known Teacher of Languages Summoned Hence.

Prof. George Bryson passed away at his room, 121 west Third Street, yesterday afternoon, his death being brought on by acute congestion of the lungs. It is thought that over-exertion was the cause of the attack. Monday he so exhausted himself in running to catch a car, that he found it necessary to call on a doctor. He returned to his room, but instead of finding relief, he grew rapidly worse, until he expired. Although he had been feeling a little indisposed for the past few days, it was never suspected that there was anything alarming in his condition, and his sudden demise was a great shock to his friends and admirers.

Those who knew Prof. Bryson respected him greatly. He was an instructor in French, and had a large class in the city. Since making his home in Salt Lake, he has attended the First M. E. church regularly, although he was a Baptist in faith. He cultivated the friendship and enjoyed the esteem of many of the prominent citizens of Salt Lake, Rev. Mr. Henry of the First M. E. church, and he, having been particular friends.

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He leaves several children, two sons in London, one of whom is a practicing physician, the other a well-to-do merchant. He also has a daughter in London, who is prominently identified with the sailors' rescue work Mrs. Annie Leitch of Montpelier, Idaho, is his daughter; it was with her he stayed while in Idaho. William T. Noall of the firm of Asper, Noall & company of this city, was connected with Prof. Bryson by marriage, and the deceased had a number of distant relatives in Idaho and Utah. The remains are at O'Donoghue's undertaking parlors, but no arrangements for the funeral will be made until word has been received from members of the family.

"DIAMOND C" SPECIAL.

Near Two Million Bars of Soap Coming to Salt Lake.

Sufficient soap is carried on the big "Diamond C" special to cleanse every Wm. Kidd, the "wild man" arrested by Deputy Sheriff Goldman the other day. There are in this special about forty cars, and it will reach here on the Rio Grande Western some time tomorrow afternoon. There are near two million bars of soap packed in these cars—all booked for Utah—and these bricks of cleansing material will come into the city in some style, each car being decorated. The Cudahy company's private car is attached to the end of the train, but does not carry soap.

ABOLISH "COFFIN SCREWS."

Southern Railway Discontinues the Use of Cigarettes.

A general order has been issued by the Southern Railway at Atlanta, Ga., applicable to the southern division, that all employees must stop using cigarettes or resign their positions, and that in future no one will be employed who smokes cigarettes. Assistant General Passenger Agent S. H. Hardwick says it may soon be made applicable to all the different branches of the road.

Promotions on Santa Fe.

An entire reorganization of the operating department of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, is to be made Jan. 1. Four high officers of the system will be promoted. H. U. Mudge, general superintendent, will become general manager; C. P. Resseguie, general manager of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe branch of the Santa Fe, will succeed Mr. Mudge as general superintendent; W. C. Nixon, superintendent of the Chicago Terminal district of the company, will be advanced to general manager of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, and Mr. Nixon will be followed in Chicago by Avery Turner, now assistant general superintendent at Topeka, the latter office being abolished. The shifting is the result of the resignation of General Manager Frey.

Railroad Sold at Auction.

The Sioux City & Northern railroad and its properties were sold yesterday afternoon under an order of the federal court by Howard S. Baker, special master in chancery, to Wm. Stewart Tod and Robert E. Tod of New York, of the firm of J. Kennedy Tod & Co.

The road was sold for \$2,500,000. The sale was to satisfy bonds of \$1,829,000 and interest due and accrued amounting to \$400,000. The property will be operated now in connection with the Sioux City & Western, also owned by the Tods, by the Great Northern. It is thought the two lines will eventually be turned over to the Great Northern with which the Sioux City & Northern connects at Garrettsville, S. D.

Snow Storms.

Harmony, Minn., Dec. 13.—Snow drifts fifteen feet high, the result of a sixty hour storm that has just ended

LAST WILL OF JOHN I. BLAIR.

Contents Will Probably be Made Public in New York Today.

BEQUESTS USE OF WATER

From the Blair Mill Pond at Blairtown to Public-Great Railroad's Beneficence.

It is expected that the will of John I. Blair, the railroad millionaire, will be made public in New York today. Several deeds made years ago, transferring property to his favorite nephew, John D. Vail, were filed for record in Warren county, N. J. They provide that the water from the Blair mill pond at Blairtown may be used by the public forever without cost, and also give five acres of land to the people of Blairtown for a park.

TO AMEND THE LAW.

Senator Cullom Desires to Extend Powers of Interstate Commission.

Senator Cullom yesterday introduced in the Senate a comprehensive bill for the law creating the Interstate Commerce commission. The bill is in many respects similar to the Cullom bill of the last Congress, for the same purpose but it has been changed in several minor particulars.

The main features of the proposed measure are as follows: The commission is authorized after hearing a case to make an