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TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

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WILL THE NUMBER EVER BE LEARNED?

State Coal Mine Inspector Thomas Says the Number of the Scofield Dead is One Hundred and Ninety-eight.

Dr. Seymour B. Young Counted Two Hundred and Two—Others Who Have Been on the Ground Continuously Insist Upon the Number of Dead Being Near Two Hundred and Fifty—Newspaper Correspondents Invariably Make a Higher Count Than Does the Company—List of Contributions is Increasing to a Splendid Total—Amount, $75,735.68.

Governor Wells is today in receipt of the following telegram from Gomer Thomas, the State coal mine inspector:

"Total number of men killed at Winter Quarters mine explosion one hundred and ninety-nine. One hundred and ninety-five bodies have been taken out and four bodies are still in the mine. Injured, seven. Total killed and injured, two hundred and six. One hundred and four came out alive. A constant force of men is still in search of those missing. I have not made any decision as to the cause of the explosion. My time has been occupied in exploring for the missing."

THE NUMBER OF DEAD.

Dr. Seymour B. Young Says 202 Bodies Have Been Accounted For.

Speculation is still rife on the part of very many people as to the exact number of the dead. Perhaps the exact figures will never be known. In fact that is the view taken by a good many who are known to be conservative in their estimates. The largest effort at an official showing is that made by State Mine Inspector Gomer Thomas as indicated in the above dispatch to Governor Wells.

Apostle Heber J. Grant, who came up from Scofield last night, accompanied by Apostles Teasdale and Smoot and Dr. Seymour B. Young, when asked today as to what information, if any, he had on this subject said that the nearest approach came from data collected by Dr. Young. That gentleman sought to ascertain haw many bodies had been buried and how many had been shipped away, according to the figures furnished by the railroad and express office representatives, the total showing 202.

SAYS IT WAS DUST.

R. G. Wilson Claims That Is What Caused the Explosion.

R. G. Wilson, an uncle to the Wilson boys of Salt Lake who were victims of the Scofield horror, called at the "News" office this morning and talked over some of the distressing scenes of the dreadful affair. Said he:

"There are many things about the explosion that will forever remain a mystery. One thing is certain, there was no gas in the mine. While I am at present employed in the Clear Creek mines, I worked in and about No. 4 for seven years, and claim to know something about it. When I therefore state that the mine had no gas in it I know what I am talking about. This means, of course, that the dust caused the explosion, but how it became ignited is one of the things that I cannot understand. Many and many times attempts have been made to light it by way of experiment, but these efforts always fail, whereas dust taken from the Castle Gate mines when thrown sharply into one's lamp will explode like gunpowder."

Mr. Wilson will return to the Clear Creek mines in the morning. He says that while he deplores very much the Scofield catastrophe, it has not made him afraid of working in the coal mines. There is good money in it, and the laborers at No. 4, he said, averaged about $4 per day.

FORGOTTEN HERO.

Young Lad Whose Heart is Brave and Hand Tender as a Woman's.

To the Editor:

Scofield, Utah, May 5.—As an old miner of 40 years experience, I send to you a few lines upon the Winterquarters mine explosion. I have worked in No. 4 mine for six years and I know a little about it. There are different ideas as to the cause of the explosion. Some say that it was caused through giant powder, others dust. I say that it was caused through gas. This is all I have got to say about the explosion. The motive for writing to your paper is to give you a few facts. As in every case of accident, the superintendents of the company, the foremen and all the officials of the mine get the praise. The men or rescuers are not thought of. There is a young man from Salt Lake City, by the name of Joseph Evans, who has been here about two weeks. He went into the mine at 11:30 on Tuesday morning, May 1, the day of the explosion, and he worked till 6 o'clock carrying bodies out of No. 4. He helped to carry the first man out. The boy never seemed to tire; his young hands were willing to do anything. After coming out of the mine the first day at 6 o'clock he began washing the terrible mangled bodies of the men he had helped to carry out. No woman could have a gentler hand than his. Knowing that the bodies were beyond feeling, a more human boy never was born. I got talking to him, and asked him how he could wash these mangled forms, some of them with half their heads blown off. He told me that before he saw the first man in the mine he was afraid of the dead, but when he saw the first man something changed in him. I then asked him why he came to Scofield. He answered: "Circumstances." He said that he had only three things to live for, religion, Hannah and mother. I can honestly say that he is faithful to humanity and a good, true-hearted "Mormon" boy; and if this is "Mormon" principles, although I am a non-believer, there is something strange in the "Mormon" religion. It is my motto, give honor where honor is due. His near friends ought to be proud of him, moreso Hannah and mother, because he is a true ministering angel indeed. I wish the boy was mine. He is 21 years of age. Yours, EXPERIENCED MINER.

NO LONGER UNKNOWN.

The Body of John Webber Identified by His Wife.

Scofield, May 7.—One of the saddest and most distressing scenes yet witnessed here occurred at the cemetery yesterday afternoon. One of the bodies taken from the mine, crushed and burnt, could not be identified by anyone at Winterquarters and was finally sent up to the grave yard marked "unknown."

The coffin had been lowered into the grave when a man who had worked with Tom Webber came up and said that from descriptions given, he believed the remains to be those of Webber. The coffin was raised, the lid removed and the man identified as Webber. A half a dozen men then joined in the identification, the chief mark being a front tooth, broken in a peculiar manner.

Meanwhile Tom Webber's widow, who had been waiting patiently for her husband's body to be recovered, was notified. When she saw the body she cried out "It is my husband," and fell senseless across the coffin. She was picked up and went into convulsions and was finally taken from the cemetery.

The casket was placed in a box, and taken to the station for shipment to the Webber home in Erie, Colorado.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN EUREKA.

List is Swelling—Funeral Services Over Remains of L. E. Watson.

Eureka, May 7.—Additions to the contributions made here are as follows, bringing the total up to $1,169.25, with the Bullion-Beck, Gemini, Humbug, May Day, Eagle and Blue Bell, Raymond, Northern Star and Ridge and Valley mines yet to be heard from.

Centennial-Eureka employes	$64.25
Centennial-Eureka Company	100.00
Business men	350.00
Eureka volunteer fire dep't	50.00
Godiva mine employes	105.00
Eureka Hill Mining Co.	200.00

Subscription lists have also been opened at Mammoth and Robinson and about $300 has been subscribed there.

On yesterday afternoon funeral services over the remains of the late L. E. Watson, one of the Scofield victims, were held here, the Odd Fellows conducting the services, assisted by the Daughters of Rebecca. Rev. W. Murphy, of the M. E. church, preached the funeral sermon to a large congregation and a great cortege followed the remains to the city cemetery, where the body was laid away by the lodge members. Deceased was a brother of Mine Superintendent Jos. Watson, and was much respected here.

HONOR THEIR DEAD.

Italian Citizens Bury the Remains of Their Countrymen.

The four Italian victims of the Scofield disaster were buried in this city. They were Nicola Ansimo, Gabriel Funari, Antonio Rollo and Joseph Malo. The services which were held at Evan's undertaking parlors, were conducted by Rev. Father Keenan, under the rites of the Catholic church. There was a large congregation, among which was 150 members of the Italian society of Christopher Columbus. The coffins were covered in flowers, among which were many beautiful set pieces.

There was a long cortege, lead by Held's band, which followed the remains to the Calvary cemetery, where the coffins were laid side by side.

FUNERAL OF ANOTHER VICTIM.

Chris Johnson, Laid Away—Services at the Eighth Ward.

The funeral services over the remains of Chris Johnson, another victim of the Scofield explosion, were held at the Eighth ward meeting house yesterday afternoon. The speakers were Bishop Sheets, N. C. Christensen, Carl Jensen and John Cartwright.

The casket was buried in lilacs, gathered by the children of the Sunday school.

The services were concluded by the congregation singing the hymn, "Sweet rest in heaven." The pall bearers were John Olsen, John A. Hellstrom, P. H. Berquist and John S. Erickson. The remains were buried in the city cemetery, the grave being dedicated by Bishop Sheets.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCHES.

Sum of $287.63 Raised Yesterday for Scofield Sufferers.

Collections for the widows and orphans of the Scofield disaster were taken up in quite a number of the churches throughout the city yesterday. The inclemency of the weather considerably reduced the attendance so that the total sum collected was not as large as expected, or that it would have been had the day been fine.

At the Westminster Presbyterian church $35 was contributed and it is believed more will be added later on. Rev. George Bailey, the pastor, took for his text: "There is not a step between me and death." 1 Sam. xx., 3. The speaker elaborated these four points: The terrible occurrence teaches the fearful uncertainty of life; it should remind us of the final dissolution that awaits the earth; that we can not violate the laws of God with impunity; and the wisdom of seeking reconciliation with God.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

At the First Methodist church Rev. A. H. Henry related what he saw at Scofield after the catastrophe. The sum of $137.63 was contributed.

Other contributions were received as follows: First Presbyterian church, $10; St. Paul's, $25; St. Mark's Cathedral, $18; First Congregational, $25; East Side Baptist, $25; total, $287.63.

JOHN KIRTON.

Lehi Pays Respect to the Memory of a Citizen.

Lehi, May 7.—Funeral services over the remains of John Kirton were held here yesterday afternoon in the tabernacle, a very large audience being present, and banks of flowers decorating the building. Bishop T. R. Cutler presided, and the speakers were E. H. Davis, T. R. Jones, Mayor Evans, John Woodhouse, A. J. Evans and Bishop Cutler. Mr. Kirton leaves a wife and several small children who were entirely dependent on him for support, and are consequently in a helpless condition.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY MAIL.

Checks from Bennett, Harkness, Howat, Sutherland and Others.

This morning's mail brought to Hon. Jas. T. Hammond, chairman of the State relief committee, two checks aggregating $316. One was from the law firm of Bennett, Harkness, Howat, Sutherland & Van Cott for $200, and the other from Mayor J. G. M. Barnes of Kaysville, Davis county, on behalf of the city officials and residents, for $116. Following is the list of the Kaysville contributions:

Kaysville Co-op	$25.00
Barnes Banking Co.	25.00
John R. Barnes	25.00
M. Howell Jr.	5.00
Charles Layton	5.00
John W. Gailey	5.00
John G. M. Barnes	5.00
H. J. Sheffield	10.00
Carrie Webb	.50
George B. Sheffield	.50
James S. Harvey	1.00
Yee Gee	.50
George Swan Jr.	2.00
Chris Burton Jr.	1.00
Ernest Owen	.50
Cash	1.00
J. C. Owen	1.00
Samuel G. Layton	.50
George W. Barnes	1.00
William Thurgood	.50

In an added postcript Mayor Barnes said: "Will send more in a few days."

Efforts for the Fund.

The Needlework Guild is making a collection of clothing for the sufferers.

Twenty-five ladies met with Mrs. O. J. Salisbury and are now working to provide food and clothing for the widows and orphans.

Cyclists are agitating a meet of wheelmen at the Salt Palace track, the proceeds to be directed to the assistance of sufferers.

Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, has telegraphed that a fund has been started in that city.

The Red Cross society is moving to help the relief fund.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Grand Total.....$75,735.68

Previously reported in detail ..$74,389.68

TODAY'S LIST.

G. A. Steiner	5.00
National Biscuit Co	50.00
Cash	100.00
F. M. Fox	1.00
W. H. Booth	50.00
L. M. Colbath	5.00
St. Mark's Cathedral Clergy fund	18.00
H. A. Teasdale	5.00
W. R. Foniger	1.00
Max Ottenheimer	5.00
Mary Layton	2.00
Nemo	2.00
Westminster Presbyterian Church	30.50
Kohn Bros., Chicago	10.00
American Smelter and Refining Co.	500.00
Harry C. Evans	10.00
Scott-Strevell Tinner	2.50
W. M. Timmons	3.50
Cash	1.00
Geo. W. Bartch	10.00
Wm. C. Crabble, Wash., D. C.	5.00
Mrs. A. B. Gattrell	2.00
Salt Lake Drug Co.	25.00
Reorganized Mission Sunday School	2.00
Dr. E. S. Wright	10.00
Ed. N. Needham	10.00
Deseret Savings Bank	100.00
J. H. Moyle	25.00
Edwin Brewster	1.00
Cleofan club	10.00
E. R. Eldridge	10.00
Chas. Staats	10.00
E. F. A.	1.00
Edgar S. Hills	5.00
Royal C. Barnes	1.00
Mrs. Royal C. Barnes	1.00
Wm. Forsberg	2.00
Wm. Servis	1.50
Dr. J. E. Talmage	10.00
Theodore Bruback	50.00
F. C. Schramm	25.00
D. MacPherson Boyd	10.00
H. H. Lawson	5.00
A. M. Surbaugh	5.00
Edgar G. Tuttle	5.00
Cash	5.00
Cash	25.00
A. Burch, Wardner, Idaho	25.00
Cash	5.00
Booth Bros., Bingham	5.00
W. R. Smith, Bingham	5.00
W. H. Dunn, Bingham	5.00
A. M. Goslen	10.00
A. L. Apgar	2.50
Alexander Rogers	50.00
W. W. Rogers	25.00
R. Bruce Rogers	25.00
V. P. Strange	10.00
V. Youngberg	5.00
Ed Richards	25.00
Sam Lester, Jr.	2.00
C. O. Pulver	1.00
B. Berryman	5.00
Henry Luce, Sen.	5.00
C. M. Wood	50.00
Mr. Works, Manti	5.00
Salt Lake City Brewing Co.'s employes:	
Oscar Lehmann	5.00
Emil Lehmann	5.00
F. G. Willis	1.00
Bismarck Saloon employes:	
O. B. Olsen	2.00
L. Hill	.50
J. B. Picco	1.00
C. M. Woodle	1.00
Geo. Bielich	1.00
P. Peterson	.50
Edward Sandberg	.50

Grand total $75,735.68

QUIET AT SCOFIELD.

Matters are Assuming Their Normal Conditions at the Camp.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."]

Scofield, Utah, May 7.—The mine would appear in its normal state today if it were in operation. The women are shut up in their homes, grieving silently, and the business places are open. Wagons hired by the relief committee are running in every direction, each with its load of provisions to deliver, and the committee has canvassed the town several times, finding no case where there is actual want, but many fatherless families would soon be in a destitute condition, they say, were no work of relief being done.

At the company's offices things are much quieter than at any other day since the catastrophe. Mr. Sharp, Mine Inspector Thomas and other notables are in the mine at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the rescuers are hauling out dead horses. Thirteen of the animals, all badly decomposed, are in the tunnel and they must be gotten out before the men can be reached. There have been no human bodies brought out today.

A Chinaman's Contribution.

Among those who have contributed to the Scofield disaster fund is a Chinaman named Yee Gee, the proprietor of a laundry at Kaysville. Ye had heard of the terrible catastrophe and going to Mayor Barnes requested that his name be put down for fifty cents. His request was granted and the thoughtful Chinaman's name appears on the list received by Secretary Hammond today from Kaysville.

Rolled Oats Donation.

The manufacturers of "Yankee" rolled oats have authorized their Salt Lake representative, to donate to Scofield destitute families, 1,300-10 cent packes roled oats and pancake flour, shipment from their Salt Lake warehouse today.

Ten Per Cent.

L. & A. Cohn have adopted a novel way at arriving at the amount of their subscription to the Scofield relief fund. They will give ten per cent of today's gross receipts in their store.

Mr. Wood Contributes.

C. M. Wood of the New York Life Insurance company sent a check for $50 to the "News" as his subscription in aid of the relief fund.

Relief Society's Donation.

One of the substantial donations to the Scofield relief fund is that given by the Salt Lake Stake Relief Society, of $50.

AN OUTRAGE UPON LIBERTY

Sensational Statement Made by a "News" Correspondent.

Arrest of Three Young Girls Who Are Taken to Police Station and Grossly Humiliated.

We have received the following communication from a citizen who vouches for its truth. We publish it because it exposes what we consider a flagrant outrage. What ordinance or statute gives color to it we do not know. We are of the opinion that the proceedings were totally without justification. Even if the girls thus treated are dissolute, it affords no excuse for the course pursued towards them. We give the letter as received with the name of the writer. The facts alleged call for a rigid investigation.

"Salt Lake City, May 6th, 1900.—I wish to call your attention to an outrage on decency which occurred in this city last Tuesday evening, which has been carefully kept from the papers by the perpetrators. While eating supper in the Palace restaurant on Second South street, three young girls, all under 16, were arrested by two policemen, and without any charge against them, they were taken to police headquarters and in spite of their tears and protests were forced to submit to a physical examination by the city physician as to their chastity. When they asked permission to notify their mothers, that they might be present, they were refused. The purpose of this outrage can be understood by the fact that one of the city detectives, who has been shadowing these three girls for the last three months, wished to be present at the examination, but was refused by Dr. King. I give you the address of the girls' mothers in order that you may verify my statements.

P. S.—These girls have no father or brother to protect them. Their mothers are widows.

C. E. THORPE.

THE COURT NOW FOR THE DEFENSE

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."]

Fillmore, Utah, May 7.—After the prosecution was through with the introduction of evidence against the Harpers, as connecting them with the supposed Penney murder case, Attorney McBride moved for a dismissal of the case upon the grounds that a corpus delicti had not been proven. County Attorney Melville made an able argument against such grounds and the court took the matter under advisement until 11 a. m. today, when Justice Alma Greenwood overruled the motion for dismissal.

McBride, for the defense, waived the introduction of evidence, and asked that Harper be held to answer the charge before the district court, which was so ordered. Justice Jukes then resumed the chair, and Mrs. Harper was arraigned. She is charged with being an accessory to the murder. McBride, for the defense, again waived examination and asked that she also be bound over to appear at the district court. The court named $2,000 as the amount of bail. There was talk of letting her go upon her own recognizance, but the prosecution objected to this and the court held to the $2,000 bail. The general public is disappointed at the abrupt outcome of this enquiry. Judge Joshua Greenwood is now engaged by Harper for his defense.

MAY TERM OPENS.

Grand and Petit Jurors are Chosen—A Busy Day.

The May term of the federal court was opened today with a rush of business. Nearly the entire day was consumed in impaneling the grand and petit jurors.

The following comprise the grand jury of which H. T. Ball is foreman: H. T. Ball, H. H. Spencer, A. H. Little, Jno. McEwan, Jos. O. Bullock, C. A. Carlquist, Jos. M. Preecer, J. L. Durgen, James Whitehead, Nicholas Treeweek, Robert Patrick, Jno. C. Griffith, Jno. T. Axton, G. M. Harmond, Frank H. Wright, Geo. W. Bodle.

Petit jurors: Jas. Willey, A. H. Adkinson, Wm. H. Brereton, Geo. W. Jones, Daniel C. Lee, Theodore Tobiason, Cyrus Page, Joshua T. Grant, Jno. R. Twelves, Chas. Tietzen, Edw. Merrill, Chas. W. Symons, Geo. J. Taylor, Jno. Turner, Spencer Clawson, Louis Cohn, J. K. Gillespie, Albert C. Morris, W. O. Creer, Walter J. Burton, I. O. Wall, Wm. C. Clive, Eli H. Pierce, Joseph Merrill.

VICTORS IN FIRST SKIRMISH.

Preliminary Contest in Orotory Held in Wards Last Evening.

AWAIT DISTRICT CONTEST.

Enthusiasm Growing in the Y. M. M. I. A. Prize Orotorical Contest—Final Competition in June.

The contest in the Y. M. M. I. A. competition in oratory was held in most of the wards last evening. According to the reports that have come in from the various wards, the efforts of the young men were generally very good. There seems to be satisfaction in the discussions that were made, the feeling being that the judges did their best. The winners in these ward contests will now represent their respective wards in a district contest to be held on May 22nd. The city has been divided into five districts, as follows:

No. 1—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 9th.
No. 2—19th, 22nd, 17th, 16th, 23rd, Center.
No. 3—20th, 21st, 11th, 13th, 18th, 12th.
No. 4—Cannon, 5th, 6th, 4th, Pleasant Green.
No. 5—7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 24th, Brighton.

The district contests will take place May 22nd.

In each district an aid has been appointed as chairman, who will co-operate with the presidents in arranging the district contests. The following are chairmen of the districts named: No. 1, Jed F. Woolley; No. 2, Geo. S. McAllister; No. 3, T. A. Clawson; No. 4, D. J. Lang; No. 5, Carl Badger.

The ones who achieve the first place in the district contest, will engage in a final competition to be held during the general conference of the young men in June, the winner of which will be awarded a gold medal by the Deseret News.

The following are the winners of the contestants last night, the first named being the victors:

First Ward—Ed Braby, Fred S. Musser, John W. White.

Third Ward—E. M. Weller, the only contestant.

Fifth Ward—C. H. Carlquist, L. G. Hoagland, D. C. Rushton, M. Jones, A. J. Self, Andrew Parrott.

Sixth Ward—W. A. Wetzell, the only contestant.

Seventh Ward—George Bowles, George R. Scott.

Tenth Ward—W. J. Sloan, D. H. Saunders, William Parkinson.

Twelfth Ward—W. F. Tuckett, A. A. Rowe, Meyer.

Sixteenth Ward—The decision has not been made yet, one of the contestants is yet to be heard from.

Fourteenth Ward—The decision has been deferred. The contestants are F. Y. Fox, Gebrge Fox, Eugene M. Cannon.

Sixteenth Ward—Albert Eggren, J. E. Openshaw, Joshua Selley, Walter Wright, John S. Perkins.

Seventeenth Ward—Mark Brown, Elias S. Woodruff, Malcolm McAllister.

Nineteenth Ward—Eugene B. Lewis, A. E. Carr, Selden I. Clawson.

Twentieth Ward—Owing to some complications the decision of the judges has been deferred for two weeks. The contestants are: A. G. Swenson, N. Y. Schofield, Clarence Neslen.

Twenty-second Ward—W. H. Evans, Joseph Anderson, C. S. Booth.

Twenty-fourth Ward—The decision has been deferred. The contestants are: Henry B. Elder, Daniel I. Elton, Thomas J. Howells, John E. Cottam.

Cannon Ward—E. M. Davey, Robert W. Smith, Thomas Gold.

PLACE FOR M'NALLY.

Former Utah Judge Appointed by President McKinley.

Washington, May 7.—President McKinley today nominated Hon. James C. McNally to be consul general for the United States at Guatemala.

Mr. McNally is well known in Salt Lake City, where he has many friends and where he resided for a number of years. It will be remembered that he was appointed probate judge for Salt Lake county by President Cleveland and that he held the office until Utah was admitted into the Union as a State, after which probate judges figured in history only. When Mr. McNally took his departure from Utah he was a Democrat, but changed his politics during the last presidential campaign on account of the stand the Democracy took on the money question. Judge McNally was a strong suporter of President McKinley and his appointment to an honorable position will please his Utah friends.

AGUINALDO ALIVE AND ACTIVE.

Manila, May 7.—Telegrams received here from Gen. Young report that Aguinaldo has rejoined the rebel general Tino in the north, and that they have reassembled a considerable force in the mountains.

Gen. Young desires to strike them before the rains and asks for reinforcements.

The tenor of the dispatches lead to the belief that Gen. Young is confident that Aguinaldo is with Tino, and it is presumed they are preparing to fight.

A detachment of the Forty-seventh regiment met and routed a band of the enemy between Legaspi and Riago, province of Albay, April 15. Two Americans were killed and five wounded, including two officers. The Filipinos lost heavily.

The conditions around Legaspi and Sorsono are reported as considerably disturbed.

CLEARING HOUSE REPORT.

May 7, 1900.	
Today's clearings	$559,777.24
Same day last year	452,265.44

ORE AND BULLION REPORTS.

McCORNICK & CO.

Mingo bullion	$ 4,900
Silver and lead ores	23,600

JOY IS FELT IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Roberts Sweeping All Before Him Toward Pretoria.

SEE LADYSMITH HEROES.

Scenes of Enthusiasm in London—Lord Roberts is Not Letting Grass Grow Under His Feet.

London, May 7, 7:20 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Smaldeel, May 7th, 10:55 a. m.:

"Gen. Hunter, after defeating the enemy, May 4th, joined hands with Paget near Warrenton. The enemy left thirteen killed and wounded on the ground and we captured several prisoners. Our losses were slight.

"Hunter speaks in high terms of the gallantry of the yeomanry under Col. Maybrick.

"The enemy have retired from the front of Thaba N'Chu and the exceedingly strong position they held is now occupied by Rundle's division."

The capture of Winburg by the British is confirmed, and the main advance to Pretoria continues with the machine like precision and rapidity which has characterized all Lord Roberts' forward movements.

By the occupation of Winburg Gen. Hamilton puts himself nearly parallel with Lord Roberts and only twenty miles eastward, while he has the additional advantage of being connected with his chief by means of the railroad that runs from Smaldeel or Winburg road station. The only feature of the carefully devised plan of general advance not disclosed by the swift development is that part Gen. Buller was selected to take in the operations. At present there are no indications of any movement on the part of the Natal army. Doubtless a few days or less will bring out the British line of action before the Biggarsberg.

Lord Roberts is now nine miles north of the Vet and sixty-three miles north of Bloemfontein. Evidently he is not letting grass grow under his feet, though the Boers seem equally anxious to retreat toward Kroonstad and are so doing.

At the time this dispatch is sent there is nothing new from Gen. Hunter, but it is presumed he is pushing steadily forward in the direction of Mafeking, aided by the aggressiveness of Barton's and Paget's brigades.

The critics of the newspapers view the situation with the greatest satisfaction. A special dispatch from Smaldeel (Winburg road station), dated 3:45 p. m., Sunday, May 6, gives details of the occupation of Winburg by the British. It says:

"News has just come here that Gen. Hamilton is giving the Boers no rest, and that they are falling back hurriedly. He entered Winburg today after a brisk fight, in which the Boers fell back so quickly that one of their guns, in addition to a Maxim, was abandoned."

The same dispatch describing the crossing of the Vet river by the British says:

"The Boer forces entrenched on the opposite bank prepared to contest the crossing. Our guns were brought into place and a terrific shell fire was directed on the Boer lines. At the same time the Queenslanders, under a heavy fire, dashed across the river and advancing in the open, completely turned the Boer right. It was dusk, but nothing could stop the gallant Australians. They pushed on again, seized a commanding kopje and by brilliant movements and continuous rifle fire drove off the enemy in the darkness.

"The first gleam of dawn this morning found the enemy in full flight and our men after them, and by 9 o'clock this morning we entered the important strategic point."

A dispatch from Boshof, dated Friday, May 4, says:

"Gen. Methuen made a reconnaissance from here Thursday to the neighbor of Sjartkopplesfonteln, locating the laager. After an unimportant exchange of fire, the Boers removed their laager. A fairly strong force of Boers was seen moving northwards. Gen. Methuen then returned to Boshof."

The annals of service demonstrations probably show nothing to parallel the enthusiasm with which the naval heroes of Ladysmith, the officers and crew of the British first class cruiser Powerful, were greeted in London today. The scenes in the streets were remarkable and inspiring. The whole route was a floating mass of color and the enthusiasm displayed was of the most frantic description. The flags of all nations, banners and mottoes formed an almost continuous canopy for Capt. Lambton and the contingent of the Powerful to pass under. Stands were erected at all the points of vantage, the houses were crowded with sightseers and all sorts and conditions of men, women and children commingled in the streets, vying with each other in honoring the gallant sailors who saved Ladysmith.

There was one continuous roar of greeting accompanied by the waving of handkerchiefs, flags and hats, as the naval brigade with the khaki colored guns marched from the depot to the horse guards parade where the prince of Wales in the uniform of an admiral of the fleet accompanied by the first lord of the admiralty, George Q. Goschen, and a number of high naval and military officers, inspected the troops surrounded by thousands of privileged guests who warmly applauded the defenders of Ladysmith, but whose reception of the sailors in no way equaled the intense enthusiasm displayed in the streets.

After the inspection, the parade formed a square with the officers in the center, and the first lord of admiralty and the prince of Wales spoke briefly in terms of admiration of the work and valor of the seamen and officers and then Mr. Goschen individually introduced them to the prince of Wales, who shook hands with and said a few words to each of them.

The prince of Wales introduced Capt. Lambton to the princess of Wales and the brigade was afterwards entertained at luncheon, preparatory to marching through the city.

After the men sat down to luncheon, the prince of Wales and princess of Wales, Mr. Goschen and others traversed the rooms and were heartily cheered.

Washington, Cape Colony, May 7.—The Boers have been driven out of Fourteen Streams and the British are now encamped on the north bank of the Vaal river.

DEATH FOLLOWS THE STORM'S PATH

Two Men Killed in a Washout on the M., K. & T. Line.

A FIERCE TEXAS CYCLONE.

St. Louis Also Swept by Storm—Fire, Rain, Wind, Hail, Flood, and Lightning.

Galveston, Tex., May 7.—The telegraph service to the interior of the State was prostrated by a serious wind and electrical storm this morning.

The Brazos river is raging near Thompson and the lowlands for miles on either side are flooded.

It is reported that the storm was of a cyclonic character, but details are lacking owing to the wires being down.

WASHOUT CAUSES A WRECK.

St. Louis, May 7.—A washed out trestle leading to the Black bridge south of St. Charles, Mo., caused the wreck of the "Katy Flyer," a fast incoming passenger train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, and resulted in the death of John Boyle, fireman, and fatal injury of E. L. Palmer, engineer. Fireman Boyle was crushed to death by the engine while Palmer was terribly scalded by escaping steam.

The accident occurred about three miles from St Charles, and was caused by a recent heavy rain storm that had washed out the foundation of the high trestle. The engine and tender went down without warning, carrying along the baggage and smoking cars. Engineer Palmer was going very slowly or the remainder of the train would have been wrecked also. As it was, none of the passengers was injured, but had a very narrow escape from death.

LIGHTNING DOES DAMAGE.

St. Louis, May 7.—The storms of wind and rain that have swept through St. Louis and vicinity the past two days have been the most severe of the season, resulting in considerable damage to property. In the city the damage is confined to the blowing down of trees and portions of houses and sign boards.

Lightning caused several fires in this city and East St. Louis.

A large number of birds were found dead after the storm.

The market gardeners and fruitgrowers in this and adjoining counties as well as east of the river in Illinois, suffered greatly as the result of the heavy downpour of rain and hail.

At Monroe City, Mo., lightning struck the telephone wires, burned out 150 connections, destroyed instruments and set fire to the central office.

THIS WAS A WRECKER.

San Antonio, Tex., May 7.—A destructive cyclone wrecked the San Antonio Loan and Trust Company's five story steel and terrace building today. The loss is about $70,000.

The building was uninsured. The wind's velocity was sixty miles an hour. Two box cars were blown across the tracks of the main line of the Aransas pass in the yards, and caused the wrecking of an incoming excursion train from Corpus Christi. The fireman was the only one hurt.

ASSOCIATED PRESS RULE.

Final Decree Thereon is Entered in Illinois Court.

Chicago, May 7.—Judge Dunne of the circuit court today entered the final decree in the suit of the Inter-Ocean Publishing Co. against the Associated Press. The court grants to the complainant the restoration of the service of the Associated Press and removes the ban of suspension under the by-law of the Associated Press which prohibited subscribers in the association from receiving news from or from furnishing news to any person or corporation declared antagonistic to the Associated Press.

The decree finds "that the Associated Press is a corporation engaged in a business upon which a public interest is engrafted, and that it can make no distinction with persons who wish to purchase information and news for purposes of publication;" that article 11, section 8, of the by-laws of the Associated Press, forbidding the exchange of news by members with associations or newspapers declared by the board of directors of the Associated Press to be antagonistic, "is not required for the corporate purposes nor included within the purposes of the said incorporation and tends to restrict competition." That the tendency of the said by-law is to create a monopoly in favor of the Associated Press and that "such by-law is illegal and void, and that all other by-laws, rules and regulations of the Associated Press and all provisions of the contract existing between it and the Inter-Ocean in so far as they may tend to strengthen, confirm or carry out the provisions of article 11, section 8, of the by-laws, are illegal and void."

The decree further found that the existing contract except in so far as it sought to carry out the provisions of article 11, section 8, of the by-laws, is a valid and specific contract, and is of the same force and effect as though the provisions carrying out the invalid by-law had not been incorporated. It was therefore decreed that the above provision in the contract and in the by-laws be declared illegal, null and void and held for nought; and that the Associated Press, its officers, attorneys, agents, servants and employes be enjoined from suspending the Inter-Ocean from its membership or from refusing to give it news as required by its contract with the illegal provision eliminated. It was further decreed that the Inter-Ocean recover from the Associated Press its cost incurred in this suit.

Wire Company Officers Resign.

New York, May 7.—Henry W. Seligman has resigned from the directory of the American Steel and Wire Company.

Mr. Seligman said he would make public his reason later in the day. Frederick Strauss has also resigned from the American Steel and Wire directory.

Not Judicious to Tell.

Washington, May 7.—Secretary Gage, replying to a resolution of the Senate asked for information relating to alleged irregular practices in the custom house at New York involving William H. Theobald, says that the disclosure of the confidential reports at this time would defeat the investigation now in progress.

KANSAS TAKES THE WINDMILL.

Has Fourteen Distinct Tornadoes in One Afternoon.

OVER 20 PERSONS INJURED.

Two are Killed—Several Buildings Wrecked and Crops Destroyed—Damage by Rain and Hail.

Kansas City, Mo., May 7.—No less than fourteen funnel shaped tornado clouds are reported to have been seen yesterday in central Kansas, ranging through Saline, Ellsworth, Rice, Barton and Pawnee counties. As far as learned Mr. and Mrs. William Helfrick, who lost their lives in the destruction of their home north of Ellinwood, comprise the fatalities. Over twenty people are reported slightly injured near Ellinwood.

The first storm formed in the neighborhood of St. Peter's and St. Paul's churches, five miles north of Ellinwood, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, destroying the Helfrick home completely and damaging several other farm houses and other buildings.

Almost simultaneously another tornado formed about four miles east of Great Bend, and moving in a northeasterly direction, demolished fences and barns, and killed several live stock. Here William Welch's farm house and buildings were demolished, but the family escaped.

Another storm at about the same time struck near Pawnee Rock, thirteen miles southeast of Great Bend, and wrecked several buildings and destroyed crops.

Considerable damage with no loss of life is also reported at and near Claflin, in the northeast part of Barton county and Frederick in the western part of Rice county.

Rain and hail following the storm did great damage to the crops in some localities.

Near Elkhorn the Houseman farm buildings and big growing wheat crop were destroyed.

On the Mozett farm the finest peach orchard in the country was uprooted and every building on the place wrecked.

The farm buildings on John Gleason's place were also levelled and the race ground stables and Cockran barn near the latter, stored with valuable farming machinery, were wrecked.

At Fort Scott, the most destructive windstorm experienced in many years prevailed. Signs and shade trees were blown down, blocking the street cars, telephone wires were snapped and several small buildings were damaged.

Near Marysville, Mo., a small sized tornado Sunday evening destroyed a dozen houses and barns and damaged crops.

SOLD IT ON SUNDAY.

Methodists Agitated at Their Paper's Business Rush.

Chicago, May 7.—The session of the Methodist general conference today was full of life, of brisk debate and some feeling. There was consternation among the delegates when it was learned that the Daily Christian Advocate had been sold on the streets on Sunday; there was violent opposition to Dr. J. M. Buckley's resolution directing that all matters on controversies under discussion by the conference be eliminated from the Daily Advocate and a resolution by former Congressman Johnson, North Dakota, giving the approval of the conference to the use of individual communion cups was cried down without the formality of a discussion.

Dr. Buckley's resolution concerning the suppression of certain articles was passed by a vote of 323 to 279 but not until several delegates had expressed themselves very freely.

At the beginning of the session a stranger, tall and wild looking, arose and for several minutes delayed the proceedings by a disconnected harangue, accompanied by almost every variety of gesticulation. He was quieted, but no sooner had he taken his seat than Dr. A. B. Leonard caused a sensation of another sort. He demanded to know by whose authority the Daily Christian Advocate, which reports the doings of the conference, had been hawked about the streets yesterday like any secular Sunday paper. It was sold, he declared with much vigor, at the very door of the auditorium while the Methodists were entering to attend divine services.

"I want to put a motion right here," said the delegate from Cincinnati, "that hereafter our paper be not sold on the Sabbath and that the proper authorities be requested to enforce the rule."

D. D. Thompson, manager of the paper, explained that the papers sold were back numbers, that the sale was not authorized and that it would not occur again.

TELLER ON THE BOERS.

Addresses the Senate—Other Matters Considered by Legislators.

Washington, May 7.—The Senate agreed to the request by the House for conference on the army appropriation bill and Senators Hawley, Sewell and Cockrell were named as conferees.

A conference was also agreed to for an agreement on the fortifications bill, Senators Perkins, Warren and Pettigrew being named as conferees.

The Senate also agreed to a conference on the Colorado Cooperage colony bill, in respect to desert lands, and Senators Hansbr