

Word from Afghanistan is that on Wednesday, General MacPherson occupied Sarkh Kotal just in time to prevent the junction of the Kohistanis with a force from Ghuznee. The Kohistanis who occupied a position near Kotal were attacked and dislodged, leaving six standards. Our loss was a few men slightly wounded. Gen. Baker was to go by way of Char-Asiab to take them in the rear, while General Massey with a force of horse artillery, two squadrons of the 9th Lancers and one squadron of the 14th Bengal Lancers, was to join Gen. MacPherson by way of Charden Valley, for a combined movement, with the object of driving the enemy south on Gen. Baker's command. Gen. Massey encountered Mahmoud Jan's force, numbering 10,000 Sepoys and tribesmen, and his cavalry, made a brilliant charge, but without apparent effect on the vast body of the enemy. The country is most difficult, being cut up by numerous water courses. Four guns, in retiring, were upset, spiked and abandoned, but were subsequently recovered. The enemy made for Cabul Gorge, but were checked there by a detachment of the 72nd Highlanders from Shepur cantonment. The enemy then turned towards Baber Tomb, and now occupy the height south of Bala Hissar. They are admirably led and two or three hundred of them are armed with Snyder rifles. They lost heavily by the cavalry charge and artillery fire, but never wavered. Our loss is believed to be 18 killed, including two lieutenants, and 25 wounded, including one colonel. Gen. MacPherson is now attacking the enemy. The guides have arrived from Luttahund, and General Baker is coming from Maidan.

A dispatch from Madrid says: Several generals of the army high in command in Spain and Cuba, such as Captain General Blanco and Generals Prendergast and Cusota, tendered their resignations as soon as they heard of the fall of Premier Martinez Campos' ministry. Another dispatch says: The liberal newspapers in Spain deplore the resignation of Premier Campos. They think that as the conservatives were divided, King Alfonso should have entrusted the government to Sagasta and the liberals instead of those who for nine months have opposed and defeated the abolition and free trade policy of Campos. The newspapers also express alarm concerning the effect in Cuba of his resignation.

A dispatch from Cabul dated Thursday says: The combined movement of Generals Massey and MacPherson miscarried. The cavalry arrived at the point of junction too early. It encountered large masses of the enemy and the guns for the time fell into the enemy's hands, but they were afterwards recovered. The insurgents who are in considerable force about the city, are being attacked this morning by General MacPherson, who yesterday inflicted a severe loss upon them.

Lord Lytton, Viceroy of India on his arrival at Calcutta this evening from a tour of the provinces, was twice fired at but escaped injury. The would-be assassin is arrested.

The grand jury at Carrick-on-Shannon have found true bills against Davitt, Killen and Daly for sedition. Counsel for the crown writes of the removal of the trial to Dublin. Rea, counsel for Killen, protested, and advised Killen to remain in prison.

The sub-sheriff of Mayo, and a large force of police have gone to Loomamore to evict Farmer Dempsey, to protest against whose eviction the Balla meeting of the 22nd ult was held.

Passage has been booked for Charles S. Parnell and friend on the steamer *Scythia*, which sails from Liverpool for New York on the 20th inst.

It is stated at the India Office that Lord Lytton telegraphed from Calcutta to-day that he had been shot at by a drunken East Indian but no one was injured.

Many arrests were made in St. Petersburg to-day. It is said the plan of the Winter Palace was found on one of the prisoners.

LONDON, 13.—The *News* Dublin dispatch confirms the statement of the correspondent that the prosecution against Davitt, Daly and Killen will not be pressed.

A dispatch from Cabul on Friday evening says: Gen. MacPherson attacked the enemy on the ridge above the Bala Hissar, at noon to-day, he captured and now holds the lower part of the ridge. General

Baker has arrived here from Maidan. He had some sharp fighting Wednesday and Thursday. The crest of the hill he surrounded and stormed on Saturday. The city of Cabul is quiet.

The case of James B. Killen, the Irish agitator, was yesterday taken from the counsellor Rea's hands and his bail arranged by the Dublin solicitors.

A dispatch from Capetown, of Nov. 25th, says: The colonial forces successfully stormed Moirosis Mountain on the 20th of November. Chief Moirosis was killed during the fight. On the British side two colonists were wounded and two native allies killed. The attack on Chief Seecorrie has been postponed until Nov. 28th.

One Dublin correspondent says: The trials of Davitt, Daly and Killen have been abandoned. Another asserts they have not all been abandoned, but does not specify which of them is to be tried. Davitt and Daly are practically at large without bail, as they never gave bail for their appearance at Dublin. Placards have been posted throughout county Kerry, it is believed, at the instance of the O'Donoghues, who have heretofore opposed the Nationalists, calling for a monster meeting at Killarney on the 26th inst. The language of the placards is violent, but advises agitation within the law.

It is stated a detachment of two hundred infantry has been ordered from Ballin-Robe, Connaught, to the neighborhood of Ballina, where a great land meeting is announced for Sunday, to be in readiness in the event of disturbance.

LONDON, 15.—General Roberts telegraphs confirmation of the report of General MacPherson's partial failure in his attempt on Friday to capture the ridge above Bala Hissar at Cabul. On Saturday morning General Baker attacked the Afghan's position with two and a half regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry and eight guns, and succeeded in capturing the hill and driving the Afghans from all their positions.

A letter dated Candahar the 1st inst. and published at Bombay, says: General Stewart has been instructed to send messengers to Ayoub Khan, the Afghan commander of Herat, requiring him to hold Herat in the name of the British government, and threatening an advancement thither of the British force in case of his failure to do so.

Paris newspapers print a Vienna telegram which asserts that Russia has proposed to the powers a collective step at Constantinople to accelerate the surrender of Gusinje to Montenegro.

The Porte has sent a circular to its representatives abroad, reciting the measures taken to secure the Gusinje, and expressing the hope that the Montenegrins will not precipitate matters, as some delays are necessary if bloodshed is to be avoided.

The *Paris Temps* says: No modification of the ministry will be made until after the adjournment of the chambers.

A committee of the Chamber of Deputies, on the resolution to suspend the operation of the law, declaring that judges shall be irremovable, was elected yesterday. Nine members favor and two are opposed to the suspension of law. All the ministers absented themselves from their respective bureaux during the elections.

The Spanish Senate yesterday continued discussion of the bill for the abolition of slavery in Cuba. Senors Ruiz and Gomez spoke in opposition to the bill. The ministerial journals to-day announce the cabinet council is determined to take no steps regarding members of the minority absenting themselves from the chambers. They also state that Senor Canovas del Castillo has had interviews with Gen. Martinez Campos and Senor Quesada, both of whom condemn the attitude of the minority.

Gen. Roberts telegraphs from Cabul under date of the 13th inst., that the enemy have been defeated on all sides, but that notwithstanding their heavy losses parties of Afghans still remain in the neighborhood. Gen. Roberts announced his intention to attack them on the 14th inst., unless these parties disperse. The total British loss during the three days fighting is 43 killed, including six officers, and 76 wounded, of whom ten are officers.

Several large land agitation meetings were held in West Ireland yesterday. The meeting at Ballina was presided over by a Catholic

clergyman. A corps of pikemen surrounded the place of meeting. Letters were read from Parnell, Patrick, James Sijth, John O'Connor Power, and Edmund Dwyer Gray, apologizing for their absence. Among the speakers were several Catholic clergymen. Government reporters were present taking notes of the speeches. Browne in his address stated some of the causes of distress in Ireland to be competition of American produce and bad seasons at home. All the speakers advocated the peasant proprietary system, a resolution in favor of which was adopted. Another meeting was held at Carrick-on-Shannon. Davitt, Daly, Killen, and Braunan, the recently released prisoners, were present.

The grand jury of Carrick-on-Shannon returned a true bill against Brennan.

A Madrid dispatch dated Saturday says: All factions of the opposition are assembled in their bureaux deliberating upon the proposition to issue a manifesto declaring that the opposition does not wish to impede the transaction of public affairs but only desires to uphold the privileges of minorities and after the publication of the manifesto to retire from the chamber.

Prince Gortschakoff is represented to have sent a circular to the powers emphatically denying that any changes are contemplated in the Russian policy.

Germany, at the request of Austria, has instructed the commanders of the German ships in Peruvian waters to protect Austrian Consulates if they are imperilled on account of way between Chili, Peru and Bolivia.

#### TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Gen. Grant was enthusiastically welcomed by the citizens of Louisville, Ky., yesterday.

The President has nominated Alexander Ramsey, of Minnesota for Secretary of War.

Ex-Secretary McCrary will immediately assume his judicial duties.

A fight occurred on the 5th between Apaches and Mexicans in Chihuahua. The Indians lost was 80 killed and wounded.

The Western Union Telegraph Company yesterday declared an extra dividend of one per cent, payable on the 15th of January.

Up to the 5th inst. there were 170 arrests made in Moscow and its neighborhood for supposed connection with the attempt upon the life of the Czar.

The French Court of Cassation has suspended a Toulouse Judge for one year for toasting the Count de Chambard as king, at a legitimist meeting.

This year's brandy crop in France amounts to practically nothing.

Fire and water yesterday afternoon did much damage to Stoughton Hall, one of Harvard College buildings.

The Chicago Mining Exchange, at 143 Madison Street, was formally opened this morning.

Calcraft, 46 years hangman in England, is dead.

Parliament will be further prorogued till February next when it will meet for the dispatch of business.

A British Cabinet council is announced to consider the serious news from Afghanistan.

Carlotta Patti's libel suit against the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* was proceeded with to-day, and the lady herself has been giving testimony.

The next National Republican Convention is at present likely to meet in Chicago. The man most probable to succeed the late Senator Chandler as chairman is Senator Don Cameron.

#### Correspondence.

Temporarily Insane, Not Intoxicated.

SALT LAKE CITY, December 15, 1879.

Editors *Deseret News*:

Referring to your issue of the 6th inst., in which my name was somewhat prominently brought before the public, I think a word or two of explanation is due to me under the circumstances.

It is generally thought in the 11th Ward, where I reside, that I was drunk on the occasion to which your reporter made reference. Now,

this I deny, as I have not taken liquor of any consequence for the last six months.

The facts in my case are as follows:—About the early part of last month I was taking a piece of machinery for lifting heavy rock, belonging to Watson Brothers, from the the new Co-op. building, when a piece of lumber fell from the floor above and struck me on the top of my head, inflicting a very severe wound, from which I lost a great deal of blood. As soon as I recovered from the shock, I went down Main Street in search of a doctor to dress the wound, and after having this attended to I returned to my work as usual. Four days afterwards my head became quite dizzy and I could not sleep for several nights. I was recommended by some friends—as I then thought them to be—to get some liquor to wash the wound, and to drink a little of it to bring about sleep. I did as I was advised, but for four or five days I completely lost my reason.

These are the facts of my case, and I thank the city authorities for taking care of me during this fit of temporary insanity. And I would here say that if during that time I insulted or offended any person, I am sorry for it.

I remain, etc.,

THOMAS BRUNKER.

Salt Lake City,  
15th December, 1879.

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#### BATTALION HISTORY.

##### A HAZARDOUS JOURNEY.

We cannot conscientiously leave these detachments without going back and mentioning the daring and hazardous enterprise of John H. Tippets and Thomas Wolsey.

On the 23d day December, 1846, these fearless soldiers left Pueblo, on the head waters of the Arkansas River, alone and without a guide, to take money to their families and friends whom they had not heard from since John D. Lee and Howard Egan left them and overtook the Battalion as previously noted. The second day they passed Pike's Peak. When they awoke the next morning they found themselves ensconced under about six inches of snow. The fourth night they camped on Cherry Creek, near where Denver City now stands. Arriving at the South Fork of the Platte River they followed down it passing an old Indian village. A severe cold south wind arose which forced them to take shelter under the bank of the river during the night where they slept on the ice. No wood here. Mr. Tippets avers that the weather was so cold that six inches of the tail of one of the mules was frozen. Another day's travel took them to where they could get wood for culinary purposes. Here they remained three days owing to the severity of the weather. They killed a buffalo which gave them a supply of meat.

After one day's travel from this point and bamping over night, one of the men went for water, and was driven back by a sentinel in the shape of an old buffalo bull. They followed the river down to Grand Island. Here Pawnee Indians took them prisoners and detained them one day and night. They crossed the river below the island on the ice. They then continued their journey eastward to the Elk Horn River. Here they packed sand in their blankets to keep their mules from slipping on the ice, which was rather thin and weak, but they succeeded in crossing in safety. The same day they were stopped by a band of Omaha Indians. Among them was a white man. Brother Tippets asked him if he could speak English. He answered, "yes." "Then for God's sake tell us where we are." They found themselves within sixteen miles of Winter Quarters, where they arrived at dark on the 15th of February, 1847, at the house of President Brigham Young, where a picnic party was gathered, of which picnic they freely partook, which was to them a great treat, as they had been three days without much food. Brother Tippets dreamed of partaking of just such a feast. They were out fifty-two days, traveling like Abraham, not knowing whither they went.

As I am anxious to bring my narrative to a close at an early day, I may not publish much more until it appears in book form.

Respectfully,

DANIEL TYLER.

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