

The casualties yesterday were about fifty and today about ten. The enemy has been severely punished in the recent encounters.

The disaster to Gen. Kempster's rear guard, that was cut off by the tribesmen on Saturday near Sher-Khel, was due to the animals becoming entangled in the rice fields at dusk. To increase the difficulty, the drivers and carriers opened kegs of rum and became hopelessly drunk. Many of their followers were benumbed by the icy stream and their feet bruised by the boulders. Several men are still missing. Two other officers received injuries and forty men were killed and wounded.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—At a party given at the residence of W. H. Califf, near Jeffersonville, Twiggs county, last night, a dispute arose between two men who were drinking and three were killed and two women fatally injured.

The dead are: Luther Califf, Clarence Jones, — Griffin.

Injured: Mrs. W. H. Califf, will die, Mary Perry, will die.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The mystery attending the brutal murder of Mrs. Mary Clute in a Guerrero street flat last evening, has apparently been solved. After a severe struggle the woman was beaten to death with an iron coupling-pin, which crushed her skull, and the police are satisfied that the man who used this deadly weapon is now in custody. He is a Russian, known as Albert Hoff, but his full name is Albert Frederick George Verenssenockkockhoff. He stated to the police that he was born in Baden in 1830, but he does not appear to be more than 50 years of age. He had been employed by Mrs. Clute to assist her to move and renovate some mattresses, and was known to have been at the house yesterday afternoon. Today he walked into the police station and attempted to account for his presence at the newly-rented Clute flat. His statements were suspiciously contradictory, however, and he was placed under arrest. Late this evening the prisoner was positively identified by Mrs. L. A. Legg, who occupies the room directly under that in which the murder was committed, as the man whom she and her invalid father-in-law saw leaving the house after they had been alarmed by Mrs. Clute's dying calls for help. Further incriminating evidence against the prisoner is furnished by the fact that he is left-handed, and that his left hand is badly cut, as though by the sharp flange of the coupling-pin which the murder was committed with. Abundant evidence was found that a struggle had taken place, but there was no indication that the assassin had accomplished his evident purpose, which was not robbery.

Hoff, who strenuously maintains his innocence, is known as a socialist and an anarchist, and it is reported that he is actively connected with the nihilists.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—Clifford Sifton's Yukon mining regulations are undergoing revision at the hands of a sub-committee of the council, composed of the minister of the interior, Sir Louis Davies and David Mills.

It is semi-officially announced that the sub-committee propose to amend the regulations applicable "to the royalty by exempting the sum necessary for developing a claim for a year," and that "it is also suggested that instead of reserving alternate claims for the government in trust for people of Canada their claims should be grouped in blocks of ten so as to facilitate the working of claims staked out by individuals." What the sub-committee was doubtless bearing in mind is that the diggings lie in comparative prox-

imity to the international boundary line to which access is easy by water and beyond which Canada's jurisdiction ceases and that except the right to "navigate" the Stickeen and Yukon rivers Canada is dependent upon the good will of the United States for the smallest commercial privilege at all points of trans-shipment on existing routes to the Yukon—namely at Fort Wrangel, Skaguay, Taila and St. Michael—these being in territory claimed and administered by the United States. Hence the feeling here is that the cabinet should take a broadminded view of the situation and adopt regulations of a liberal character which will result in the rapid development of the country.

Brook Haven, Miss., Dec. 17.—Another negro was lynched at Bankston Ferry, Simpson county, on Wednesday, as an accomplice of Charley Lewis in the murder of the wife and four children of Brown Smith, on Wednesday of last week.

Upon evidence given by a colored woman, a mob of 400 men held another meeting at Bankston Ferry, bringing before them three negroes, Oscar Ferrell, Tom Wales and Giles Berry, who were with Charley Lewis the night of the murder. Oscar Ferrell testified before the mob that Charley Lewis, Giles Berry, Tom Wales and himself were to church across the river the night of the murder. Returning to a cotton house where they had been stopping they all retired together. Lewis and Waller (not Wales) arose and left at 2 o'clock, and returned at daylight with some fresh meat, and remarked that they had killed Brown Smith's wife and four children because she refused to cook the meat. He placed a rope around Waller's neck and placed a rope around Waller's neck and hanged him within a few feet of where Charley Lewis was hanged several days ago.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Figaro, according to a special dispatch to the Herald from Paris, gives the following additional facts about the death of Alphonse Daudet, the author:

At half-past seven the whole family of M. Daudet met at dinner. Mme. Daudet, the two sons, Leon and Lucien, Mlle. Edmee Daudet and Mme. Allard, Mme. Daudet's mother. The gathering was a merry one and there was plenty of chat and laughter. Suddenly M. Daudet gave a cry and his head fell back. He had fallen into a syncope. It was then a quarter past eight. Everything was done that could be done. A messenger was at once sent for Dr. Gilles de la Torrette. The family's anxiety was extreme, for M. Daudet showed no signs of recovering consciousness. He had been carried to bed pale and almost cold, and it was in vain that his wife and sons bent over him and called him by name. After a few minutes of dreadful suspense the doctors reached the house and with them the Cure of Saint Clotilde. As they entered the room the priest caught the doctor's eyes and fell on his knees reciting the prayers for the dead. Every resource of science was called into requisition, strong restoratives were administered and even an application of electricity was tried, but it was too late. Alphonse Daudet was dead.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—The minimum temperature in this city during the 24 hours ended at 8 a. m., today was three degrees below zero and four above at Pueblo.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 18.—The intense cold continues today, Battle Ford with 34 below, being the cold center at 7 o'clock this morning and St. Paul and Huron with 10 below being the warmest in the entire territory this side of Calgary.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—A Grand Forks, N. D., special to the Journal says that it is definitely known that but two persons, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Howe, were burned to death in the Hotel Dakota fire yesterday. Mr. Howe was abed with rheumatism and when friends urged his wife to leave, she said she would "stay with Al."

Vail, Iowa, Dec. 18.—The Overland Limited on the Chicago & Northwestern, which left Chicago last night, ran into an open switch near here at 6 o'clock this morning. The mail catch it seems, flew out from the mail coach, which was next the engine. The catch struck the switch lever, broke it off and opened the switch, forming a "tip." The train was going at the rate of sixty miles an hour. The engine and mail car remained on the track, but the buffet car, two sleepers and two coaches were completely overturned on the prairie. Everybody on board was knocked about considerably and many were scratched and bruised but no person was killed or apparently seriously injured. A wrecking train was sent to the wreck and within a short time the passengers were on their way to Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—The Omaha wrecked train is held at Dennison, Iowa. The wounded are being cared for there. The train will be consolidated with Northwestern No. 3 and reach Omaha at 3:30 this afternoon.

The injured are:
J. H. Barry, chief engineer Northwestern system, Chicago.

Alex Williams, colored porter, hurt internally and above the hips.

W. J. Colvin, agent Great Eastern, Omaha.

A. E. Evellth, Sturgis, S. D.
None of the injuries extend beyond bruises or sprains.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Strong earthquake shocks, lasting twelve seconds, were felt at 8:30 this morning. At Curta Di Castello, province of Perugia, central Italy, the walls of houses split, many chimneys fell, bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants. The shocks were registered by the instrument here and Sienna, and a Velletri. There was also a slight shock felt at Bologna today.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 18.—Pardee Hall, the magnificent four story stone structure that stood on the brow of College Hill, this city, and the pride of La Fayette college, was badly damaged by fire this morning. Only the east wing was saved from the flames. The center of the structure and the entire west wing were gutted.

Besides the damage to buildings, thousands of dollars of valuable property belonging to professors was destroyed. A heavy portion falls on J. Madison Porter, professor of civil and topographical engineering. His instruments were valued at \$15,000, on which there was no insurance. Dr. T. C. Porter's botanical laboratory, probably the finest in the United States, was also destroyed. The war library, consisting of 15,000 volumes of valuable books, is in the ruins along with a valuable collection of minerals and birds.

The flames spread so rapidly that for three hours the work of the firemen was of no avail. Aid came from Phillipsburg, N. J.

Students carried from the building many valuable instruments, books, experimental plants, etc.

The fire originated in the biological laboratory of the second floor of the west wing. It is believed to have been started by a defective gas burner under an incubator.

The old Pardee Hall was destroyed in 1879 and the structure which was burned today was built in 1880.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 17.—The first moisture Texas has had in many weeks