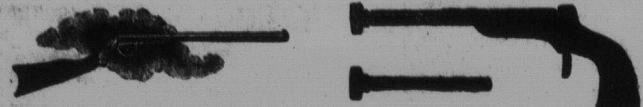


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LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press learns that the war office has come into possession of a cipher telegram purporting to have been sent by the Boer commandant, Delarey, stating that he could not hold out longer than January. According to the correspondent of the Times at Pretoria, this morning, Delarey is believed to be forty miles northwest of Klerksdorp with about 400 men. The war office is taking a more hopeful view of the war than it has taken at any previous time.

YORK CAMPAIGN.

Decline to Meet Dr. McLeod's Supporters—Geo. W. Allen on the Manitoba School Question.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—At Hawkshaw last evening Mr. Gibson and Geo. W. Allen spoke. Before the meeting O. S. Crockett asked privately to be permitted to speak on behalf of Dr. McLeod, but was refused. He went to the meeting, and before the speeches began repeated his request for an hour, or half, or even a quarter of an hour, but was refused. Mr. Gibson spoke for only about five minutes, and Mr. Allen had finished at 9.15, and Mr. Crockett again asked permission to speak, but was refused. Nor would Mr. Gibson consent to answer some questions by Mr. Crockett.

Mr. Crockett invited Gibson and Allen to meet him at Magandy tonight, but they declined. Mr. Allen devoted the first of his speech last night to the Manitoba school question. He said the conservative party had received a final and deadly blow to the action of Sir Charles Tupper in his attempt to force Manitoba to give the Roman Catholics separate schools. If any man was entitled to be labelled with the name of traitor to Protestantism it was Sir Charles Tupper. If Sir John Macdonald had passed an act at the time the free school system was adopted in New Brunswick, in reference to the schools in this province, such as was proposed by Sir Charles Tupper in reference to Manitoba, said Mr. Allen, true Protestants here would have risen in rebellion. Sir Charles Tupper's proposed remedial bill was the most grievous affront to the Protestant feeling of the country ever contemplated by a public man in Canada. There was an attack said Mr. Allen upon the doctrines of Protestantism which would have justified a religious crusade such as had not heretofore been known in Canada. "And I believe," said Mr. Allen, "such a crusade would have been started had it not been for the liberal party, who by a remarkable coincidence happened to be of the same race and religion as those who were making all the trouble in Manitoba, but who nevertheless manfully stood up for the rights of Protestantism."

At Middle Southampton H. F. McLeod addressed a crowded hall, where Geo. W. Allen had but twelve hearers on the previous evening. A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—At French Lick Springs last night Richard Croker expressed a very decided opinion that Admiral Schley would make a strong presidential candidate in 1904 and that the probabilities all favor a boom for him in the east. With a strong following the south and west, he pressed the opinion that congress would not interfere in the Schley matter in any way.

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CLEARED OUT THE BOXERS

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—The str. Koono Maru, which arrived here today from the Orient, after a very rough passage, brings advices from Vladivostok of the clearing of Chinese Boxers and insurgents from Manchuria by Russians. A total of 2,216 ex-soldiers and Boxers have been arrested by different expeditions from June to November 4th, and some were banished while the more trustworthy became native police.

THE KING'S STABLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—According to the London correspondent of the Journal and American, Lord Marcus Beresford has been appointed to manage the stable of King Edward. He will assume his duties on January 1, when the Duke of Devonshire, the present director, retires. The king's colors will be prominent in all big events in 1902.

LOST HEAVILY IN COPPER.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—L. P. Kekewich, of the firm of Morrison, Kekewich & Co., died this morning. It is said that he committed suicide. The belief prevails that the deceased recently suffered heavy losses in copper. The metal exchange has closed as a token of sympathy.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Eastern states and northern New York—Cloudy tonight, probably snow; Friday, snow light to fresh winds.
TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Today and Friday, moderate winds, mostly northerly, cloudy to fair, not much change in temperature.

TEN KILLED

And Fifteen Wounded in a Railway Collision.

SALINAS, Calif., Dec. 18.—The north bound Sunset express No. 8, of the Southern Pacific, due to arrive at San Ardo at 12.50, and Sunset express No. 10, from San Francisco, due to leave San Ardo at the same time, were in collision this morning. The trains are scheduled to pass at Uplands, a few miles south of San Ardo. The south bound train left Salinas seven minutes late and through some error met the north bound train head on, half a mile west of Uplands. Both trains were completely wrecked, the engines being thrown from the track and several of the cars telescoped. Train No. 8 was partly destroyed by fire. It is reported that ten persons were killed and fifty injured.

The south bound train was crowded with passengers, every seat taken and some persons being obliged to stand. Among those on the train were eighty discharged soldiers on their way east, and the All-American base ball team from the east on their way to Los Angeles. The track is completely blockaded and no trains can pass the wreckage today. The Sunset limited and two freight trains are being held at Braggley.

SAN LUCAS, Obispo, Calif., Dec. 18.—The train despatcher at this point said the cause of the accident was due to the failure of the north bound train to stop at Uplands to allow the other train to pass. A special train with dogs on board has been sent out from here to the scene of the accident. Baggage and chair cars of the north bound train was said to have been burned.

WILLIAM ON ART.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—At a dinner given at the palace last night, at which a number of artists who have celebrated in the embellishment of the Sieges Allee, were present, Emperor William denied the prevalent belief that he had intervened in the details of the statue. He said he had been content to give a directing impulse to the general idea. The plan for the groups of sculpture was elaborated by Professor Wessner, historian of the Royal house, and in putting it into execution, he, the emperor, had directly commissioned and approved of the artists, in accordance with the method adopted at classical times, instead of leaving the matter to a committee's selection, or to public competitions.

With the help of Professor Reinhold Begas (the sculptor) he had collected a staff of artists, to whom the utmost freedom was given, and the experiment had been successful. It was to him a source of pride and joy that Berlin stood before the world as the possessor of a body of sculptors, competent to produce such great things. The Berlin school for sculpture stood on a plane of splendor such as was scarcely seen at the time of the Renaissance.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Dr. Krause, the former governor of Johannesburg, who is charged with high treason and inciting Cornelius Broekma, the ex-public prosecutor of Johannesburg (who was executed Sept. 30) to murder John Douglas Foster, an English lawyer attached to Lord Roberts's staff, was formally committed for trial today at the Bow street police court.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Times again warns the British public not to be too optimistic concerning the progress of the war. This is eminently satisfactory, says the correspondent, but there yet remains much to be done. He also deprecates the condemning of the entire Boer nation in connection with outrages on natives for the crimes of the few. The correspondent testifies that with the exception of individual acts, the treatment of prisoners and wounded has been generally correct.

FIREMAN KILLED.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 19th.—While going to a fire this morning the Bay street hose wagon collided with a street car. Fireman Theodore Smith, married, was almost instantly killed in the collision. Fireman Robert Wilson was seriously and Fireman Robert Atchison and Fireman Cameron badly injured. The street car was smashed, but the occupants escaped injury.

THE BASE BALL WAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The argument of the Freedman Spaulding base ball injunction, which was to have been heard today by Justice Scott of the supreme court, was adjourned until tomorrow. The reason for the adjournment was that Delancy Nicolli, counsel for Freedman, was absent from the city.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Shaw, wife of William Shaw, took place today from her late home at Grand Bay. At half-past twelve o'clock service was conducted at the house by the Rev. A. T. Dykeman, after which the body was brought to the city for interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.

At half-past two o'clock this afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter took place from her late home, 53 St. David's street. The body was taken to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where the burial service was conducted by Rev. Fr. Coughlan. Relatives acted as pallbearers and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Nine Men Dead and Others Injured Through a Gas Explosion.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—By an explosion of gas in the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin, near Brady street, this city, at 6.30 this morning, ten men were burned to death and probably twenty others more or less injured. The damage to the plant will amount to \$20,000. The explosion occurred in one of the big blast furnaces. The men were at work at the top of the furnaces, over 120 feet from the ground. They were employed as fillers and were just getting ready to quit work, being members of the night crew, when the gas, which accumulated in the furnace, over 120 feet from the ten metal, cinders and slag were thrown over the unfortunates on fire of the structure. When the gas let go a panic ensued on the small platform about the top. All the men made a rush for the elevator, but it had gone down and there was no escape. To jump meant death, and to remain on the platform was just as certain doom. The tons of molten metal and flames fell upon them and burned ten men to death. Their bodies dropped to the roof of the mill, 85 feet below, every bone broken and was unrecognizable mass of human flesh. Hurry calls were sent to the police and morgue. Patrols from all sections arrived before 7 o'clock and the morgue wagon was with them. The bodies of some of the dead, and many of the injured were strewn about the yard beneath the furnace, some of the dead having fallen from the slippery roof to the ground. The cries of the injured broke the stillness which had spread over the place when the fury of the explosion and fire had abated. To remove the dead from the roof of the mill it was found necessary to get ladders and ladders and the firemen carried the burned, charred and misshapen masses of humanity to the morgue wagon and placed them in. Four bodies were recovered. Four bodies were removed at a time, the wagon making three trips. When the dead were removed the injured were then looked after. In all parts of the yard beneath the furnace the injured were found. How many injured there are is not known at this time. The injured were taken to the Mercy and other hospitals.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—At nine o'clock Thomas Jones and Arthur Young, managers of the plant, gave out the statement that nine were killed and five injured.

HUGE SNOW DRIFTS

Block Railway Traffic in Wyoming and Nebraska.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 18.—The Union Pacific, the Colorado and Southern North and the Burlington East are practically at a standstill as a result of the storm in Wyoming and Nebraska. All trains on the Union Pacific are compelled to spend hours in snow drifts waiting for the rotary plows to make openings so they can pass through, and to make matters worse, a Union Pacific rotary plow pushed by two big compound engines slashed its way to the rear of a train or dead head tourist train near Sherman. The wreckage caught fire and a caboose and New York tourist car were destroyed. The work of clearing the track is slow and the blockade may last for an indefinite period.

On the Colorado and Southern, 21 miles north of Cheyenne, a passenger train was derailed. The accident has completely tied up traffic on the branch. No trains have come in over the Burlington branch from Holdrege for two days. A drift derailed an engine about 100 miles east of Cheyenne and the wreckers have not yet succeeded in getting it back on the rails. In addition the branch is now snowbound for a stretch of more than 50 miles.

DUEL TO THE DEATH.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 16.—Daniel Bradburn and David Fagan fought a duel to the death last night in a small room of Hall's boarding house, where both men lived. Bradburn was killed and Fagan is in jail with a bullet wound in his side from the effects of which he may die. Fagan had accused Bradburn of stealing money from him, and the latter went down town, purchased a revolver, and returning, challenged Fagan to get his gun and fight it out. Fagan immediately went to his room and got his revolver and the fight was on in deadly earnest. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Addis were in the room and did what they could to stop the quarrel, Mrs. Hall holding Fagan, and Mrs. Addis, Bradburn. Mrs. Hall got a bullet through her hand for her trouble. Bradburn was dead within twenty-five minutes. Fagan left the house, but returned today and gave himself up, saying he was shot through the side and was dying.

AN AMERICAN SWINDLER.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The police of this city are seeking for a young American calling himself Harry Marshall, who disappeared from Berlin Tuesday night. Marshall obtained several thousand marks, in cash and jewelry, from American residents here. He represented himself as a Cincinnati, a former employe of Senator Foraker, and said he was over here for his health. Marshall obtained opportunities to swindle by showing letters written on the stationery of United States officials.

MARCONI MAY MARRY SOON.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—It is reported among friends of Miss Josephine Holman fiancée of Signor Marconi, that she will leave today for New York in response to a telegram from him. It is also hinted that the wedding will take place while Miss Holman is in the east. Miss Holman's mother resides in New York city.

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