

Christmas Desecrated

A Thousand United States Soldiers Create a Riot at San Francisco.

Saloons Wrecked, Knives, Sticks and Stones Freely Used By Combatants.

One Man Seriously Wounded—Rioters Finally Quelled by the Police.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Two saloons near the Presidio gate were wrecked to-night during a riot in which about a thousand soldiers took part.

The riot grew out of a street fight that took place early in the afternoon. At that time a corporal of the Eleventh Cavalry, near the corner of Baker and Greenwich streets, was hearing a fellow soldier when Private William Ross, of the Seventeenth Coast artillery came along and gave the corporal a drubbing.

ALARMING REPORTS. Soon after the assault on Ross word reached the men of the Seventeenth artillery that one of the men of the Eleventh Cavalry, and they gathered a force and sought revenge.

The rioting was not over even after the soldiers had been ordered to the gates of the reservation.

WIRES DOWN. The telegraph wires were badly damaged by Wednesday night's storm and in consequence the Colonist is unable to present its usual budget of news by wire.

OLASSED STONEHURD. And the Barbed Wire Fencing Round it.

From London Leader. Strong efforts have been made to rescue Stonehenge from the prison of barbed wire which its owner, Sir Edmund Antrobus, erected around it last May.

While admitting the necessity of safeguarding the monument in the future, and appreciating Sir Edmund Antrobus' motives, the petitioners urge that there are legal and other objections to the course which Sir Edmund has adopted.

POLICE COURT. Number of Cases Disposed of by the Magistrate Yesterday.

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New Placers On Horsefly

Department of Mines Issues Pamphlet Containing Latest Available Information.

Result of Inquiries Set on Foot By Provincial Minerologist.

COMMENTS SUICIDE. A. McDonald, of Edmonton, Shoots Himself.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—(Special)—An Edmonton despatch reports that A. McDonald, accountant in one of the lumber mills on the river near there, committed suicide by shooting.

Her Majesty's Health Is Reported Better. London, Dec. 24.—The health of Queen Alexandra still improves, but it will be impossible for Her Majesty to visit the coast of the British Empire.

Mayo Creek Was Barren. Stampeders Find Only Disappointment in Claims Abandoned By Swedes.

New Find in Koyukuk Where Pans Ranging From \$2 to \$71 Are Found.

According to advices from Dawson, the big stampeders to Mayo creek, like "Nigger Jim's" famous stampede to no where, has ended in a fiasco.

The Koyukuk is the scene of the latest gold discovery, which is near Colville. The new discovery by Dow was made on the Hammon creek, which is near Colville, the United States marshal and commissioner's headquarters in the region.

The Dawson News of November 29 says: "With both legs frozen from the knees to the tips of the toes, and each foot twice its normal size, and suffering intense pain, Ben S. Dow, when the Coal creek below, where a thermometer was 40 below zero, and for eight hours was in his frozen clothes."

The same issue of the Dawson paper states that travelers from down the river report that the ice has jammed in front of old Fort Reliance in a mountainous pile of ice, piled up in rugged and fantastic shapes.

The jam extends for two miles, the centre of the ice being as high as some of the buildings of the city, and coated over with white robes of the beautiful, giving the whole a striking and majestic aspect.

Sampson's protest against Dewey's assertion that Schley was in command at Santiago, seems to have thrown the whole matter back to July, 1898, when the military commission was set up to investigate the charges against Dewey.

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Our First Consignment

UP-TO-DATE STYLES AT THE LATEST NOVELTIES FROM PARIS, BERLIN, LONDON.

WEILER BROS VICTORIA B. C.

Of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtains line we now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchases.

A discovery claim—one discoverer—000x 25 feet, and a party of two discoverers—1,000x250 feet. After "discovery" has been located on a creek, the mining laws are very liberal, but demand certain observances so that one party to the law should not be able to enter the district without a copy of the Act.

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Italy Asks Protection

Wants United States to Fulfill Its Obligations Regarding Lives of Italians.

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