A RIGID CENSORSHIP

Meager Reports From the War In South Africa.

BOER FIRE HOT AT MODDER RIVER

It Is Reported That the Seventh Division Will Be Mobilized at Aldeshot - Cavalrymen Kept Back by Parsimony.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The censorship continues to be of the strictest character. Virtually no news is allowed to pass except diaries of events within the beleaguered garrisons and positions.

According to the latest accounts of the battle of Modder River, the Boer fire was the hottest on record and will revolutionize existing theories. It was effective up to 1,600 yards, but the casualties among the prone troops was trifling. It was found impossible to bring the British ammunition reserves to the firing line. Many Boers wearing Red Cross badges were actually employed in serv-

ing out ammunition.

In connection with the many accusa-tions against the Boer indifference to the laws of war a letter published in Cape Town asserts that before the Transvani ultimatum was sent the Boer leaders discussed the policy of using the white flag when driven into a corner in order to deceive the British commanders, and this policy was generally approved.

It is reported that the mobilization of seventh division will be ordered at Aldershot as a preparation for emergen-

The Morning Post complains that there are plenty of cavalrymen available at home, but that parsimony prevents their being sent to South Africa, where they are orgently needed.

The Daily Mail announces that Colone W. A. Yule, who succeeded General Sit William Symons in command of the British troops in Natal after that officer was wounded in the battle of Talana Hill, and who was promoted from the rank of substantive lieutenant colonel in the army to that of major general on the staff, to command the Eighth brigade of the South African force, with substantive rank of colonel in the army, is on his

way to England, being in broken health. A special dispatch from Estcourt cen-sures Rear Admiral Sir Robert Harris, commander in chief of the Cape of Good Hope and West African squadrons, for his delay in sending Captain Scott and Captain Lambton, with guns, to Ludy-smith. "It is notorious," says the correspondent, "that only at the last moment, on Oct. 30, while a decisive action was pending, did Captain Lambton of the Powerful arrive at Ladysmith. A week, a day, a few hours might, and I doubt not would, have saved the situation and delayed the investment, if it had not ended the Boer attempt."

A Modder River special, dated Thursday, Nov. 30, says:

The Boers occupy a strong ridge about six miles north of this point. Today the lancers came into contact with them." The Daily Mail has a dispatch from Mafeking, dated Tuesday, Nov. 28,

which says, "All well."

Mines Filling With Water. PRETORIA, Dec. 6.-The Standard and Diggers' News says that Wednesday last Mr. Cecil Rhodes' dispatches, intercepted near Kimberley, said the De Beers mines were filling with water and that Mr. Rhodes estimated the damage at \$50,000 per day.

Railroad Earnings. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The preliminary report on the income account of railways in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1899, compiled by the statistician to the interstate commerce commission from the returns of operating railway companies, representing 185,245 miles of line, received prior to Nov. 24, shows that the gross earnings of the railways embraced in this advice report were for the year ended June 30. 1809, \$1,307,253,484, or \$7,057 per mile of line. Passenger earnings were \$360,-227,319; freight earnings, \$913,358,488, and other earnings from operation, \$33,-667,677. The gross earnings shown in the final report for 1898 were nearly \$60, 000,000 less than this amount. The operating expenses for the last fiscal year were \$852,428,105, or \$4,602 per mile of line. The net earnings or income from operation were \$454,825,379, an increase of 31,073,304 being shown in this item for the year.

A Visit to Sulu,

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Laura Schwichtenberg, who has been in the Philippines as inspector of the National White Cross hospitals, is in Chicago, en route to Washington. Mrs. Schwichten berg left Washington last April. She traveled through the islands where a white woman had never been seen by many of the inhabitants and accompanied General Bates and his staff on their visit to the sultan of Sulu. She returned on the United States ship Solace via Guam and Japan. "The visit to the suitan of Sulu was interesting," said Mrs. Schwichtenberg. "The sultana was dressed in a black waist and a white shirt. and her head was wrapped in a veil. She wore a white glove, too large, on the wrong hand, and with this hand she greeted us. The children, who were nude, evidently thought we had painted our faces, so they took rice flour and covered their faces. Their black bodies and flour pasted faces made an amusing picture."

Disastrous Fire In Clinton, Mass. CLINTON, Mass., Dec. 5.-A fire started in the cellar of the Clinton theater building last night, and before the apparatus could be put into use the whole lower portion of the structure was in flames. From it the flames spread to adjoining property on every side, so that within two hours the theater building was leveled and one and a half acres of property left a mass of smoking embers. A dozen business firms lose everything, and a score of families are rendered homeless. The entire loss will proba-bly exceed \$150,000, but a portion of the loss is covered by insurance,

Buffalo Grain and Flour Receipts. BUFFALO, Dec. 2.-The receipts of flour and grain by lake at this port show a big falling off from last year. From the opening of navigation to Nov. 30 the receipts of flour have been 8,403,580 barrels, a decrease of 1,337,000 barrels as compared with last year. The receipts of grain have been 135,548,979 bushels as compared with 193,778,965 bushels last year, a decrease of over 58,000,000 bush-

KENTUCKY CANVASS.

Board of Election Commissioners Finishes Its Work. FRANKFORT. Ky., Dec. 6.-The

state board of election commissioners, sitting as a canvassing board, finished its work at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and today at 11 o'clock the members will sit in the state senate chamber as a contesting board to hear arguments in the cases of 11 contested counties. The first great fight will come up on the question of whether or not the board has the right to go behind the certificated returns filed with the secretary of state by the different counties. Upon the issue of the argument on this point will rest the name of the next governor of Kentucky. On the face of the returns now on file with the committee Taylor has a plurality of 2.838, his total vote being 193,714. against 191,331 for Goebel. If there is to be no "going behind" the returns the board will have no option but to issue the certificate of election to Taylor. If the board decides that it has the power to go behind the returns there is no telling who will receive the certificate. It will depend entirely upon the results of the contest to be decided before the board, and the matter will without doubt be carried for final settlement to the state

legislature which meets next month. The proceedings were culivened by Governor Bradley, who made an address to the board regarding the statement that he had brought soldiers into Frankfort.

PENSIONS DECREASE.

Report of Secretary of Interior Shows 991,519 Pensioners,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, just made public, while summing up the work in all the bureaus, is of special interest by reason of its statements regarding pension matters. At the close of the fiscal year there were 991,519 pendoners, a decrease of 2,195 during the The average annual value of all pensions was \$132.74. The Spanish war probably will increase the pension roll during the current fiscal year.

The secretary concurs in the recom-mendations for legislation providing that no pension be granted to commence prior to the date of filing the claim, for an early revision and codification of the pension laws as the numerous amendatory laws and decisions have made the whole system a labyrinth of laws and legal opinions. Secretary Hitchcock urges legislation to definitely construe the act of June 27, 1850, relating to widows' pen-

FIGHTING YAQUIS.

Several Severe Engagements, With Loss of Life.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 4.-Information reaching here from Ortiz, state of Sono-ra, Mexico, states that Marshall Terhune, an expert mining engineer who has been in the mines in the Yaqui country for some months past, has arrived at Ortiz, He announces that since Nov. 18 the Yaqui Indians and the Mexican military forces have had several severe engagements, attended with loss of life and a number of wounded. The first of these engagements was on Nov. 18, just north of Cocori, and during the engagement there were 18 Indians and five soldiers killed outright.

In addition thereto there were 23 soldiers wounded and something over 100 squaws and Indian children captured by the military forces. These prisoners will be sent to Guaymas by the military au-thorities to be held as hostages.

THE PATERSON DISASTER.

An Entire Family Killed-Engineer

Blamed For D., L. and W. Wreck. PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 1.-All the press train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad here Wednes day have been identified. Six persons were killed, 21 seriously injured and many others cut and bruised.

An entire family was wiped out of existence. All of the victims of the wreck were in the express train.

Engineer Riordan, Conductor W. J. Purritt and the entire crew of the Phillipsburg local have been suspended indefinitely by Superintendent Russell.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Major General Otis has reported to the war department that the killed and wounded among all the United States troops in the Philippines from Aug. 1, 1898, to Aug. 31, 1899, numbered 1,895. Twenty officers were killed and 98 wounded, and 355 men were killed and 1,422 wounded, making a total of 375 killed and 1,520 wounded. The majority of the wounded have recovered.

Pork Train Wrecked.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—A train of 14 re-frigerator cars containing salt pork intended for the British army in South Africa was wrecked near Kenilworth, Ills., on the Milwaukee division of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. The cars were completely demolished, but it is believed the greater part of the pork can be saved.

A Costly Fire.
MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 6.—Fire broke out at 6:30 last night in the Rosenbaum block and spread rapidly. The loss is estimated to be \$250,000.

New York Markets.

FLOUR—State and western remained in a steady position, but no higher, as buyers were stubborn; winter patents, \$2.50g. 2.80; whiter straights, \$2.30g.3.45; Minnesota patents, \$2.50g.4; winter extras, \$2.65g.3.

WHEAT—No. 2 red opened unchanged and steady on cables, afterward advancing \$4c. on local covering and unfavorable home crop news; December, 71%, \$717.7-18c.; March, 74%c.

RYE—Dull; state, \$5c.; No. 2 western, \$5c. f. o. b., afloat.

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CORN-No. 2 opened steady and un-changed, to advance &c. later on the rise in wheat and absence of liquidation: May,

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\$11.25011.50. LARD-Strong; prime western steam, 5.55, nominal.
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CHEESE—Strong: small, September, 124, 912c.; finest October, 124, 9124c.
EGGS—Firmer; state and Fennsylvania, 23,59,244c., loss off; western, ungraded, 15,421c.

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54c. TURPENTINE—Steady at 514,652c, MOLASSES—Steady: New Orleans, 326 40c. RICE—Quiet; domestic, 4664c.; Japan,

HAY 55c.
TALLOW — Stendy: city, 4%494 11-16c.; country, 4%494c.
HAY—Quiet; shipping, 65475c.; good to choice, 894874c.

YOUNGIN SANTACRUZ

Americans Welcomed by Citizens With a Brass Band.

AGUINALDO IN THE MOUNTAINS

It Is Thought He May Be Captured In Benguet Pass-Spanish Transport Reports German Occupancy of the Carolines.

MANILA, Dec. 5,-A dispatch from Santa Cruz, province of South Hoos forwarded by courier to San Fabian says that General Young, with three troops of the Third cavalry and Major It is now 40 years ago since our fathers Peyton C. March's battalion of the Thir ty-third infantry, arrived at Santa Crus yesterday. The Americans left Namac pacan, province of Union, in the morning expecting to have a hard fight at Tagu din, in South Hocos province, but they found on arriving there that 600 rebels under General Tino, had evacuated 30 hours before, deserting an almost im-pregnable position.

The insurgents had been intrenched at Tagudin on the north side of the river where 100 well disciplined troops could have slaughtered a whole brigade cross ing the river, with the men up to the atmpits in water.

The residents of Tagudin received the Americans outside the town with a brass band. They had been robbed of almost everything by the insurgents and were glad to welcome friendly and protecting

A similar reception awaited Genera Young at Santa Cruz, Prominent citi gens, headed by a band, escorted the American officers to houses where rest and refreshment were offered.

General Young's command was almost without food. The men had been living on the country, which affords but little and the horses are completely worn out most of them without shoes,

The inhabitants of Santa Cruz and o other towns through which the Ameri cans passed say that Aguinaldo and his entire refugee army have gone into the mountains eastward since the Oregon Samar and Callao attacked Vigan and

In several towns General Young was thown letters written by Lieutenant Gillmore, showing that he had been kindly treated by the citizens and had been en-tertained by them when he passed through last May.

Reports indicate that all the American prisoners, some 25 or 30, were at one time in Benguet province, but it is supposed now that they have been removed ato Lepanto province.

General Young's desire is to pursue the rebels into the mountains. There is no communication between his small command and any of the other American col amns except indirectly perhaps by sighting and signaling United States gun boats bound to or from Manila.

Captain Rumbold, with 35 men of Company G, Thirty-second infantry while escorting the signal corps laying the wire from Porac to Florida Blanca, charged and routed 70 insurgents, killing a captain and several privates. The Americans found on the captain the sword and revolver that were taken from body of Naval Cadet Welborn C Wood, who was killed by the insurgents while in command of the gunboat Urda nets when that vessel was captured in the Orani river.

A dispatch from Dagupan containing advices later than those from Santa Cruz says that General Young hopes to fine Aguinaldo in Benguet mountain pass and to capture him there. Both entrances to Benguet are fortified. Two troops of the Third cavalry will re-enforce General Young in the pass.

Colonel Hood, while reconnoitering aear San Miguel, drove a force of insurgents from Ildefonso, killing several. Five Americans were slightly wounded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The annual report of Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith is made public. Itschief feature is a plan for congressional action to stop the abuse of second class mail privi leges, which, he says, results in an annual waste of upward of \$20,000,000. The financial exhibit for the fiscal year shows a total expenditure of \$191,632,161 and total receipts of \$95,021,384, the deficiency being \$2,422,747 less than last

President Dinz Again.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 4.-The Liberal party committee has called a na tional conference of the party to assemble here Feb. 10 to nominate a candidate for president of the republic. The local committees report general enthusiasm for the candidacy of President Diaz, and political meetings and processions are be ing held all over the republic. The Con servative party has made no sign of putting a candidate in nomination.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 6,-Lewis E. Goldsmith, the defaulting as sistant cashier of the National Bank of Port Jervis, made an attempt to leave here yesterday, after shaving off his mustache. He was taken from the train by a special officer and taken to his home. A special examiner from the treasury department at Washington is now endeavoring to ascertain the exact amount of the defalcation.

French Painter Here.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 .- M. Chartran, the artist, arrived yesterday morning on the French line steamer La Champagne from Havre. He is the painter of the great picture of President McKinley signing the protocol. M. Chartran says the picture is finished and will arrive here three weeks hence. The picture was ordered by H. C. Frick.

Killed In Football Game. LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 2.— Moses Schermer, aged 18, the left tackle of the Herkimer football team, wa thrown in a game with New Hartford at Herkimer. His spine was twisted, and he is now dead. The coroner is investi-

A Large Creamery. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 4.—The largest

creamery in the world is to be located at Sioux City. It will use cream from 250 stations in this city's tributary territory. The creamery will have a capacity of more than a carload of butter a day.

More Pay For Watch Workers. ELGIN, Ills., Dec. 2.—The Elgin Na-tional Watch company has given notice of a restoration of the wages of 1892. The advance was unsolicited. The com-pany employs 2,400 men.

OATH OF THE BOERS.

The Holy Covenant Which Binds Burghers of the Transvaul In Pence and War.

This peculiar solemn pledge was subscribed at a meeting held by them ou April 12, 1879, Wonderfontein, in the Transvani, and is given as reproduced in the Natal Witness:

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