

BOERS' GREAT VICTORY

Kitchener Reports 632 Killed or Captured at Vondonop.

CHARGES CONFUSED BRITISH

Boers Poured Heavy Rifle Fire Into Wagon Convoy and Stampeded the Mules, After Which They Repeatedly Charged the British Lines.

London, March 4.—In a dispatch from Pretoria, dated yesterday, Lord Kitchener sends details of the disaster to the escort of the convoy of empty wagons at Vondonop, southwest of Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony. The British casualties in killed, wounded and men made prisoners reach the total of 632. In addition the Boers captured two guns. Lieutenant Colonel Anderson, who commanded the British force, reports that when his advance guard was within ten miles of Klerksdorp, during the fighting of February 25, the Boers opened a heavy rifle fire on the troops from the scrub. The burghers were driven off and the convoy resumed its march, when a more determined attack was made on the convoy's left flank, the Boers getting within a hundred yards and stampeding the mules harnessed to a number of wagons. The attacking forces were again driven off.

Next morning the rear guard was attacked by a strong force of Boers and, simultaneously, another body of Boers boldly charged the centre of the convoy and stampeded the mules in all directions, throwing the escort into confusion, during which the Boers charged and re-charged, riding down the separated British units.

Lieutenant Colonel Anderson adds that the strength of the Boers was estimated at from 1,200 to 1,700. Commandants Delarey, Kemp, Celliers, Lemmer, Wolmerans and Potgieter were all present. Commandant Lemmer is said to have been killed.

ACETYLENE WRECKS BUILDING

Three Dead in Terrific Explosion at a Reading Music Store.

Reading, Pa., March 3.—At 10 o'clock last night a terrific explosion occurred in the four-story music store of C. H. Lichty. The building at once completely collapsed. This was followed by the adjoining three-story brick umbrella factory of Mrs. Mary Rolland. Both buildings and contents were destroyed. A number of persons were in the buildings, but they were all accounted for except Mrs. Rolland and a friend, who called to spend the evening and the watchman in the Lichty building. It is believed these three persons perished. The explosion is said to have been due to acetylene gas, which was manufactured by a local company, of which Mr. Lichty was president. The building was filled with musical instruments. The total loss is \$250,000. Many of the total loss will be about \$250,000. Half a dozen people were seriously injured and badly damaged. The scene of the explosion was in the centre of the city and aroused everybody within its limits.

BLOW AT PANAMA CANAL

Say Legal Complications Are Such That U. S. Should Not Accept It.

Washington, March 4.—The subcommittee of the committee on Inter-oceanic canals yesterday agreed to recommend to the full committee that the legal complications surrounding the Panama offer are such that the United States should not accept it. This subcommittee consists of Senators Morgan, Mitchell, Kittridge, Pritchard, Foster, of Louisiana, and Turner. Senator Pritchard was not at the meeting yesterday, while Senator Kittridge said that he reserved the right to make a minority report to the full committee. The other four members united in the recommendation.

President Displeased With Census Bill

Washington, March 4.—In conference with members of Congress yesterday, President Roosevelt expressed his severe disapproval of the civil service provision of the bill creating a permanent census bureau, which has passed both houses and is now before him. The bill extends the provisions of the civil service law to all the clerks at present employed in the census office, numbering about 1,700, and the president takes the position that this action is an injustice to those who have passed and who may pass the civil service examination prescribed by law. He is expected, however, to sign the bill.

Killed Wife and Himself

Newark, N. J., March 4.—Charles Andrews, a negro, killed his wife, set fire to her room, cut his throat and died, here last evening. They were married less than a year ago. Andrews was said to have been shiftless. His wife supported him, and when he was discharged from a job a week ago last Saturday she told him to shift for himself. He went to Vernon, and was not seen here again until yesterday.

Law to Classify Merchants Sustained

Washington, March 4.—In the United States supreme court yesterday, Justice McKenna delivered an opinion in the case of L. S. Clark vs. the city of Titusville, Pa., sustaining the validity of a city ordinance dividing the merchants of the city into classes for the purpose of taxation. The ordinance was attacked as in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution, but this plea was not sustained.

Murdered For Pension Money

Harrodsburg, Ky., March 4.—Edmond Houp, aged 87, residing in Mercer, was found dead yesterday in his home and his wife beaten into unconsciousness. They had \$150 of pension money in the house, and were the victims of robbers.

SCOLDING FOR SENATORS

Senate Passed Resolution Censuring Tillman and McLaurin.

Washington, March 1.—Senators McLaurin and Tillman, of South Carolina, yesterday were severely censured by the United States senate for the sensational personal encounter between the two senators on the floor of the senate last Saturday during the consideration of the Philippine tariff bill.

Immediately after the senate convened yesterday Mr. Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, to which the McLaurin-Tillman controversy had been referred, reported the resolution of censure framed by a majority of the committee. It reads as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the judgment of the senate that the senators from South Carolina, Benjamin R. Tillman and John L. McLaurin, for disorderly behaviour and flagrant violation of the rules of the senate during the open session of the senate on the 22d day of February instant, deserve the censure of the senate, and they are hereby censured for their breach of the privileges and dignity of this body; and from and after the adoption of this resolution the order adjudging them in contempt of the senate shall be no longer in force and effect."

Practically there was no debate on the resolution, and it adopted by a vote of 54 to 12.

When Mr. Tillman's name was called he added a new sensation to the proceedings by rising and saying, with ill-concealed emotion: "Among gentlemen an apology for an offense committed under heat of blood is usually considered sufficient."

The auditors caught their breath as Mr. Tillman thus entered his protest against the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Tillman's words induced Mr. Kean, of New Jersey, to rise at the conclusion of the roll call and say: "Having heard the senator from South Carolina again insult the senate, I change my vote from aye to no."

VILLAGE WIPED OUT

Fire and Flood Almost Destroy Sprakers, N. Y.

Fort Plain, N. Y., March 3.—The hamlet of Sprakers, six miles east of here, has been almost wiped out by the combined forces of water and fire. Sprakers is made up of 50 families, and has been under water for two days. Great masses of ice came down the river and struck the houses, some of which were so shaken that stoves were overturned and the dwellings were burned. One end of the West Shore bridge was moved 18 inches, just a few minutes after a fast passenger train had dashed over it.

Four Men Drowned

Freehold, N. J., March 3.—A horrible catastrophe occurred at the little village of Holt's Neck, near here, when four men lost their lives through the breaking away of the dam at Frank E. Hyer's mill pond. Charles Conover, Henry Bennett, James King and Charles Herbert were the victims. The men were on the dam, engaged in attempts to release the pent-up water. Ice on the pond had gorged at the dam, and the men had been breaking the ice up. The ice gradually collected in a pushing mass at the bottom of the dam, and the men then tried to raise the gates to let the water through. Without warning the dam gave way at the bottom, carrying all the men with it.

Penny's Increased Earnings

Philadelphia, March 4.—The report of the operations of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for 1901, which will be submitted to the stockholders for their approval at the coming annual meeting, was made public yesterday. The gross earnings of all lines east and west of Pittsburgh for 1901 were \$198,626,878, an increase compared with 1900 of \$23,390,524. The operating expenses were \$133,713,336, leaving the net earnings at \$64,913,491, an increase over 1900 of \$10,175,414.

Boy Nearly Electrocuted

Chester, Pa., March 3.—Fred Macey, 10 years old, was nearly electrocuted and is in a dangerous condition. He was wrestling in the street with a companion, when he rolled onto a telephone wire, which was crossed with a charged trolley wire. He thoughtlessly grasped the wire with both hands, and was unable to release his hold. His wild shrieks were heard by George White, a teamster, who pulled the boy from the burning wire and carried him home.

Live Stock Markets

East Buffalo, N. Y., March 3.—Cattle market almost at standstill; light to good stockers, \$2.70@3.80; feeders, \$3.50@4.50; fresh cows and springers, \$3.00; veals, top, \$6.75@7.25; others, \$4.50@6.50. Hogs fairly steady; heavy, \$6.50@6.65; mixed, \$6.25@6.50; pigs, \$5.70@5.80; roughs, \$5.70@5.90; ribs, \$4.90. Sheep strong; tops, mixed, \$5.00@5.25; culls to good, \$3.25@4.90; wethers, \$5.25@5.50; yearlings, \$4.60@5.80. Lambs steady; tops, \$6.40@6.50; culls to good, \$4.50@6.35.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, February 20.

The ninth conference of the foreign mission boards in the United States and Canada opened in Toronto yesterday.

Parties out walking at Benham, Tex., found the body of a young girl concealed in a hollow stump. She had been murdered.

The transport Rosecranz, with the Third Battalion of the Twenty-second Infantry, from Manila, arrived at San Francisco yesterday.

Mrs. James F. Reagan, of Wolfe county, Ky., was found in a tavern, with her throat cut from ear to ear. She charged her husband with committing the deed after a quarrel.

Thursday, February 27.

Henry A. Taylor, of New York, was found guilty of conspiracy to bribe a jury at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Henry G. Marquand, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, died yesterday at his home in New York.

William Garrison, foreman at Fitley's grain elevator, Camden, N. J., was caught between drilling cars and crushed to death.

William Mullikin, a wealthy farmer of Keokuk, Ia., was killed by a bullet which came through a window and struck him in the head.

The president has appointed ex-Congressman Myron McCord, of Wisconsin, as United States marshal of Arizona, in place of Benjamin Daniels, whose commission was revoked.

Friday, February 28.

Columbus, Ga., was deluged by rain last night, which washed away several bridges and did considerable damage.

Two small sons of Shadrick Jackson, of Alexandria, Va., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home.

There were four deaths and nine new cases of small-pox in New York yesterday and a crusade of vaccination was begun.

O'Donovan Rossa, the celebrated Fenian agitator, is dying of blood poisoning at St. Francis' Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Manager De Coursey, of the Leavenworth, Kan., Street Car company, was fined \$20 for discharging an employe for belonging to a labor union.

Saturday, March 1.

John L. Mason, inventor of the Mason screw top fruit jar, died in a New York hospital.

The cells in the Camden county jail were fumigated yesterday because of a case of small-pox discovered on Thursday.

A bill will be introduced in the Virginia legislature to allow women to carry pistols, owing to many criminal assaults recently.

The wholesale grocery establishment of L. C. Younger & Co., at Richmond, Va., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$50,000.

John H. Barnes, of Baltimore, conductor on the Royal Blue line, from Washington to Philadelphia, was arrested for embezzling tickets.

Monday, March 3.

The unemployed of Paris started rioting yesterday, when 11 policemen were injured and many arrests made.

Fire yesterday destroyed the office and warehouse of the J. A. Case company, at Fargo, N. D., entailing a loss of \$85,000.

Charles W. Julius, aged 59, chief clerk in the engineer department, U. S. army, at New York, was found dead in his office.

Robert Downs, of Clayton, N. J., was shot in the left eye by an air rifle in the hands of a boy. He will lose the sight of it.

Lord Kitchener's name is mentioned in British military circles for promotion to field marshal to succeed Sir Neville Chamberlain.

Tuesday, March 4.

The census of New Foundland, which has just been completed, gives the population as 220,249.

In a fit of jealousy, Anthony Berry, of Detroit, shot and killed Mrs. Sarah A. Thillman and then killed himself.

Professor Frederick James Woodbridge has been appointed to the chair of philosophy of Columbia University, New York.

Adjutant General Stewart, of Pennsylvania, who was injured in a runaway accident last August, resumed his duties yesterday.

The five-story building of the Aste Press Printing Co., in New York, was wrecked by an explosion. A woman who jumped from a window was killed.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 3.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$2.55@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.25@2.50; city mills, extra, \$2.90@3.15. Rye flour steady, at \$2.25@2.35 per barrel. Wheat steady; No. 2 Penna., red, \$7 1/2@8 1/2. Corn steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 67c. Oats were quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 50 1/2c; lower grades, 48 1/2c. Hay weak; No. 1 timothy sold at \$15@15.50 for large bales. Beef steady; beef hams, 19.50@20.50. Pork firm; family, 19@19.50. Live poultry, at 11 1/2c for hens and 7c for old roosters. Dressed poultry sold at 11c for choice fowls, and at 8c for old roosters. Butter steady; creamery, 30c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 26 1/2c per dozen. Potatoes were dull; eastern, 80@83c per bushel.

East Liberty, Pa., March 3.—Cattle steady; choice, \$6.00@6.50; prime, \$6.20@6.40; good, \$5.50@5.90. Hogs higher; prime heavy, \$6.00@6.65; best, \$6.40@6.50; light Yorkers, \$6.20@6.30; pigs, \$5.70@5.90; roughs, \$5.70@5.90. Sheep strong; best wethers, \$5.35@5.45; culls and common, \$2@3.50; yearlings, \$4@5.50; veal calves, \$5.50@7.



A WORD OF CAUTION.

The old saying that "a man, who is naked can't give away his shirt," is only another way of saying that you can't give what you haven't got. The man can't give "free medical advice," or any other kind of medical advice who hasn't got a medical education and a certificate to the fact, in the form of a diploma. And in this particular a woman has no more privilege than a man. She can't give medical advice without medical education and medical knowledge.

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