



WHITE'S MEN ARE ACTIVE

Indications of Another Sortie from Lady-Smith.

SEVEN MEN ARE KILLED

British War Office Receives List of Casualties from the Belegued Town—Lord Methuen's Complaint of Cronje's Manner Criticized.

SCIENCE OF WRITING.

Demonstrated by Experts at Molinoux Trial. New York, Dec. 22.—The session of the Molinoux trial today was brief, the case going over until Tuesday next, after about three hours had been spent in an examination of Henry L. Tolman, a handwriting expert of Chicago, and Charles E. Warren, chief clerk of the Lincoln National bank, who was called to the stand to identify the handwriting of Harry S. Cornish.

THE LAWTON FUND.

Will Probably Be Sufficient to Provide for the General's Family and Raise the Mortgage on the Red Lands Estate.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The committee engaged in raising a fund for the relief of the widow and four young children of the late Major General Henry W. Lawton, are gratified with the generous response to their appeal and now suggest through the press that they would like to see the donor, make a Christmas offering to promote the work in hand.

The Riggs National bank has been designated as the depository of the fund. Remittances should be made to General H. C. Corbin, adjutant general, Washington, D. C.; General John F. W. Shafter, acting commissary general, Washington, D. C.; Major General W. R. Shafter, San Francisco, Calif.; General Wm. Ludlow, Havana, Cuba.

DISASTER AT AMALFI.

An Enormous Rock Slides Bodily Into the Sea Carrying a Hotel with It—Many Persons Killed.

Rome, Dec. 22.—A terrible disaster took place this afternoon at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Capuchin hotel, slid bodily into the sea, with deafening crash and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the hotel Capuchin monastery below, the hotel Santa Caterina and several villas.

FORTY CHILDREN DROWNED.

Terrible Accident at Frelinghem Near French Frontier.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—Upwards of forty school children were drowned today in an ice accident at Frelinghem, near the French frontier. The children of the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen river. When the meriment was at full height the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared.

WILL HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mrs. McGonigle to Receive a Pension and Back Pay.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Alice McGonigle, who has been an inmate of the New Castle almshouse since 1881, today received notice that she had been allowed a pension of \$12 per month, with back pay amounting to \$3,960.60.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cleared: Etruria, for Liverpool; Patricia, for Hamburg; Brownhead, for Havre; New York for Liverpool; Lizard—Passed: Friesland, New York for Antwerp; Hamburg—Arrived: Pretoria from New York; Queens-town—Arrived: Lucania from New York.

Mr. Boutelle Improving.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The condition of Congressman Boutelle was much improved tonight and he left for Bangor, Me.

HOLIDAY SEASON AT WASHINGTON

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IS MANIFESTED IN CONGRESS.

Proverbial Do-Nothing Policy Changed—Triumph Evolution of Democracy—Triumph of the Gold Standard Bill—Will Pass the Senate by a Majority of 12—All Sorts of Surprises—Pennsylvania Losses Four Chairmanships—Mr. Connell's Assignments—The Quay Case Yet Undecided Save in "Anti" Newspapers.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The proverbial do-nothing policy of congress during the Christmas holidays has been changed by the present congress into one of important legislative activity. The house passed the Currency bill after a week of monotonous and common-place debate.

Pennsylvania Assignments. Pennsylvania lost four chairmanships. There are two or three ways to account for it, but the most plausible explanation fixes the responsibilities upon Senator Quay.

Purpose of the Democratic Party.

The obvious purpose of the Democratic party is now to drop the 16 to 1 dogma and make bi-metalism the Democratic slogan in the next Presidential campaign. It seems inevitable and it would be an impossibility in political evolution with any known political organization other than the Democratic party.

The Quay Case.

The anti-Quay newspaper organs have so far made no allusion to Mr. Quay. There has not been an incident or expression from any authoritative source to suggest such a conclusion but that is of no importance to the newspapers whose business it is to always defeat Mr. Quay and keep him from the presidency.

A Vigilant Watchdog.

The chairman of the committee on appropriations, Mr. Cannon, is a sleepless and vigilant watchdog, and the smallest expenditure of the public money never fails to bring him to his feet with one or two or half a dozen inquiries.

Burial of the Maine's Dead.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The navy department has announced that the ceremonies at Arlington attending the burial of the Maine's dead which was completed on Texas, will take place at 11 a. m. on the 23rd inst.

EVANGELIST MOODY HAS PASSED AWAY

CAUSE OF DEATH DUE TO OVERWORK.

His Last Words Indicated That He Has Been Ambitious to Find Work to Do—The Evangelist Broke Down in Kansas City and Was Obligated to Retire from Work a Month Ago.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—D. L. Moody, the famous evangelist, died at noon today. It was not expected until yesterday by the members of Mr. Moody's family and immediate circle of friends that death would be the result of his illness.

A bulletin issued last week communicated the tidings to the public that Mr. Moody was very ill, but that a little improvement was to be expected. This week the patient showed a steady gain until yesterday, when he showed symptoms of nervousness, accompanied by weakness, which caused the family much anxiety.

This morning the weakness continued, and at 10 o'clock Mr. Moody called his wife and children, telling them that the end was not far off. The family remained close by the bedside all the forenoon. The evangelist was almost free from pain and occasionally he talked with apparent ease.

During the night Mr. Moody had a number of sinking spells. He was, however, kindhearted to those about him. At 2 o'clock this morning Dr. N. P. Wood, the family physician, who spent the night at the home, was called at the request of Mr. Moody.

Some member of the family replied: "Father, you have not been quite so well, and so we came in to see you."

"I have always been an ambitious man; not ambitious to lay up wealth, but to leave you work to do."

Mr. Moody's reply was: "I am not going to throw my life away. If God has more work for me to do, I'll not die."

The arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been fully completed, but the services will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Congregational church.

Mr. Sankey's Tribute. New York, Dec. 22.—Ira D. Sankey, who for twenty-seven years was associated with evangelist work with Mr. Moody, was greatly affected at the news of his death.

VERDICT IN QUINTER CASE. The Defendant Is Found Guilty of Manslaughter.

Reading, Dec. 22.—In the case of Solomon Quinter, on trial for the murder of his wife, the jury tonight returned a verdict of manslaughter. Sentence was deferred. At the March term of court Quinter will be tried for killing Edward Kitzmiller, his wife's paramour.

Elmira Lawyer in Jail. Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Robert J. Knox, alias J. B. Bennett, who was arrested in New York as one of a gang of swindlers operating in various cities, was placed on trial today on a charge of forgery and found guilty.

Respite to Meyers. Harrisburg, Dec. 22.—Governor Stone today granted a respite to Samuel Peter Meyers of Somerset, from Jan. 11 to June 21.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR.

- 1 General—Manila Newspaper to Suspend. The South African War. Death of Evangelist Moody. The Holiday Season at Washington. 2 General—Northern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Annual Dinner of the New Englanders. 4 Editorial, News and Comment. 5 Local—Social and Personal. One Woman's Views. 6 Local—Court Proceedings. 7 Local—Congressman Connell on the Roberts Question. Dr. Replique Discusses South African Affairs. 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the County. 10 Local—Christmas Music in Churches. 11 Local—Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. 12 Local—Live Industrial News.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Wall Street's Worst Day the Result of General Prosperity—Business Still Improving.

New York, Dec. 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say in tomorrow's issue: "The worst day in Wall street for years was in part the legitimate result of the best year in business ever known. Because the country had prospered so great and had so expanded its business, it could no longer afford to have many millions locked up in carrying stocks representing imaginary values."

High prices for iron are wonderfully sustained and though many works will close for stock taking and the holidays, while the furnaces do not stop, pig shows no weakness. Prices of finished products change little, though many concerns have reduced the price of competing for new orders and there is some weakness in sheets, because many tin plate mills are to be closed soon at the east.

Wheat has lost in foreign demand and prices, in spite of still greater loss in western receipts for the week, only 3,208,250 bushels, against 5,340,170 last year. Atlantic exports, which included, but were not in three weeks only 6,844,433 bushels, against 15,415,368 last year. The price rose quickly on Monday, when other things were falling, but subsequently re-acted and closed 1/2 cent lower.

SUIT AGAINST TEA MERCHANT. Charged with Alienating Affections of a Husband.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Anna M. Murdock of Hagerstown, Md., whose husband was formerly in business in Baltimore, began suit in the United States district court today for \$100,000 damages against Charles A. Morrill, a tea merchant of Chicago. Charges of alienating the affections of her husband and inducing him to withdraw a life insurance policy which had been made payable to her, are made by Mrs. Murdock.

LAWTON MONUMENT. Mrs. Lawton Will Accept Memorial from Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 22.—An afternoon paper today called Mrs. Lawton at Manila: "Will you accept monument from the people of Indiana?" The following reply was received from Lieutenant Colonel Edwards, chief of the staff, acting for Mrs. Lawton, and who has been designated to bring the body to this country: "Yes, Arlington."

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Dec. 22.—Pensions: Original, Marshall Darling, Scranton, 36.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Dec. 22.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: East-ern Pennsylvania—Fair, Saturday; Sunday, increasing cloudiness; probably rain in southern portion in the afternoon; light to fresh north to east winds.

SUSPENSION OF MANILA NEWSPAPER

Publishers of Democracia Object to Censorship.

HAVE DECIDED TO QUIT

Disgusted at the Interference of the Provost Marshal the Editors Decide to Postpone Publication Until Extraordinary Conditions Regarding Press Matters Disappear. They Claim That Censorship Handicaps Enterprise in Newspaper Work.

WAGES TO BE INCREASED.

Good News for Employees of Carnegie Steel Company.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Carnegie Steel company today posted in its various works in this vicinity, the Duquesne works and blast furnaces, the Edgar Thomson Steel works, furnaces and foundry, the Carrie furnaces, the Homestead mill works, the Edgar Thomson bridge works, the Upper Union mills and the lower Union mills, notices reading substantially as follows: "Taking effect on Jan. 1, 1900, common labor in these works will be increased to \$1.50 per day, and all other day, turn and tonnage labor (with certain exceptions) will be increased in proportion."

The Manila Times was also recently warned, with intimation of imprisonment and confiscation for printing an editorial recommending the creation of a board of charity commissioners to control the charitable institutions, on the publication of news not connected with public matters. They also say the censorship handicaps newspaper enterprise by suppressing cable dispatches, received from reputable agencies, whose transmission is of an exceedingly costly character. The matter suppressed includes reports of government actions, among them being Philippine and American occurrences, which might give the Philippines an unfavorable opinion of the United States.