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A MORMON MISSIONARY ON THE ROBERTS CASE

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 13.—The annual Alabama conference of Mormons is in session here. Elder Rich, head of the southern mission, said today referring to the Roberts case, that the church was not backing Roberts and that the bitterest enemies he had in the campaign were Mormons. Rich insists there have been no plural marriages in Utah since the anti-polygamy law was declared constitutional.

A BATTLE WITH YAQUI.

Ortiz, Mex., Dec. 13.—A force of 1,100 Mexicans under General Torres on Monday attacked a body of 600 Yaqui Indians near Chitumampaco, dislodging them from a jungle, in which they took refuge, after two hours' incessant firing. Nine dead Indians were subsequently found in the brush. The number wounded is reported to be heavy. The Mexicans had only three wounded.

THE TEXAS SAILS FOR HAVANA.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Texas sailed from Fort Monroe for Havana today, where she will take on board the bodies of the Maine victims and bring them to Fort Monroe for transfer to Arlington cemetery where they will be reinterred.

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GEN. METHUEN'S SEVERE CHECK

More Fighting of a Desperate Character Near Modder River.

Methuen Cables That Boer Losses Were Terrible.

Some of Cronje's Army Corps Quite Wiped Out.

The British Casualties Estimated at Four Hundred and Fifty.

BOERS HELD THEIR POSITION DESPITE A TERRIFIC SHELL FIRE—GEN. METHUEN HAS FALLEN BACK AND CABLES HE IS IN A SECURE POSITION—THE GRAVITY OF HIS REVERSE KEENLY FELT IN ENGLAND. RUMOR OF FALL OF LADYSMITH

London, Dec. 13.—The war office this evening received the following from General Methuen:

"Modder River, Dec. 12, 7:30 P. M.—As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. I gathered some prisoners and from Boers speaking to ambulance men learned that their losses are terrible, some corps being wiped out. They have been most kind to my wounded. Up to midnight the war office had not received any details concerning Methuen's losses. It is estimated that the British killed, wounded and missing number 450. The fighting was of a desperate character. A terrific shell fire failed to dislodge the enemy and the British were unable to outflank them. MARQUIS OF WINCHESTER DEAD

London, Dec. 13.—The correspondent of the Telegraph at Modder River says that the Marquis of Winchester, of the Coldstream guards, who succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Stopford after the latter was killed in the first Modder river battle, was killed in the last engagement.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office received today the following despatch from General Methuen, dated Tuesday, December 12:

"Our artillery was shelled by a very strong position held by the enemy from 4 until dusk Sunday. It rained last night. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak Monday the south end of Kopje. The attack was properly timed but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. Cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer of artillery battery attacked the enemy on the left and the guards on the right supported by field artillery and a howitzer of artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including Kopje, for a distance of six miles towards the Modder river. Today I am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

APPREHENSION JUSTIFIED.

General Methuen followed up the artillery attack with a general attack on the Boer positions Monday and the report showed that the anxiety with regard to the result occasioned by the ominous silence of the war office is amply justified. The engagement was evidently of considerable magnitude and the list of killed and wounded will be proportionate, without the compensation which victory would have brought, if the affair does not turn out to be a more serious defeat than Methuen admits. The Highlanders must have stormed the Boer position more than once, while the fact that the guards were ordered to support the Highlanders' rear looks as though the Boers may have outflanked the attackers.

DID CRONJE ATTACK?

One report says Cronje attacked the British. The only compensation the British have been able to discover in the disheartening story is Methuen's

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statement that he maintains his position close to the Boers, arousing a hope that he will retrieve his position. It is apparent the bombardment Sunday and Saturday did not shake the Boers' grip on that position and it seems certain they merely withdrew their guns and riflemen under cover, while Methuen indulged in the usual artillery preliminary Monday, and when the British guns were obliged to cease firing owing to the danger of hitting the advancing troops, the Boers speedily reoccupied the trenches and overwhelmed the Highlanders. Indeed the gravity of the situation, from a British point of view, can hardly be overestimated. Methuen's long lines of communication to Deasars must be vulnerable. Should they be cut Methuen will find himself in a very tight place, if only from a lack of supplies.

GATACRE SAFE.

The latest advices from Gatacre show that no anxiety is felt for the safety of his remaining troops, who have been withdrawn to good positions along the railroad south of Motteno.

The war office has received the following from General Forestier-Walker: "Cape Town, Tuesday—Methuen wires that General Wernhope was killed in action yesterday."

Orange River, Dec. 13.—Three hundred and twenty wounded men have arrived here from Modder river.

A DAY OF HUMILIATION.

The Morning Post which throughout the struggle has been the mouthpiece of the ablest military criticism, which has blinched at the magnitude of the British task, prefaces a critical review of General Methuen's fight with the following significant words:

"The news which reached us last night will make every Englishman clasp his lips with a certain grimness, expectancy and determination. But it may do more. We learned with a measure of ironical contempt that the Boers had appointed a day of national humiliation. There are worse things than such an announcement by a nation that would purge itself of pride, and the worst things, the worst way has been ours. Face to face with a nation in arms, a nation brutal in many of its dealings, but brave, strong and united, we have discussed as conquerors the terms of settlement."

HIGHLANDERS CAPTURED.

Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 12.—A despatch from Pretoria, dated December 11, says: During an engagement northward of Modder River the Orange Free State artillery engaged an armored train moving toward Belmont. The despatch adds forty-one Gordon Highlanders captured by Burgers have passed Jacobsdal en route for Pretoria.

HAS LADYSMITH FALLEN?

London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says Dr. Schweninger, who was Prince Bismark's physician, declared at a parliamentary reception Tuesday that he believed Prince Herbert Bismark had received a code message announcing the fall of Ladysmith. The same report has been persistently circulated on change.

London, Dec. 13.—General Methuen's severe check seems to have suddenly completed the slow operation of opening the eyes of the British press and public to the gravity of the situation in South Africa. In quarters where calmer views prevail grave lectures are read on the necessity of bracing with a firmer resolve.

METCALFE WAS REPULSED.

Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 12 (Delayed).—Despatches from Pretoria describing the sortie made from Ladysmith Sunday night by 600 men commanded by Colonel Metcalfe, which the British described as a victory, say the attack was repulsed and nine British were killed, severely wounded and seventeen captured. Three leading townsmen of Pretoria were killed and several wounded, causing great sorrow in the town. Despatches add that the cannon damaged by the British was a Krupp howitzer.

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BRYAN DECLINES SENATORSHIP.

Austin, Dec. 13.—Bryan stated in an interview today that he would not have accepted the appointment of senator from Nebraska if it was tendered him. It is reported on reliable authority that Governor Poynter wired Bryan and he promptly replied, declining the high honor.



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LINNEY SPEAKS FOR GOLD STANDARD

Says Financial Bill is Right for the Times—Day and Night Sessions of the House.

Washington, Dec. 13.—There were eight and a half hours' talk on the financial bill in the house today and tonight. The principal features of the session were the introduction of Representative Cushman, of Washington as a humorous speaker, and an elaborate review of the pending bill by Representative Hill, of Connecticut. During the day the bill was opposed in speeches by Bell, Brundage, Wheeler, of Kentucky; Benton, Fox, Pierce, Sulzer, Otrl, Cowherd and Gains and advocated by Fowler, Lacey, Burton, Hamilton, Cushman and Hill, of Connecticut.

A resolution was agreed to fixing the period of the holiday recess from December 20 to January 3. An objection by Payne, of New York, consideration was refused to the proposition to adjourn over tomorrow in honor of the death of Washington.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

At the night session the attendance was not more than forty, but the galleries were filled. The discussion of the financial bill was resumed by Robinson of Indiana, who opposed the bill, as did also Kleberg, of Texas. Linney, of North Carolina, the only republican who voted for the Teller resolution in the last congress, followed in support of the bill. He said he spoke with some diffidence, in view of his course at that time, but he had brought himself to view the pending bill as the best thing for the country now.

Brief speeches against the bill were made by Messrs. Rixey, Zenor, Kitchener and Henry. Zenor said the step the republican party were taking in this measure would be their descent from power. The other speakers united in attacking the national bank features of the bill, their opposition being to the system and to the delegation to the banks of the power to issue notes.

INTERESTING GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL.

Linney and His Constituents—Democratic Paper on the Amendment.

Gazette Bureau, Washington Dec. 12. North Carolinians are just now giving Mr. Linney, the genial and glib-tongued congressman from the Fifth district, the "merry ha-ha." Mr. Linney voted with a large majority of his colleagues against the proposed seating of Roberts, the alleged polygamist. In taking this step the congressman from the Fifth fancied that he was doing the highly proper thing, voting "no," in a clear, lingering voice that denoted a deep contentment and lots of inner satisfaction as he pondered on the approving plaudits of constituents that would follow a noble stand in the interest of a lofty morality. But it seems that Mr. Linney had reckoned without the ever increasing county of Wilkes. Mr. Linney has received a letter saying that a number of the voters of that county had held an indignation meeting and criticized him for casting a negative vote in the Roberts matter.

TO PURCHASE BEAUVOIR

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—The delegation representing the United Confederate veterans which yesterday visited Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis' home, has returned here. It is understood the committee will recommend the purchase of the estate and the establishment there of an industrial farm for those veterans who cannot support themselves.

ORDERED RELEASE OF THE ABBY.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Secretary Long has cabled Admiral Watson at Manila to release the steamship Abby, seized some time ago in Philippine waters on suspicion of carrying arms from Canton to the Philippines for use of the insurgents. The owners of the vessel have formally absolved the United States of any legal responsibility or claim for damages.

THE SAMOAN TREATY.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The senate committee on foreign relations has decided to take up the Samoan treaty at its next meeting.

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tion of inter-state commerce.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that he would address the senate on the resolution at an early date. The resolution follows: "That any contract, agreement or combination between two or more corporations which has for its purpose the control of the price of anything which is the subject of, or enters into, interstate commerce or the cost of the transportation thereof so as to increase the same at any place or locality in the United States or to discriminate in favor of or against any class of dealers, traders or consumers of such articles within the United States, is contrary to the public policy of the United States and every such contract, agreement or combination is illegal and is prohibited. "Any person being a member of any corporation, or acting as its agent, officer or employee, who enters into any such contract, agreement or combination, or knowingly assists in the execution thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000."

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ENDORSED PRITCHARD FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Action of the Republican League—Judge Ewart's Nomination.

Special to the Gazette. Washington, Dec. 13.—By invitation the members of the National League of Republican clubs today visited President McKinley. After the visit the southern members of the league held a meeting and endorsed Senator Pritchard for the vice presidency. The president told Senator Pritchard this afternoon that he would send Judge Ewart's name to the senate. W. A. H.

TRAINS CRASH TOGETHER ON NEW JERSEY CENTRAL

Four Persons Known to Have Been Killed.

New York, Dec. 13.—An Allentown passenger train on the Lehigh and Susquehanna division of the New Jersey Central, while running at a high speed crashed into a coal train at Trechler's station at 9 o'clock tonight. Owing to lack of facilities to communicate with Pritchard's details are meagre up to midnight. It is known that four persons were killed and two injured. There may be bodies in the wreck. The baggage car and smoker caught fire. The accident occurred on a sharp curve.

HE AND HIS PARTY TRAVELED NORTH EACH WITH TWO HORSES AND MARCHING NIGHT AND DAY—AMERICAN LIEUTENANT AND TWO MEN KILLED.

Manila, Dec. 13.—The details of a fight by the battalion under Major Marsh, in the mountains near Lingay, while Marsh was in pursuit of Aguinaldo, have just reached here. The fight took place December 1, and was brought on by an attack by the insurgents under General Pilar on a reconnoitering party.

The place where the battle was fought is 4,000 feet above the sea level at the top of a mountain pass. In the first charge by the Americans Lieutenant McClelland and two men were killed and six wounded. Marsh then called a halt and a detachment of sharpshooters were sent to a hill commanding the enemy's works. The detachment succeeded in holding the enemy's attention until Captain Tompkins, with his company, succeeded in getting above and behind the enemy. Then the Americans charged on three sides and scattered the bewildered rebels despite Gen. Pilar's entreaties to hold the works. Only twenty-five of the hundred rebels known to be holding the place survived the attack.

The last body of insurgents passed by the victorious Americans was that of General Pilar, who was shot in the head. The Americans killed were interred in graves where they fell. The bodies were taken to Angagnin, where they were treated by the natives.

By forced marches Major Marsh reached Cervantes twenty-one hours behind Aguinaldo. It has been definitely ascertained that Aguinaldo passed through Bontoc December 4 going to Tulubin and thence in the direction of Bayombong. Each man in his party had two horses and were marching night and day. The only hope now of capturing him is the co-operation of Igorrotes. The mountains are impenetrable, and it is possible for the insurgents to hide with no fear of detection within ten feet of the trails.

Washington, Dec. 13.—General Otis sent despatches to the war department today as follows:

Manila, Dec. 13.—Fifty men of the army transported by the navy, took Laog on the 10th instant. General Young with staff followed the next day. He reports Howse, with a Pennsylvania battalion, and a portion of the Thirty-third infantry, passed north to Piddling east of Laog. Marsh's battalion of the Thirty-fourth was at Cayan, province of Lepanto, on the 7th. The Third cavalry is along the coast and in the mountains pursuing the enemy.

Young states the extreme northern force passed over the mountains driving the insurgents under General Tino, who is badly wounded, killing fifty and wounding many. Made large captures of rifles and property with all insurgent transportation and released all Spanish prisoners to the number of about 2,000. Our casualties two wounded.

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