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BODIES OF THE MAINE VICTIMS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The navy department has fixed the morning of the 28th as the time for the interment of the bodies of the Maine victims at Arlington cemetery. Chaplain Chadwick, who was attached to the Maine when she was blown up, and the chaplain of the naval academy will officiate.

WHERE TO GET FLOWERS.

Strangers in town who want flowers for Christmas can have them cut fresh at the Idlewild Company's greenhouses. Roses, carnations and other favorites in bountiful supply, a Fine display. Take the Charlotte street car on the square and visit the greenhouse if you can, if not, send in your orders early.

Everybody loves flowers for their beauty and for the thought they show in selection. The Idlewild floral company can give you a choice of many beautiful varieties for Christmas.

CHICAGO SCHOOL IN FLAMES

Eight Girls Burned to Death and as Many More Fatally Injured.

Four Sisters of St. Francis' Church also Victims.

Girls Were Rehearsing Christmas Entertainment.

The Dress of One Caught Fire From the Gas Get.

SOON THE STAGE WAS A MASS OF FLAMES FROM THE BLAZING DRESSES OF CHILDREN AND TERROR REIGNED—500 CHILDREN ESCAPED FROM THE HALL.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Eight little girls were burned to death and as many more fatally injured at a fire in St. Francis' parochial school this afternoon. Four sisters, the pastor of St. Francis' church and two other persons were severely burned.. The girls were rehearsing a Christmas enertainment on the stage of the school auditorium. They wore flimsy dresses. The dress of one caught fire from a gas jet. The flames quickly spread to the others and soon the stage was a mass of blazing dresses and shrieking, terror-stricken children.

FEW ON THE STAGE ESCAPED.

So rapidly did the flames spread from one dress to another that less than half the children escaped injury. The flames were quickly extinguished so far as the damages to the building were concerned, and the work of removing the charred bodies and rescuing the little ones lying half suffocated and burned began.

In the hall at the time of the fire were 500 or 600 pupils of the school and a number of children from St. Aloysius' orphan asylum, who had been invited to attend the rehearsal. A tableau representing the birth of Christ was about to be presented when the fire occurred.

GOOD WORK BY PRIEST AND SISTERS.

One of the girls who was to represent the Lamb was about adjusting the mask representing the lamb's head when she came in contact with a gas jet in the dressing room. But for the fight against the flames by the priest and sisters the list of the dead and injured would be greater. All the children in the audience got out without injury except one boy who jumped from the third story window and broke his leg.

A TERRIBLE LANDSLIDE.

Hotel and Other Houses Dashed Into the Sea in Sicily.

Rome, Dec. 23.—A landslide occurred yesterday at Amalfi, a seaport city on the gulf of Palermo. Many houses and an old convent were buried. The convent was used as a hotel. It is believed the hotel was full. It was dashed upon the houses below and all were hurled into the sea. It is believed a number of lives were lost.

KILLED BY HIS FATHER-IN-LAW

Birmingham, Dec. 22.—Dr. Wheeler, a prominent physician of Berry, Ala., was shot and almost instantly killed yesterday by his father-in-law, a well known farmer. A feud of long standing had existed between the two men.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER DEAD

London, Dec. 22.—The Duke of Westminster died tonight of pneumonia. He was one of the richest persons in England. He was the owner of many race horses. He was born in 1825.

DIED IN A PEST HOUSE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—State Representative Newbern from Norfolk county, died in the pest house today of smallpox.

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CUBANS GIVEN ASSURANCE OF INDEPENDENCE

Speeches at the Farewell Banquet of General Brooke.

Havana, Dec. 22.—The banquet last night to General Brooke was a pleasant farewell. Every word spoken on the occasion by the American officials reiterated in the most forceful way the determination expressed in the messages of President McKinley and Secretary Root. The Cubans were given to understand that absolute independence would be accorded them in the shortest time possible.

All the high officials in Havana, Cuban and American, were present at the banquet. Generals Wood, Brooke and Ludlow and several prominent Cubans spoke, including Senors Lanuza and Quesada. Wood in his speech said the presence of the Americans in Cuba was to carry out the declarations of congress, and they were going to do it. He expressed the hope that in the administration of affairs of the island he would have the assistance and merit the good will of every resident.

The Cubans were pleased at the expressions of the Americans and applauded the speakers furiously.

Brooke will sail for Tampa tomorrow.

DR. BAKER, THE ALLEGED MURDERER DEAD

Principal in One of Virginia's Most Sensational Trials.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Dr. Baker, the principal in one of Virginia's most sensational trials, died at Abingdon, Va., last evening of softening of the brain. He was tried and convicted of murdering his wife in order that he might wed the pretty wife of Windham Gilmer, a farmer, with whom he was infatuated. It was proven on the trial that the two had agreed upon a plan by which she was to kill her husband and he his wife to enable them to marry. The body of Mrs. Baker was disinterred and showed traces of arsenic in her stomach. Mrs. Gilmer told the whole story. Baker was given a new trial on a technicality and was acquitted.

RUSH AT POSTOFFICE.

Volume of Mail Handled Greatly Exceeds Former Years.

The Christmas rush at the post office is fairly on and the force is working over time to take care of it. The bulk of mail handled is increased at least six times over the ordinary run of matter, heavy it is growing, and it will be even years' work is a great deal heavier than for years. The drivers' wagons are filled up, the stamping clerk has his hands full, but the men who handle the packages are the most hurried, every little mail being increased to large proportions. The carriers will hardly be able to carry their mail on the routes, so heavy it is growing, and it will be even worse Monday and Tuesday.

On the outgoing mail the rush is as bad. The stamp clerk has no time to stop a minute, as all day long yesterday a line stood in front of the window, waiting for their turn. Another clerk was required to affix the stamps, and still another to cancel them. At the registered letter window the same increased volume of business was noticable, with a line of waiters. The money order window was no exception. With the amount of mail handled there one day it is little short of wonderful that only once in a while a package or letter is delayed a few hours. The force seems to know exact what is expected and handles everything with a dispatch that clears away what would seem insurmountable to the ordinary observer.

On Christmas day general delivery and carriers windows will be open from 9 to 9:45 a. m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. and the regular Sunday collection will be made. The stamp and money order windows will not open. Regular sunday hours will be observed tomorrow.

FLOWERS TO THE FAIR.

What young girl or what matron does not appreciate a gift of flowers? Send a dozen choice roses or carnations, or a fine potted plant on Christmas to the lady you wish to remember. The Idlewild Company will fill your order.

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DWIGHT L. MOODY PASSES AWAY

The Great Evangelist Died Yesterday at His Home in Northfield.

Peaceful Ending of a Most Notable Life.

Last Request That His Sons Care for His Schools

Death Was Due to Development of Heart Trouble.

WITH WHICH HE WAS STRICKEN LAST MONTH AFTER ADDRESSING 15,000 PEOPLE AT KANSAS CITY—HIS LIFE GRADUALLY EBBED AWAY.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, died at noon today.

Mr. Moody was stricken with heart trouble in Kansas City, Mo., while holding revival meetings at Convention hall. He was compeled to give up work there and on the day following started for his home in the east in care of a physican. Mr. Moody, probably addressed the largest crowds during his stay in Kansas City he ever faced. Meetings began Sunday, November 12. The crowds were immense thousands of people filling the hall afternoon and evening of each day. The strain upon Moody was great. He preached his last sermon on Thursday night November 16, fully 15,000 people listening to the arnest appeal that many stamped as the evangelist's greatest effort. He was stricken the next morning at the hotel, but laughingly declared he was all right and would be able to preach that afternoon. He grew worse gradually and it was deemed best to to start him for home the next day, although his physician stated his condition was not necessarily serious.

HOW MR. MOODY DIED.

Mr. Moody, according to those who were at his bedside, retained consciousness most of the time until the end. He was informed last evening that he would not recover and then said: "The world is receding and heaven is coming." He had a number of sinking spells during the night. This morning in speaking to his sons he urged them to give the schools founded by him their best care. This they promised. His daughter said to him, "Father we can't spare you." He replied, 'If God has more work for me to do I'll not die." All the members of the household were at his bedside when he died. His wife is prostrated by his death. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

HIS LIFE WORK.

Dwight Lyman Moody was born in Northfield, Mass., February 5, 1837. He received a meagre education and worked on the farm until he was seventeen when he became clerk in a boot and shoe store in Boston. He joined the Congregational church soon after, and in 1856 went to Chicago. Here he engaged zealously in missionary work among the poorer classes. In less than a year he built up a Sunday school which numbered over a thousand children. He was in the service of the Christian commission during the civil war, and subsequently became city missionary of the Y. M. C. A. at Chicago. A church was built for his converts, and he became its unordained pastor. In the Chicago fire of 1871 the church and Moody's house and furniture, which had been given him, were destroyed, but a new church was erected in its place. In 1873, accompanied by Ira D. Sankey, Moody went to Europe and held religious revivals at Edinburgh and Glasgow, Dublin, London and other cities of Great Britain. In 1875 they returned to the United States and held large meetings in various cities. Moody continued his evangelistic labors in the United States and Great Britain. He established four schools. Three of these are at his native town of Northfield and one at Chicago. Two of the Northfield schools are academies, fitting students for college; the third is a woman's training school, while the Chicago institution is for biblical instruction. Moody published a number of works, including compilations of his discourses and the following "Arrows and Anecdotes," "Heaven," "Secret Power," "The Way of God" and the "Bible Characters."

GEORGIA NEGROES MIGRATE

Madison, Ga., Dec. 22.—Five hundred negroes left here last night to settle in Mississippi swamps. They were induced to go by stories of emigration agents. This makes 2,000 that have migrated within a fortnight and the exodus is still in progress.

McGOVERN KNOCKS OUT FORBES.

New York, Dec. 22.—McGovern knocked out Harry Forbes, of Chicago, in the second round at the Broadway tonight. Forbes, who is undoubtedly clever, never had a chance. The knockout blow was a clean right hook on the jaw. At the end of the fight Al Smith offered to bet $1000 to $600 that McGovern would defeat Dixon in the coming fight.

HEBREWS AND NEGROES ENGAGE IN A FIGHT

Three of the Latter Shot Near Newport News.

Newport News, Dec. 22.—Trouble is threatened between Hebrews and negroes in the district known as Rockets, which is populated by negroes principally. For some time past the Hebrews have been systematically robbed by the blacks, and this morning three of them vested with police power shot and killed a negro named Williams as he was entering the store of a Hebrew woman. Later during a fight between the negroes and Hebrews one of the latter shot a negro in the back. A policeman arrested the shooter and a howling mob of negroes tried to take the Jew from the policeman. All of the Hebrews present were assaulted with bricks and clubs. The Hebrews became frightened and fired wildly in every direction. Another negro was shot in the head. The blacks undoubtedly would have killed the Jews out for the timely arrival of the police. The Hebrews who took part in the shooting were arrested and several negroes placed in jail on a charge of inciting riot among their people. Further trouble is feared.

TALK OF IMPEACHING GOVERNOR PINGREE

Pingree Sends His Compliments and Says, "Go Ahead."

Detroit, Dec. 22.—A conference of several state senators and representatives was held here today to consider the advisability of instituting impeachment proceedings against Governor Pingree on account of his connection with the McLeod municipal ownership bill in the legislature. The bill was passed under suspicious circumstances and after it became law convulsed Detroit with the hottest kind of a fight. When Pingree was informed of the conference he seemed not in the least perturbed, merely saying, "Give 'em my compliments and tell 'em to go ahead." He added he ought to be impeached and imprisoned if the reports were true about his connection with the bill.

SPEECH BY SECRETARY GAGE.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 22.—New England Society of the Oranges observed forefathers' day with a dinner tonight, at which the principal speaker was Secretary Gage, who spoke on some of the aspects of the national finances.

COLLEGE TEAM LINE-UP.

Ladies Will be Admitted Free to the Christmas Football Game.

The line-up of the All-College football team, as it is commonly called, which will play the Asheville team at the river grounds Christmas day will be as follows:

Gudger, left end; Brown, O., left tackle; Glenn, left guard; Cooper, centre; Creasman right guard; Cocke, right tackle; Brown, G., right end; Ottinger, quarter back; Nichols, left half back; Brown, C., right half back; Fitzpatrick, full back; Person, Lynch, Pritchard and Purefoy substitutes.

The game will be called at 3:30 p. m. and 25 cents admission will be charged except for ladies, who will be admitted free.

Both teams practiced yesterday and seem to be evenly matched.

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FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH

Only Information Given Out is a List of British Casualties.

A Sortie or Bombardment by the Boers.

Tremendous Enthusiasm in the New Recruiting.

Conjectures as to the Situation in South Africa.

BULLER SAID TO HAVE REQUESTED ROBERTS' APPOINTMENT. WILL LORD WOLSELEY HAVE TO FACE CRITICISM?

London, Dec. 22.—A list of seven killed and four wounded contained in a war office despatch from Pietermaritzburg today as the result of an engagement reported to have occurred on the 18th, is the first report of any fight on that date. The casualties are all among the regiments that are known to with White, indicating either that another sortie was made by the Ladysmith garrison or that the Boers have succeeded in making the bombardment of the town more effective than when last accounts were received. This is the only hint of any action in the whole seat of war for the past week.

TRANSVAAL ASKS FOR PEACE.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Mail's Paris correspondent says Dr. Leyds, the European representative of the Transvaal, visited the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, Thursday and requested his services in the cause of peace, and that the latter gave an equivocal reply, asking for time for consideration.

BULLER'S HANDICAP.

It is thought here that General Buller will find it impossible to make a decisive movement that will turn the tide of Boer victories until he has important cavalry reinforcements and more efficient means of transportation. At present the British advance is confined close to the railroad lines in every sphere of British operation.

WILL WHITE QUIT LADYSMITH?

In these circumstances it is believed that General Buller will remain where he is thus confining the Boers to their present position. In this case it is possible that General White will evacuate Ladysmith and advance on the Boers at Colenso from the north with his whole force of 9,000 men. This force includes 1,200 cavalry, 36 guns and 6 naval guns, but General White would be greatly hampered by the sick and wounded and non-combatants. While the Boer position at Colenso is invulnerable from the south it is particularly vulnerable to an attack from the north. It is believed here by military experts that were a night attack in force to be made on the Boer position at Colenso via Onderbrook assisted by a simultaneous attack by General Buller's forces the British would be successful.

If the stores of ammunition and food are running short at Ladysmith, as is surmised here, some such move will be imperative unless, as is believed to be far more likely, General White shall surrender the forces at Ladysmith as prisoners of war.

FEAR FOREIGN FOE.

Despite the enthusiasm over the government's decision to send yeomanry and volunteers out for foreign service in South Africa as well as elsewhere the decision as received by the country in general does not escape severe criticism. It is pointed out that quite possibly the volunteers will be required in the near future for the defense of England against a foreign foe, which it is contended is the real object of the recruiting of the volunteer bodies. Yet this time has been chosen by the gov-

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