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## LOSS OF THE GUNS

### How the Misfortune at Tugela River Occurred.

## GALLANTRY OF OFFICERS

### Men Fought with Cool Bravery—Notables in the Casualty List—The Use of Smokeless Powder Made It Impossible to Determine the Position of the Boers—(Failure of the Attempt to Capture Llangwame Hill.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 16 (Delayed in transmission).—An armistice was agreed on between the British and Boer commanders, which lasted till midnight tonight. This was for the purpose of collecting the killed and wounded in yesterday morning's battle. The batteries captured in the battle were the Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth—not the Seventh.

Colonel Goldie was killed and Colonel Schriener is missing. Colonel Long was severely wounded by a bullet. The bullet was extracted and he is doing well. Colonel Hunt was wounded and Major Bailwaite-Foster, who was also wounded, was taken prisoner. Captain Elton was wounded and has been sent to the Pietermaritzburg Hospital. All the foregoing were artillery officers. Other officers wounded are Captains Reed, White-Thompson, Grills and Goodson.

This is the theory of the loss of the British guns. The gunners ran short of ammunition and were ordered to take cover while awaiting reinforcements and ammunition. They had no idea of abandoning the guns, which had not been disabled, but were ordered to retire. This they did, and carried all their wounded with them.

There were several notable cases of gallantry. Captain White-Thompson was wounded while trying to fetch a blanket to a wounded artilleryman. Captains Schofield and Roberts, of General Clerly's staff, brought in three guns under a heavy fire. Captain Roberts was wounded and has since died. Captain Herbert, a staff officer of the light horse, was killed.

Lord Dundonald, commanding the mounted infantry, tried to capture Llangwame hill on the British extreme right. It was occupied by a strong Boer force. Under a heavy shell fire the South African light horse advanced in front, while Thornycroft's mounted infantry, the Natal Carabineers and the Imperial light horse attempted a flank movement. The Boer lines, however, were on high ground to the right of the flanking party, and a movement for capturing the hill was out of the question.

The Seventh battery, meanwhile, kept shelling Llangwame hill and Fort Willie alternately, for the purpose of assisting the general advance. Lord Dundonald's cavalry supported this movement. About midday Lord Dundonald was ordered to retire, but found himself unable to do so, because the moment his men attempted to move they became a target for the enemy's fire. Finally, after tremendous shelling by the artillery to cover their retirement, the men succeeded in getting back without heavy loss. The men fought magnificently and showed great coolness. Two men in particular will be recommended for the Victoria cross.

Owing to the bad light, it was impossible to see the Boers, and, furthermore, they used smokeless powder, which made it impossible to locate their guns and determine their position.

The British advance was effected with trifling loss. The heaviest losses occurred while the men were retiring. The artillerymen were reluctant to do this and the officers had to order them back.

The Seventh battery, under Major Henshaw, made splendid practice. Lord Dundonald sent several teams, under Captain Reed, with gun wagons to assist the Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth batteries. All the horses were killed. Captain Reed remained with the battery until ordered back, and he came in with a bullet in his leg.

In this brigade over 100 were killed and wounded.

Captain Halford, who was wounded slightly in the fight at Elandslaagte and recovered sufficiently to join Thornycroft's horse, was again dangerously wounded yesterday.

### This Probably from Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 22.—The War Office publishes a list of seven killed and fourteen wounded, reported from Pietermaritzburg, in an engagement which has hitherto not been reported. The fight occurred December 18. There were also three deaths from enteric fever.

The above possibly refers to Ladysmith. A few days ago General White reported that there were sixty-five cases of enteric fever and dysentery in his garrison.

London, Dec. 22.—The list of seven killed and fourteen wounded contained in the war office dispatch from Pietermaritzburg today as the result of an engagement reported to have oc-

curred on the 18th is the first report of any fight on that date. The casualties were all among the regiments that are known to be with White, indicating either that another sortie was made by the Ladysmith garrison or that the Boers had 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 theatre of war for the past week.

### The Queen Tells Roberts Good-bye

London, Dec. 22.—The Queen bade farewell to General Lord Roberts at Windsor Castle today.

### Buller Has a Narrow Escape.

Chieveley, Natal, Dec. 22.—General Buller had a very narrow escape Friday, a spent bullet from a snapper shell cutting the skin on his side.

The body of Major Chichester has been found. A Mauser bullet was discovered in his haversack, it having passed through a notebook during the battle.

## FENIAN WILD TALK.

### Irish Organizations Called upon to Prepare for an Invasion of Canada—Recruits for Boer Army Leave Omaha

Omaha, Dec. 22.—A good many recruits have been leaving Omaha of late for South Africa to aid the Boers, but the sensation of the war in this section was produced today through an open letter, signed "Liberty," in a local paper, calling upon Fenian organizations, the Clan-na-gael, and similar anti-British clubs to prepare for an invasion of Canada. It is understood that the letter was written by a prominent Fenian, who was a member of the regiment which did the fighting in the former raid on Canada. The police have communicated the circumstances to the local Federal officers.

The letter, among other things, says: "It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that Canada is at the present time absolutely unprotected from a land attack on the United States side, and a comparatively small invading force could, in a very short time, capture all the principal forts and strongholds."

The letter reviews conditions at present prevailing in Canada, points out her small military resources, and says: "Of course our government could not wink at a movement of this kind, but with 95,000 of our troops in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, and taking into account the extent of the Canadian border line, and the further fact that thousands of Canadian militia will be in South Africa fighting the Transvaal patriots, the patrol of the border cannot be very effective to prevent such an invasion."

## GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH

### Accident at a Christmas Entertainment Rehearsal.

### Eight Dead and as Many More Will Die—Frien and Sisters Make a Heroic Fight to Subdue Flames—How It Happened.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Eight girls were burned to death and as many more fatally injured in a fire at 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 entertainment 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 others and soon the stage was a mass of blazing dresses and shrieking, terror-stricken children. So rapidly did the flames spread from one dress to another that that less than half the children escaped injury.

The flames were quickly extinguished, so far as danger to the building was 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. One of the girls who was to represent a lamb was about adjusting a mask representing a 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 dead and injured would have been greater. All the children in the audience got out without injury, except one boy who jumped from a third-story window and broke his leg.

### Austrian Cabinet to Be Replaced.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—The official journal will publish a decree tomorrow declaring that the cabinet of Count Manfred Clary, president of the council of ministers, will be replaced by a provisional cabinet under Herr von Wittek. This provisional cabinet will arrange the budget and take care of other pressing measures in regard to Hungary without summoning Parliament to meet. This Count Clary had refused to do.

## THIS WEEK'S SLUMP

### Prices of Stocks Suffered Severely in Wall Street

## CAUSE OF THE FLURRY

### Demand for Money in Regular Trade Led to Contraction of Loans on Speculative Investments—Monetary Pressure Relieved—Foreign Trade in a Healthy Condition—Business Heavier Than Usual at This Season.

New York, Dec. 22.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

The worst day in Wall street for years was in part the legitimate result of the best year in business ever known. The question was one of monetary supply. When the country found ample use for its capital in regular trade and productive industry, a contraction of loans became necessary, which would only have been more painful if the volume of stocks carried had been larger. Reckoning from the highest general average last spring, industrial stocks had fallen at the close Monday 23.27 per cent, street railroads 38.90 per cent, and other railroad and telegraph stocks only 6.70 per cent. The extreme pressure was quickly relieved by a syndicate of banks, the treasury aiding much, and prices soon recovered a part of their loss, only to decline again later.

Fear that a British defeat in Africa might cause gold exports brought on Monday the slaughter of good and bad stocks together, though after the gold movement had begun all stocks rose. The close for the week averaged \$4.95 per share lower for railroads, and \$7.32 per share for industrials.

Foreign trade reports leave no excuse for alarm as to international exchanges. Europe can borrow part of what it owes by paying a premium, but this country has of gold more than enough, and only needs to reduce its speculative loans. In two weeks of December exports from New York have been 20 per cent larger than last year, while imports were 26.6 per cent larger.

The business of the country close to the holidays is necessarily smaller than it has been, and yet larger than at the same date in any other year. There is not even a suspicion of unsoundness in any considerable branch of industry or trade.

Cotton suffered in speculation for a day, with stocks, but the great decrease in receipts from farms—since September over 1,500,000 bales—gives strong support to prices. The demand for goods is quiet, though prices hold steady.

Wool sales have dropped sharply with the monetary pressure, but prices do not change. Leather has been steady for hemlock and other sole, but in satin-grain and kid the demand has fallen off suddenly. Shipments of boots and shoes amounted to 400,000 cases, or 9 per cent more than last year to date.

High prices for iron are wonderfully sustained. Prices of finished products change little.

Wheat has lost both in foreign demand and in prices, in spite of still greater loss in western receipts. Exports for the week were only 3,306,286 bushels, against 7,340,170 last year. Atlantic exports, flour included, have been in three weeks only 6,864,433 bushels, against 15,415,368 bushels last year. The price closed ¼ cent lower.

Failures for the week have been 220 in the United States, against 258 last year, and 26 in Canada, against 31 last year.

### Business as Bradstreet Sees It.

Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Holiday trade activity, of course, reaches its highest development during the week now drawing to a close. The weather conditions have not altogether favored retail distribution of winter goods, the result being less activity in purely retail lines than had been looked for, though comparisons with one year ago are generally favorable.

Wholesale trade at this season usually shows a quieting tendency, but it is questionable whether this tendency is as large this year as in former periods.

## CHEATED THE GALLOWES.

### A Noted Murderer Dies of Softening of the Brain.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Dr. Baker, the principal of one of Virginia's most sensational murder trials, died at Abington, 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 Wyndham R. Gilmer, a farmer, with whom he was infatuated. It was proven on the trial that the two had agreed on 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.

### A Matter to Be Investigated.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Instructions have been sent to Acting Consul Hollis at Pretoria to investigate the report

that two American merchant vessels bound for Delagoa Bay were seized by British warships on the ground that their cargoes of flour were intended for the Boers. If the circumstances should prove to be as reported in press dispatches the United States will protest to England.

## RACE A DEAD HEAT.

### The Brooklyn and the New Orleans Make the Same Time to Manila.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The race of American war ships from Atlantic coast ports to the Philippines by the European route has resulted in a dead heat between the two leading vessels. The armored cruiser Brooklyn left Hampton Roads October 16 and reached Manila December 16. Five days after the Brooklyn departed—December 21—the cruiser New Orleans left New York, and a telegram received at the Navy Department today reported her arrival at Manila yesterday. If therefore took both ships the same length of time to make the run.

There has been a very liberal response to the call issued by friends of General Lawton for the raising of a fund for the benefit of the widow and family. The total amount subscribed up to noon was \$4,534. The committee in charge of the fund this afternoon issued another appeal to the people, asking that a special effort be made to swell the fund before Christmas so that the result could be cable to Mrs. Lawton, who is now at Manila.

## FAREWELL TO BROOKE.

### Assurance of Absolute Independence Given to Cubans by Speakers.

Havana, Dec. 22.—The banquet last night to General Brooke was a pleasant farewell. Every word spoken on the occasion by American officials reiterated in a 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 to them in the shortest time possible. All high officials, both Cuban and American, were present. Generals Wood, Brooke and Ludlow and several prominent Cuban spokesmen, including Senors Lunuza and Quesada.

General Wood, in his speech, said the presence of 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 the affairs of the island he would have the assistance and merit the good will of every resident.

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

General Brooke will sail for Tampa tomorrow.

## ASSOCIATED PRESS FAKE

### The Bottom Knocked Out of a Sensational Story.

### Gilbert Will Be Brought Home for Trial—An Officious Negro Preacher Shot—Heavy Sales Leaf Tobacco in Winston.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 22.—Special Sol Simpson, who was reported to have been killed near Dobson, Surry county, last November, by a woman named Sarah Wallace, has been found. A sensational story about Simpson's disappearance was published in morning papers last Sunday and sent to the Associated Press from Raleigh.

A telegram from San Francisco says that W. H. Gilbert, Winston's ex-hard-way merchant, has been given a preliminary trial and bound over for trial in the Federal Court in this State. An order was issued for extradition, and it is thought he will be brought back next week.

Prof. Frederick Agathe, a fine musician, a native of Germany and for three years professor in Salem Female College, died today at the home of his daughter in Ashe county. He had a stroke of paralysis a year ago, from which he never fully recovered.

Winston sold nearly three million pounds of leaf tobacco this month.

A colored preacher named Williams was shot today west of Salem by John Phillips, colored, who claims that Williams interfered with his domestic relations.

## Mortgage for Six Millions.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22.—The first income mortgage for the Mount Vernon-Woodberry Cotton Duck Company to the International Trust Company of Maryland was recorded today. The mortgage is to secure the first income mortgage 5 per cent bonds of the company, amounting to \$6,000,000. The property of the company conveyed by the mortgage includes a large amount of shares of several mills operated by the company.

## McGovern Defeats Forbes.

New York, Dec. 22.—McGovern knocked out Harry Forbes, of Chicago, in the second round at the Broadway Athletic Club 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 a thousand to six hundred that McGovern would defeat Dixon in the coming fight.

## MOODY'S LABOR ENDED

### The Great Evangelist Succumbs to Heart Disease.

## REARED AS A FARMER BOY

### Began Missionary Work in Chicago Forty-three Years Ago—His Association with Sankey—Opposition from the Clergy—Schools Founded in Chicago and Northfield—Enormous Sale of the Gospel Hymns.

Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, died at his home here this morning. He had been ill for a month with heart trouble.

Dwight Lyman Moody was born at Northfield, Mass., February 3, 1837. He had only a limited schooling and worked on a farm until he was 17 years old. He joined the Congregational Church in Boston. He went to Chicago in 1856 and began missionary work. It was in 1873 that Mr. Moody, accompanied by Ira D. Sankey, began the work that made "Moody and Sankey" a household phrase, both in this country and abroad. Preacher and singer in partnership, the two men went in that year to England and several times afterward. Often they met with opposition from preachers who thought that the evangelists were invading fields which belonged to the local pastors. The evangelist believed in schools, and those which he founded, three at Northfield and one in Chicago, combined religious and practical with scholastic training.

The summer schools conducted at Northfield drew large attendance from far and near.

The Moody and Sankey book of "Gospel Hymns and Sacred Songs," of which P. D. Bliss was a joint composer, is said to have reached, in the course of twenty years, a sale of 57,000,000 volumes. The total royalties for a score of years were said to have amounted to more than \$1,250,000.

## The Evangelist's Last Hours.

Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Evangelist Moody, who died today, 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 he then said: "The world is receding and heaven 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 the bedside when he died. His wife was prostrated at his death. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

## NEGRO AGAINST JEW.

### Serious Trouble in a Disreputable Section of Newport News.

Newport News, Dec. 22.—Trouble is threatened between Hebrews and negroes in the district known as Rockers, 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 the fight between 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 him. All the Hebrews present were assaulted with bricks and clubs. The Hebrews became frightened and fled wildly in every direction. Another negro was shot in the head. The blacks undoubtedly would have killed the Jews, but for the timely arrival of police.

The Hebrews who took part in the shooting were arrested and several negroes were placed in jail on a charge of inciting riot among their people. Further trouble is feared.

## PLOT AGAINST PINGREE.

### Impeachment Proceedings Considered at a Conference of Members.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—A conference of several State senators and representatives was held 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 them my compliments and tell them to go ahead." He added that he ought to be impeached and imprisoned if the reports were true about his connection with the bill.

## Maine Victims to Be Buried Thursday

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Navy Department has fixed the morning of the 28th as the time for interment of the bodies of the Maine victims in

Arlington Cemetery. Chaplain Chadwick, who was attached to the Maine when blown up, and the chaplain of the Naval Academy, will officiate.

## BAD FOR SAMPSON.

### The Speech He Prepared for Delivery Last Night Remains Unspoken.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Sons of New England gave their annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight in celebration of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. So earnestly and in such detail did some of the earlier speakers celebrate this and other events in their oratory that by the time the fourth toast was reached it was nearly midnight, and Admiral Sampson, who had prepared a speech in response to the toast, did not deliver it, but merely thanked the society. This was something of a damper, as Sampson was the guest of the evening.

Hon. John Barrett responded to the toast, "The New Pacific." He read a letter written by General Lawton on the situation in the Philippines. Mr. Barrett urged retention of the Philippines, and said that for the first time in history our flag is respected on the trans-Pacific coastline.

## ANOTHER LECTURER.

### Molineux Trial Continues to Furnish Entertainment for the Public—Three Witnesses on the Stand at Once.

New York, Dec. 22.—The matinee features of the trial of Roland D. Molineux continued today with a new witness or lecturer on the stand, in the person of handwriting expert Henry L. Tolman, of Chicago. Whereas the other experts have taken for their subjects "Pen Habits," "Mental Conception" and "Possibilities," Mr. Tolman took for his "Physical Impulses" and delivered his dissertation under four heads: "Surplus Energy," "Sustained Energy," "Waning Energy" and "Exhausted Impulse."

In spite of the interest in the word picture of impulses drawn by Mr. Tolman, the day in court was marked by one proceeding that far outdid anything that has happened in even this remarkable trial. At one time Assistant District Attorney Osborn had three witnesses on the stand. He withdrew one man to put on another "for just a minute"; he withdrew the second to put on another "for just a minute"; and then he fooled along, wasting time, admitting at the same time that all he was doing was sparring for an hour, for a full three-quarters of an hour.

## Poor Encouragement for Dr. Leyds

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

## Congressman Boutelle Improving.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Congressman Chas. A. Boutelle, of Bangor, Me., who was stricken yesterday with congestion of the brain, is reported to be improving. Everything possible is being done for him, but the Congressman is still a very sick man.

## Negroes Go to the Swamps.

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

## Fatal Termination of a Feud.

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 existed between the two men.

## Death of a Rich Duke.

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

## Houses Buried Under a Landslide.

Rome, Dec. 22.—A landslide occurred yesterday at Anagni, a seaport city on the Gulf of Salerno. Many houses and a convent were buried. The number of casualties is not yet known.

## Gold Moving Outward.

New York, Dec. 22.—The total gold exports announced officially for Saturday's steamship are \$4,975,000. The total gold movement since December 15, including tomorrow's shipments, is over \$7,500,000.

## Died in the Pest House.

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

## Major James O. Litchford.

Mr. James O. Litchford, who presides at the money counter of the Raleigh Savings Bank, has been appointed Assistant Quartermaster General on the staff of Governor Russell, with the rank of major.

## Holiday Dances.

The Capital Club gives its Christmas german December 29. The New Year's german takes place January 2. Dancing will begin at 9:30.