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The Florence Fire.

The following are the buildings that were completely destroyed, and the names of the owners :

City Hall building, in which were located the offices of all oity officials, conneil chamber, Hope steam fire engine house, book and ladder truck house, police station, police headquarters and firemen's headquarters, pump-

City Hotel building, in which was It was not expected until yesterday located City Hotel and office, law by the members of Mr. Moody's family offices of W. F. Ciayton and Walter and immediate circle of friends that H. Wells, store room occupied by V. death would be the result of his illness M. Hanner, store room occupied by The cause of death was a general George M. McCown & Co. The building was owned by T. C. Willoughby, trustee.

Store 100m, with offices above, owned by James Allen, and occupied by last month brought a collapse from James H. Penny, S. G. Shipp and Fiorence Athletic Club.

Vacant store room and offices above, sas City, Mo., where he was holding owned by Mrs Annie M Hursey, of services, about a month ago, and the Society Hill, S C, the offices being seriousness of his condition was so occupied by Drs H E Gee and N W apparent to the physicians who were Hicks.

Barber shop of C B Williams, drug store of William H Darby, genera merchandise store of Theo Kuker; buildings owned by John Kuker.

Store room occupied by Florence Hardware Company, and owned by

Fruit store of N J Xepapas, owned that Mr. Moody was very ill, but that by Dr C H Prince.

Dry goods store of Star Racket, R M Nettles & Co, first floor, sleeping apartments second. Building owned symptoms of nervousness, accompanied by Life Insurance Company of Virgi-

Store of Horace L Darr, first floor, second floor colored lodge room. Buildued, and at 8 o'clock Mr Moody called ing owned by Shekinah Lodge No 23, bis wife and children, telling them that Independent Order of Goed Templars. Opera Honse building, in which remained close by the bedeide all the were the Opera House, Opera House forenoon. The evangelist was almost Hotel, managed by W M Berry, store free from pain and occasionally he of Mrs R M Rheubenstein. Building talked with apparent ease. About the owned by Mrs W M Berry.

Store of Parker Bros, groceries. Building owned by Mrs W M Berry. Store of Frank J Faller, general merchandise. Building owned by Miss

Just before 12 o'clock the watchers SJ Stackley. Barber shop of Allan McKight London, Dec 20 - A special dispatch in this city and was given an ovation at exactly noon the great preacher Building owned by Goorge Stackley. Store, barber shop and restaurant of W P Rogers, two story buildings, owned by Miss S J Stackley.

The Watchman and Southron. ENGLAND CALLS teers " FOR VOLUNTEERS.

> 10,000 Ununiformed Rough Riders Are Wanted

government has at last consented to and the war office as day day by fresh mobilize a force which Gen Buller is proofs of uppreparedness come to Every subsequent insertion 50 credited with baving demanded all light. Special stress is laid upon the along as an essential of success in failure to provide proper transports, interests will be charged for as advertiements. South Africa, namely, 10,000 mount- which compels the columns to stick Obituaries and tributes of respects will be ed infantry This morning the war tight to railways and upon the inferioroffice issued an order to the effect ity of the British artillery that the government had decided to infantry force, to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifica tions. Enlistment will be for one pnysique to the ordinary cavalry coal, even from their own colleries a soldier.

their own horses and to wear neutral tint cloth shooting jackets, not neces sarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen

The same order invites every volunteer regiment battalion serving at the front to supply a full company which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force The enrolled strength of the Yeomany forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 10,333 Their services have never been before called for in war.

ing at the Tugela river are still filter personal command

the "City of London Imperial Volun-

The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000. Beron Chesham will command, with Lord Lonsdale as adjutant general

The papers are now generally join-London, Dec 20, 2 45 a. m - The ing in free criticism of the government

The Australian colonies are respondraise for South Africa a mounted ing eagerly to the imperial governwent's appeals for second contingents. It is reported that the queen will abandou her proposed visit to Italy in

consequence of the war. One of the results of the coal famine year, or during the continuance of in the Sheffield district, indirectly the bravery of the men and officers. the war. The men must be between arising out of the war, is that several 20 and 35 years of age, and of equal important steel firms are not able to get

few miles distant. They will sue the Officers and men are to provide railway companies for non-delivery of coal. One of the great armor plate works has shut down partially.

DID BOERS GET THE GUNS?

London, Dec 20 .- It still seems doubtful whether the guns that Gen Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. According to a dispatch to The Associated Press from Darban sent off on the evening of the battle, and which has just been received here, the guns remained where they were left by the British troops and were covered by the heavy guns of Gon Hildyara's brigade, occupying an entrenched position. The dispatch adds that the Boers have thus far not A paragraph contradicting these stories attempted to cross the river and carry appears in the paper, which add that it off the guns, while advices to The Associated Press from Pretoria under the same date say that an official Boer dispatch reports that two guns, 13 wagons and a quantity of ammunition were captured, besides the 28 prisoners.

RUMOR OF BRITISH SAVING ARTILLERY.

is nothing like adversity to test the value of our friends, and the sympathy of the United States and the magnificent devotion of our colonies stand out in strong contrast with the cold carping and eavy of some continental nations.'

The Standard says : "The British empire is on its mettle and is giving the world a hint as to the extent of its latest resources in fighting material. Nowhere is the demonstration watched with more interest and, we believe, L. Moody, the famous evacgelist, died ing station and tower. with more satisfaction than among our at noon today. kinsmen in the United States, whose sympathy will be still further aroused by Lord Roberts' admirable message."

GALLANTRY AT CHIEVELY.

Belated stories from Chievely Camp, Natal, all concur io saying the British did marvels in an impossible situation, the oldest war correspondents say they never saw anything comparable with The naval contingent created an immense furor, engaging the Boers single-band bailing shrappel and lyddite shells on the fortifications north of the town, in a vain effort to silence the murderous fire of the Boers, while the British forced the passage of the him to abandon his tour and return river.

The advance of the Second brigade along the road leading to the bridge, in the face of a deadly fusilade, is described thing was done to prolong life. as magnificent. The British forced A bulletin issued last week Isaac Sulzbacher & Son. communicated the tidings to the public their way across the fire zone under a perfect storm of bullets from the invisible Boers. The patter of the bullets on the dry plain, it is added, raised the week the patient showed a steady gain dust live beavy raindrops on water.

The queen has been greatly appoyed by the unfounded statements that she by weakness which caused the family nia. much anxiety is in ill health and perpetually weeping. bas never been ber majesty's babit to the end was not far off The family "display grief like a hysterical school girl."

KITCHENER'S BAD START.

Cairo, Dec 21 .- The train conveying "I have always been an ambitious man; Gen. Lord Kitchener, now on his way pot to lay up wealth, but to find work from the Soudan to South Africa via to do." this city, was derailed north of Luxor. Gen Kitchener subsequently arrived

Evangelist Moody Ends Earthly Work. Died at His Massachusets Home Friday Just at

East Northfield, Mass, Dec, 22 .- D.

breakdown due to overwork. Mr.

Moody's heart had been weak for a

long time and exertions put forth in

connection with meetings in the west

The evangelist broke down in Kan

called to attend him that they forced

to his home with all possible speed

After he reached Northfield eminent

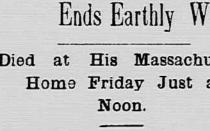
physicians were consulted 'and every

a little improvement was noticed. This

until yesterday, when he showed

This morning the weakness contin

which he failed to rally.



AT SAN METEO.

SHOT WHILE WALKING ALONG FIRING LINE BEFORE CHARGE.

Gen Lawton Marched by Night From Manila to Drive Gen Geronimo From Strong Position at San Meteo.

W. Lawton has been shot and killed, at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately

night, having returned from his north ern operations Saturday, to lead an expedition through Mariquine valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the war. The vailey has several times been invaded, but never held by the Americans. Gen Geronimo was supposed to have there the largest organized force north of Manila, and Gen Otis wished to garrison Mariquina.

The night was one of the worst of

Manila, Dec 19 .- Maj Gen Henry

Gen Lawton left home Monday

Special reports regarding the fighting through, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen Buller was in

A correspondent of The Associat-

the lord mayor of London be called words what all Englishmen feel There

the season. A terrific rain had begun and is still continuing.

Accompanied by his staff and Troop I. Fourth cavalry, Gen Lawton set out at 9 o'clock in advance of the main force, consisting of the Eleventh cavalry and one battalion each of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh infantry, which started from La Loma at mid aight. With a small escort, he led the way through an almost pathless country, a distance of 15 miles, over hills and through canebrake and deep mud. the horses climbing the rocks and sliding down the hills. Before daybreak the command had reached the head of the valley.

San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three hours' fight ensued. This resulted in but few casualties on the American side, apart from the death of Gen Lawton, but the attack was difficult because of the natural defenses of the town. Gen Lawton was walking along the firing line within 300 yards of a small sharpshooter's trench, conspicuous in the big white bemlet he wore and a light yellow rain coat. He was also easily distinguishable because of his commanding stature.

The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near. His staff officers called Gen Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed with his usual contempt for builets

Suddenly he exclaimed : "I am shot." clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and fell into the arms of a staff officer.

Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken up to a clump of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general

Almost at this moment the obsers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys. After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town earrying the litter ou their shoulders. the staff precedicg with the colors, and a cavairy escort following. The troops filed bareheaded through the building where the body was laid, and many a tear fell from the eyes of men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton The entire command was stricken with grief, as though each man had suffered a personal loss.

According to a dispatch from Cape lock deciined and threatened to Washington, Dec 18 .- The currency Town, there it a good deal of distress shoot, although his party had only that Lord Methuen did not retire to bill, which was debated all last week Orange river a week ago. 14 rifles The Boers retired from in the Orange Free State, owing to the was passed today by the house by a the guns and a parley ensued Then go in search of the murderous blacks. against the pronouncement of the St The latest dispatches received seem scarcity of grain. vote of 190 to 150. It had the united to show that the British forces are a hundred Boere rode up to within There is much excitement. support of every Republican in the LORD ROBERTS' MESSAGE. standing on the defensive at all a few yards of the party, but Col Bulhouse and of eleven Democratspoints Gen Baller is ordering the The morning papers give prominence lock swore he would not be made a Messrs, Clayton, Diggs, Fitzgersld, troops now arriving at Cape Town to to Lord Roberts' message and most of prisoner, whereupon a Boer knocked Levy, Ruppert, Scrudder, Underhill proceed to Durban to reinforce the them comment editorially upon it. him down with a rifle butt and Wilson of New York ; McAleer, "Afterward the enemy gave out to Natal column Absence of news The Times says : "Is an admirable of Pensyivania; Denny, of Maryland, from him has led to a surmise that message to America and Canada. Lord the wounded water and cordials. and Thayer, of Massachusets. he is trying to join Gen White by a Roberts has given on adequate and "Then, having taken all their urms. welcome expression to our national ammunition and field glasses, they let flank movement. If troubled with dizziness, furred tongue, the appeals for yeoman, y and vol- sentiments " them return by our ambulances Col bitter taste in mouth, bloated feeling after ! eating, constipation or sick headache, use Dr unteers are being responded to with The Daily Telegraph says : "We Builock, Col Hunt, Maj Walter and M A Simmons' Liver Medicine the greatest enthusiasm in all parts feel sure the message will be welcomed | Capt Goodwyn were taken prisoners of the country Lord Wolsely pro in both the United States and Canada. The Scots Fusilers lost nearly two Buy Writing Tablets, Pencils and Paper at poses that the force being raised by Lord Roberts describes in appropriate companies, captured." O teen's Book Store.

ed Press at Chievely camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher bearers by asserting that two equads of the Connought ranges took cover under civilian bearers of the Red Cross, and that this act drew the Boer fire, three bebeing killed and several wounded Much soxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet receiv ed a full list of the casualties at Togela river

The Standard hints editorially this morning that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Trans vaal through Delagoa bay. England will have something to say in the matter

Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but that otherwise he call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape territories of Great Britain

Two British Generals Not Heard From for Several

Days.

London, Dec 21, 4 45 a. m - The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his commun ications have been cut If this be

eo, his position is dangerous A correspondent of The Daily News telegraphing from Modder river last Saturday says : The Boer posi tion, already formidible on Dec 11, has since heen greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles It is entrenched in the most modern

methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point, guns have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault "

The Times, in an article from the pen of a military expert, laments the dispersion of the British forces. quotes the maxim of Napoleon in favor of concentration and regrets

from Darban.. Natal dated Saturday, by Lord Cromer, the British consul December 16th, says it is rumored general in Egypt, and others. He Gen Buller called for volunteers to immediately boarded a train bound for recover the abandoned guns and that a Alexandria party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns, which were uninjured.

News of War Kept Back by Poor Cables or Good

Censor.

London, Dec 22, 4 45 a m -There is still no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa Probably this is because the only cable efficial dispatobes Gen Builer's cas ualty list at Coleuso, just published. wounded. Two hundred and twenty seven are described as missing, and of these about forty are known to be purposes

prisoners in the bands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than Gen Baller's original estimate. Royal letters, signed by the queen, are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses,

authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on Jan 7, in aid coldiers and their families.

the preparations to send out reenforce ments.

of the imperial volunteers, besides and Maj Baptie brought Lieut Rob gifts of horses, ambulances and other erts from the open to a little ravine paraphernalia. The latest potable volunteers include two nephews of Lord my's terrible fire. Fourteen gun-Roberts, Maj Charles Sherston and ners, 14 men of the Devonshire regi Maj Maxwell Sherston Their brother was killed at Glencoe.

The admiralty have decided to dispatch another naval brigade of 700 men to South Africa.

It is believed that, in mobilizing the eighth division the war office will have recourse to some extent to the militia, it being deemed inadvisable to denude ning the gauntlet of Boer mausers the home garrisons over-much of regulars.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the cabinet regarding war expendi- others in the ravine, they called upon two parties met on the highway and a the senate-and there is no doubt in ares

Alexandria, Dec 21 -Lord Kitchener arrived this evening from Cairo and

Buller and Methuen Engaged

in Quiet Waiting.

London, Dec 23, 4 45 a. m - Be lated South African dispatches throw that is now working is choked with no light upon the present situation at the seat of war. There is no confirmation of the report that Lady-

The Daily Telegraph has a special from Chieveley, dated Dec 16, which watchers at his bedside noted the tells how Lieut Roberts fell at Tu approach of death. Several times his gela river It says :

Sixteenth batteries had been killed could not be heard and Lieut Roberts, Capt Schofield of the fund for sick and wounded attempted with gunner volunteers to joyousness : drag out the gune. Capt Schofield some men. Lieut Roberts was hit moment later he expired. by a shell. Capt Congrove was The various city guilds have given struck and wounded slightly. After

afternoon, a party of fishermen run

"At 5 p m 40 Boers approached the abandoned guns. On espying Col Buliock, Capt Congrove and the the British to surrender Col Bul-

saw that the end was approaching and passed away.

last words he was heard to utter were :

MOODY'S LAST MOMENTS.

conscious to the last, except for a few fainting spells. He revived, and with S Buchheit. worderful display of strength in his voice, said in a beavy strain :

"What's the matter ? What's going on bere ?"

One of the children replied : "Father, you have not been quite so well and so we came in to see you " A little later Mr Moody talked freely

to his sons, saying : "I have always been an ambitious man, not ambitious to lay up wealth, bat to leave you work to do, and you're shows that 146 were killed and 746 smith could hold out several weeks going to continue the work of the longer, and it is feared that this was schools at Northfield and Mount circulated by the Boers for their own Herman and of the Chicago Bible Institute "

As the noonday hour grew near the lips moved as if in prayer, but the

Just as death came Mr Moody awoke and Capt Congrove, of the Rifles, as if from slumber and said with much

"I see earth receding ; heaven is Interest centres for the moment in succeeded, helped by a corporal and opening; God is calling me," and a

New York, Dec 20-The best an additional £12 000 for the expenses a while Capt Congrove, Capt Foster information obtainable in Wall street today was to the effect that at least | favor of regulating trusts. I thing too \$5,000.000 gold will be sent abroad on that it will condemo the efforts, which Saturday's steamers. Rumor credits have become too common, to control several of the leading foreign exchange elections by the use of money. In my bouses with engagements to export and opinion the passage of the bili estabseveral of the banks, banking bouses lishing the gold standard will aid us Bullock When the retirement was and trust companies will very likely do greatly."

reached this city of a fight between a from. party of whites and blacks on the Kemper county overland road about Jones said : "I think the adoption of siz miles porth Oce white man, Oscar a gold standard bill by the present Ford, was mortally wounded and two congress would have an enermous effect It appears that the whites were with- | declaration on the part of the Rapubliout a ms, while each of the nine re- can party for which it will have to groes was armed with a revolv r The answer. A gold bill, if adopted by dispute over which was entitled to the my mind that the present bill, substanright of way precipiated the difficulty | tially, will be accepted by the senate-A posse consisting of the sheriff will force the Republicans to explain and 25 deputies is being organized to

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Bank of Florence, building, bank, first floor, iaw offices of P A Wilcox, up stairs Building owned by Bank of Fiorence.

Wester Union Telegraph office. Building owned by Bank of Florence. -News and Courier, Dec 20.

Democratic Chairman Again Predicts Success Next Year.

Chicago, Dec 21 .- Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National committee, looked into party affairs at headquarters in the Unity building today. He assured everybody that the prospects for Democratic success next year are brighter than they were in 1896 He said only Wm Jennings Bryan would be mentioned as candidate for president in the convention The senator would not say when or where he thought the convention

should be held. With reference to next year's contest the senater said :

"No doubt the convention will reaffirm the Chicago platform. It will declare against imperialism and in

The senator said he never saw such a diversity of opinion as to where the Meridian, Miss, Dec 21 - Word has | nomince for vice president should come

Regarding the currency bill Senator others more or less seriously injured in shaping the money issue. It is a what is on its face a stroke of treason Louis platform."

"The horses of the Fourteenth and articulation was so faint that the words

where he lay hidden from the ene

ment and — men were with Col ordered these men, with isolated the same. parties of Devonshires and Scots Fusiliers, together with some of the Queen's, were cut off and cap tured Many fought until late in the

from hiding places along the river bank

went on board the British second class cruiser Iris, which immediately sailed for Malta.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF MR

Early in the day Mr Moody realized that the end was not far off, and taiked with his family at intervals, being