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## TOLD BY THE TELEGRAPH

### RIVER DANUBE THE SCENE OF STARTLING TRAGEDY.

The Ice Gives Way and Many Lives Lost—Two Men Lose Their Lives at Toledo—Death of Emma Abbott—Gen. Miles Reported Killed—Down to Death.

#### BIG BATTLE.

#### Tremendous Slaughter of the Indians.

Rushville (Ind.) special: A dispatch has just been received here from the Pine Ridge agency announcing that a great battle is in progress there between the troops and the hostile Indians. The information is that Gen. Miles' cavalry encountered the Indians at an early hour in the morning a short distance from the agency. A desperate battle ensued and hundreds of the savages were killed, while the loss to the soldiers was also very heavy.

Gen. Miles himself is reported to have been killed early in the fight. The soldiers were driven into the agency, which was there surrounded by the Indians. Troops have been sent to the rescue, and the result is awaited with the most intense anxiety. The greatest excitement prevails and it is feared that another Custer massacre will go on record.

The apprehensions concerning the fate of the soldiers increase as time passes without further information concerning the battle, it being feared that all sources of communication are cut off and that the Indians are in possession of the agency.

The Indians are reported to have fought like demons, murdering and scalping all the wounded soldiers whom they encountered. It is supposed that the cavalry were inveigled into an ambush and that the Indians obtained an advantage in this way.

#### DOWN TO DEATH.

#### Twelve Men Crushed to Pieces in a Moment,

News has reached San Francisco of a terrible mining accident in Calaveras County. The disaster occurred in the well-known Utica mine, at Angels camp. The workmen in the mine had been at lunch, and a load of men were being lowered into the shaft to the five hundred foot level. As the skip reached a point about one hundred feet from the surface, the rope broke and twelve men were precipitated to the bottom of the shaft 450 feet below. Not one escaped death.

The greatest excitement prevails about the mouth of the shaft, the wives and children crowding around nearly frantic with grief. Some trouble is being experienced in getting a new rope ready, and until that is done the bodies cannot be brought to the surface. The scene of the accident is forty miles from the nearest telegraph station and details of the disaster are difficult to obtain. At the Utica mine in the same locality an accident occurred a year ago, by which sixteen miners were buried alive. The last of the bodies were recovered only about a month ago. The mines are among the oldest in California.

#### MANY DROWNED.

#### The River Danube the Scene of a Startling Tragedy.

The ice covered surface of the river Danube between Buda and Pesth, was the scene of a startling tragedy. A crowd of merry makers were holding high carnival on the ice when after a series of loud and sharp reports, the ice broke in a number of places, and great fissures, through which ran the clear water of the river appeared confronting the skaters and cutting them off from the shores. Panic immediately seized upon the isolated groups and in the awful rush for safety which followed, a number of the terrified skaters either dashed into, were crowded or drawn into the swift running water which rapidly sucked them under the ice and swept them away. Everything possible was done by those who escaped, and by those who were observing the recently happy and cheerful scene from the shores, to rescue the unfortunate victims. Many were saved at the moment when death seemed inevitable. It is, however, known that a number of persons who were on the river at the time of the catastrophe, are missing, and it is feared that they were drowned.

#### A Lake Shore Accident.

As a big Mogul engine was backing down the Lake Shore track near Thirtieth street, Toledo, Ohio, it ran into a train of cars, the tank of the engine was forced to strike against the boiler and exploded, killing two men who were working in the engine. Joseph Sawyer and Lawrence Kilby, helpers, were almost instantly killed. Michael Kirschner, pony conductor, severely crushed. The engineer and fireman were on seats of the engine and escaped serious injury. A blinding snow storm prevented Engineer John Corbett from seeing the flats until it was too late to avert the accident. Kirschner will recover.

#### Death of Emma Abbott.

A special from Minneapolis says: Col. John T. West has received a telegram stating that Emma Abbott died at Salt Lake City. The body was embalmed and sent to Chicago. Her father, Ruth Abbott, who lives here, will go to Chicago to meet the remains. She was taken ill with pneumonia a few days ago and this was the cause of her death.

#### Borring Sea Bow.

The President has sent to the House, in response to its recent resolution, the correspondence between the State Department and the British Government in regard to the Behring Sea controversy.

#### Thousands of Wild Horses.

Warren Hillier, of Antelope Valley, has discovered on a high mountain plateau near his ranch in Nebraska, a drove of many thousand wild horses, including some of the finest equine specimens ever seen in the West.

#### Lost in Alaska.

Much anxiety is felt over the fate of Wells and Price, the two members of Frank Leslie's Alaskan party, who started last fall with a small stock of provisions into the unknown Copper River country in Alaska.

#### Murder Fastened on a Beautiful, But Wayward Girl.

The inquest over the remains of Al. Trout, the boy murdered in front of the disreputable house of Madame Landis at Columbia City, Ind., was concluded and the coroner finally traced the fatal shot to Elenore Sterling, an inmate of the house. Seeing the evidence fast closing around her, she confessed that she fired the shot which ended Trout's life, and claimed she did it in self-defense because she feared rough treatment if the boy got in, as they were very drunk. She was bound over without bail and the other men prisoners released. She

is a very handsome girl of 19 and is the daughter of respectable parents living in the northern part of Whitley County, but she has been a wayward child since she was 15 years old.

#### THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

Friends Joining the Hostiles in Doves.

A special from Fort Yates, N. D., dated the 4th inst., says: A large number of young warriors of the Standing Rock Agency have gone south to join the hostiles in the Bad Lands. The discovery was made on issuing rations that many did not come to the Agency, and one of the friends stated that they had armed themselves and gone to join the bands in revolt. How many have gone is only conjecture, but the indications point to at least 1,000 deserters.

The Grand River Sioux have been fomenting trouble ever since the killing of Sitting Bull on December 15, and they have not been slow in manufacturing their interests and to A. G. Miles' outrage. Most of them regard the taking of the old medicine man as murder outright, and it has been common talk for three weeks that the reds would accept the first opportunity offered to massacre the whites. The dispatches sent out from this point that the Indians were glad that Bull was removed were gross exaggerations concocted here for the purpose of allaying feeling in the East.

The detachment of the Eighth Cavalry under Capt. Fountain will move rapidly southward, and Company H of the Twenty-second Infantry, now near New England City, will come to this point and move thence southward to aid in quelling the uprising. Troops are also in readiness to take the field from Fort Lincoln, and the detachment of the Twenty-fifth Infantry at Fort Keogh is expected to march in a south-easterly direction to-morrow. Every hour increases the number of the hostiles, and General Miles proposes putting men enough in the field to crush the recalcitrant savages in a week or ten days.

#### SAUCY SAVAGES.

Surrounded and Benumbed on all Sides.

Gen. Schofield has received a telegram from Gen. Miles dated at Pine Ridge agency, Jan. 2, saying that 3,000 Indians, men, women and children, and including about 600 bucks, are now encamped in a section of the Bad Lands about fifteen miles from the Pine Ridge agency, and there is almost a cordon of troops around them. Gen. Miles announces that he hoped to be able to induce the hostiles to surrender without a struggle. The spot where they are encamped he describes as somewhat like the lava beds of California, where the Modocs made their final fight. It is in excellent position from an Indian standpoint, but there are now no avenues of escape, all having been closed by the hostiles. General Miles says the Indians have gathered some cattle and provisions and appear to be determined to make their fight for supremacy at this point.

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