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TEXAS SAILED YESTERDAY WITH MAINE VICTIMS

Washington, Dec. 21.—The navy department expects that the battleship Texas with the bodies of the Maine victims aboard, which sailed from Havana today, will arrive at Newport News December 26. A special train will be waiting there and will leave immediately for Washington as soon as the bodies have been transferred to it. President McKinley and the members of the cabinet will be present at the interment at Arlington cemetery.

WHERE TO GET FLOWERS. Strangers in town who want flowers for Christmas can have them cut fresh at the Idlewild Company's greenhouses. Boes, 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.

KITCHENER EMBARKS

Roberts' Chief of Staff Departs for His Post of Duty in South Africa.

Casualties at Tugela River Now Foot up to 1,108.

Censorship Keeps Back all News From Seat of War.

Evidence That Modder River Has Become Another Ladysmith.

METHUEN HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN ISOLATED SINCE DECEMBER 17. ACTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW CAMPAIGN PROGRESSING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 22.—The military authorities have, it is clear, forbidden the present use of the South African cable so far as newspapers are concerned. December 16 is the date of the latest press despatches. These consist chiefly of accounts of the Colenso engagement and are of a somewhat monotonous similarity. Buller and the other commanders are equally silent concerning the events that occurred since the battle of Tugela river. The war office tonight issued Buller's list, showing 702 wounded and 20 missing, bringing the total casualties of Tugela river up to 1,108. There is not a word, however, indicating Buller's present position. The dates of all the despatches relating to the respective camps is suppressed. A despatch of Methuen regarding the rude reply by Commandant Cronje in response to representations made by Methuen concerning a British prisoner held by the Boers is dated the 20th by papers here, but it is assumed this date is not correct. Everything continues to point to the fact that Methuen has been isolated since December 17, and those realizing the probability dread the revelation that Modder River has become another Ladysmith. The manner in which two newspapers announce that General White's position is improved, necessitates the inference it is feared, that the statement had its source in the war office. Preparations for reinforcing the armies in South Africa continue at top speed.

KITCHENER SETS SAIL.

Alexandria, Dec. 21.—General Kitchenier embarked today on the warship Isis for Cape Town.

CRUELTY TO BRITISH PRISONERS. London, Dec. 22.—The Daily News Cape Town correspondent says the Boers marched the British prisoners taken at Stormberg to Burghersdorp, a march occupying forty-eight hours, during which time the prisoners were without food or water.

BRAVERY STILL LAUDED.

London, Dec. 21.—Belated stories from Chieveley camp, Natal, all concur in saying the British did marvelously in an impossible situation. The oldest war correspondents say they never saw anything comparable with the bravery of the men and officers. The naval contingent created an immense furor, engaging the Boers single-handed and hailing shrapnel 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 river. The advance of the second brigade along the road leading to the bridge in the face of a deadly fusillade was described as magnificent. The British forced a way across under a perfect storm of bullets from the invincible Boers. The patter of bullets on the dry plain is added, raised the dust like heavy rain drops on water. The heat throughout was intense. There are many stories of special acts of bravery.

VOLUNTEER ARISTOCRATS.

London, Dec. 21.—The Duke of Marlborough, lieutenant in the Oxfordshire yeomanry, who volunteered for service in South Africa, will take with him fifteen men and horses of his troop. He will personally furnish the equipment of these. The Earl of Warwick, Earl of Dudley, Earl of Londale and Viscount Galway are among the other members of the aristocracy who

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volunteered for service in the campaign against the Boers. The Cunard line steamer Umbria has been chartered by the British government for use as a troop ship.

The splendid patriotism of the volunteers continues to be evidenced on all sides. The newspapers note with satisfaction the display of British spirit and the evidence of the resources the empire is able to command in having effect on continental critics. The Westminster Gazette, however, sounds a note of alarm. It thinks the moment peculiarly unpropitious to send abroad home defenders since no one is quite easy as to the effect the proceedings in South Africa will have on Great Britain's European neighbors.

QUEEN NO SCHOOL GIRL.

London, Dec. 21.—Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice went by train from Windsor to Farnborough this morning and spent an hour with the Empress Eugenie.

The queen is greatly annoyed by the unfounded statements that she is in ill-health and perpetually weeping. A paragraph contradicting these stories appears in the papers which adds that it has never been her majesty's habit to "display grief like a hysterical school girl."

The Allan line steamers Laurentian, Partisan and Pomeranian have been chartered by the government to convey Canadian troops to South Africa.

TRANSVAAL GOVERNMENT PROTESTS TO UNITED STATES

Because the British are Buying Munitions of American Firms.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Transvaal government has complained to the United States against the sale of munitions of war by American firms to the British government. In reply the state department has informed the Transvaal that such sales are regular and fully covered by international law, which permits a neutral nation to sell munitions to belligerents, but not to discriminate against one belligerent in favor of another. The Transvaal government has as much right to purchase munitions in the United States and it has been reported to the government that the Boers have availed themselves of the privilege. No complaint has been made by England in regard to the Boer agents recruiting in the United States. This government is cognizant that men are leaving the country with the intention of joining the Boers, but it has no authority to prevent their departure unless they go out under arms.

CONSUL HAY AT LONDON

London, Dec. 21.—A. S. Hay, son of Secretary of State Hay, arrived here today en route to his post as United States consul at Pretoria. He received a large number of requests from the relatives and friends of prisoners to send them information concerning them.

GERMANY WILL DISAVOW THE ACT IF NECESSARY

No Instructions Were Given for Raising Flag in Apia.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The German government today assured this government that if it were true, as reported in the Apia despatch of December 12, published in the American newspapers, that German officials at Apia had raised the imperial standard over the court house, as an announcement that Germany had taken possession of Samoan territory transferred to her by the partition treaty, a disavowal of the act would be made.

The German ambassador had an interview with Secretary Hay today. The state department was also informed by Germany that no instructions to raise its flag for the purpose alleged had been given by the government.

These assurances are very satisfactory to the United States. It is understood that the German government gives assurance that it doesn't intend to assume possession of the islands transferred to her until the treaty has been ratified and proclaimed by all three of the powers.

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WOOD STARTS OUT FAVORABLE AS GOVERNOR

Numerous Delegations Assure Him of Their Support.

Havana, Dec. 21.—Four members of the cabinet appointed by General Brooke tendered their resignations to General Wood today, who promptly accepted them. The question of re-filling the places or abolishing them altogether and substituting bureaus or departments with one chief for each, has not been determined. Numerous delegations, mostly from out of town, called on General Wood today, assuring him of their support.

This afternoon he visited the prisoners' quarters. The visit was presumably to prepare himself for a reconstruction of the whole system of justice for which the Cubans are clamoring.

La Lucha predicts General Wood will release all prisoners against whom there are no definite charges, and force all cases to immediate trial. The newspapers continue to publish complimentary notices of Wood.

LOUISIANA DEMOCRATIC TICKET COMPLETED

Practically No Opposition—Platform Denounces Trusts.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—The democratic state convention at Baton Rouge completed its ticket today and adjourned. A. E. Estopinal was nominated for lieutenant governor; Secretary of State John T. Michael of New Orleans, was nominated to succeed himself, and State Superintendent of Education J. V. Calhoun was renominated. All the candidates save two were nominated without opposition. The platform calls upon congress and the Louisiana legislature to suppress trusts; requests the federal government to improve the Mississippi and build a canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific, and it praises the suffrage clause disfranchising negroes. No reference is made to Bryan or the financial question.

GLOBE BANK OF BOSTON CLOSES ITS DOORS

Trouble Was Caused by the Broadway Bank Failure.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The comptroller of the currency announced today that the Globe national bank of Boston has closed its doors by his order and that Special Examiner Wing has been placed in charge as temporary receiver. The bank had a capital of a million. Its downfall was caused by the recent failure of the Broadway National bank of the same city. A few days ago the Boston clearing house advanced three and a half millions to assist the Globe bank in its difficulties, all of which but about two hundred thousand having been paid in cash before the close of business today.

JOHN WILKES BOOTH'S DAGGER.

Richmond, Dec. 21.—Ben P. Owen, private secretary to Governor Tyler, today sent John Eggleston, of New York, a unique Christmas present in the shape of a dagger which was once the property of John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln. It was given to the late Thomas C. Eppes, who was a boon companion of Booth.

FROM MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21.—Governor Tyler today received from Mrs. Jefferson Davis a communion service to be presented to the confederate veterans at the soldiers' home as a Christmas offering.

AUTOMATIC CAR COUPLING.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The announcement is made by the interstate commerce commission today that the period allowed by railroads for equipping cars with automatic couplers will be extended to August 1.



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CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY ARRIVING FOR LAWTON FUND

Expressions of Sympathy From all Quarters of the Country.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Adjutant General Corbin, head of the committee charged with the collection of funds for the benefit of the family of the late General Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of sympathy and a willingness to co-operate from all quarters of the country. Some are accompanied by contributions of money and altogether there is promise of a generous response to the committee's appeal issued yesterday.

Charles Ling telegraphed from Milwaukee that the committee can count on a proper response from that city to the appeal.

The brokerage firm of Wooden & Co., New York, volunteered to undertake to collect funds on the stock exchange. The committee expected at least \$20,000.

The first contribution in Washington came from a clerk in the war department, who contributed \$2 from his salary to start the list of contributors. General R. A. Alger telegraphed \$100. Major General Shafter at San Francisco telegraphed he will do everything in his power to help Mrs. Lawton. Milwaukee has authorized \$1,000 as a nucleus for the fund. A gentleman in Pennsylvania, who withholds his name, contributes \$1,000. Other contributions received this morning are Secretary John Hay, \$100; Assistant Secretary H. C. Taylor, \$100; Mrs. Addison Porter, \$100; McCoskey Brutt, of New York, \$100.

AS TO DISCRIMINATION IN FREIGHT RATES

The Interstate Commerce Commission Hears Complaints of This.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The hearing was begun today by the interstate commerce commission in the matter of freight classification and advances in freight carriers using official classification. Many complaints have been filed with the commission alleging discrimination in the classification by freight carriers. In answer to this the meeting today was held. Many of the most prominent railway officials in the eastern part of the country attended the hearing and representatives of large shipping interests in the same section were also present. At the opening of the hearing C. E. Gill, of New York, chairman of the classification committee, said the railroads were without knowledge of the persons who requested the hearing and asked that they be called upon to state wherein the proposed changes were unjust. Gill maintained the proposed advance in freight rates was due to the increased cost of railroad maintenance and the advances have been applied to all classes of freight that could pay them.

COLORED BISHOP REFUSED BERTH IN SLEEPING CAR

Car Companies Must Furnish Separate Cars for the Races.

Savannah, Dec. 21.—Bishop Turner, of Georgia, was refused a berth on a sleeping car this morning by the officers of the Georgia Central railroad. The bishop was stricken with paralysis a few days ago and desired to return to Atlanta tomorrow. Every effort was made to secure a berth, but the efforts were of no avail.

A protest was made by the negroes against the bill to make sleeping car companies use separate cars for white and negro passengers in this state but it proved of no avail. The governor signed the bill this afternoon making it a law.

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THE QUESTION OF EXPANSION

Discussed by Clark Howell Before the Buffalo Independent Club.

Deals With the Problem of the Philippines.

Our Mission After Putting Down the War to Educate

Voice of the Patriot Sounds Above the Din of Contention.

OUR DUTY TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BE A TRIBUTE TO THE GLORY OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—At the banquet of the Independent club tonight Clark Howell, editor of the Atlantic Constitution, delivered an address dealing largely with the Philippine question. Mr. Howell spoke as follows:

"There is the east; there is India." So spoke Thomas H. Benton in concluding one of the most memorable and prophetic addresses ever delivered in the United States senate. At a time, just half a century ago, when a realization of the magnificent opportunities of the great west had first dawned upon the nation, riveting the attention of the whole country upon its possibilities and illuminating the sphere of its commercial development with suggestions of resources surpassing the wealth of Golconda, and of riches beyond the dream of avarice.

Like the meteor which lights the heavens for a moment and then fades into obscurity, the words of the great commoner flashed upon the public mind as an inspiration; the building of the transcontinental line which would connect the Atlantic with the Pacific was accepted as an assured undertaking by the government, and what Benton described as the culmination of "the grand design of Columbus to put Europe and Asia into communication through the heart of our country" was regarded as a certain development in the scheme of the westward extension of our commercial domain.

But stagnation and uncertainty succeeded the fervor of impulse; greater issues, involving the life of the republic itself, diverted the public mind; inaction oppressed and irresolution preyed upon the national commerce, and the most important and promising project in which our country had then engaged for the extension of its commercial facilities was delayed for more opportune consideration. Nor was it until the scourge of war had bathed the union in the blood of brothers that government sanction of the undertaking was born of the demand for better transportation facilities for moving troops between the west and east.

In those days the pathway of commercial development was not freer from the obstacles of opposition and attack than it is today. Since the organization of the thirteen original states each generation has produced some misguided citizens who, blind to the benefits offered by extension of national domain, sought in vain to thwart the march of commercial progress and check the current of a nation's destiny. Even prior to the birth of our republic, the great Frederick characterized as absurd the idea of maintaining an independent form of government covering so vast a domain as that embraced between Maine and Georgia. Every extension of our border line was met by similar argument, and when the Oregon country was under discussion in the forties, a senator with becoming seriousness declared that no such remote land could ever be incorporated and held as an integral part of the United States; that it would require ten months out of every twelve for its representatives in congress to go to and from the national capital, and that the contemplated annexation would prove a topheavy construction, which would weaken and crush the tender foundation of the national fabric.

But one by one new states were molded from new territory, and the republic, strengthened in proportion to its growth. When the last link was riveted in the chain of states binding the Atlantic and

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