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## BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 29.—Fire gutted the William Campbell wall paper company's factory, which covers half a block between twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth streets, on East river, tonight, and damaged the adjoining property. Several firemen were injured, some being burned and others hit by bricks from falling walls. Loss on the factory is estimated to be \$600,000.

## VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION ENDED.

Caracas, Dec. 29.—General Hernandez, the rebel leader, with a few men, is in full flight toward the Colombian frontier. The revolution is practically over.

## THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

London, Dec. 29.—The governor of Mauritius cables the colonial office that there have been twenty new cases of bubonic plague in the island and twelve deaths from the disease.

## "A GREAT EVENT IS IMPENDING"

Says Winston Churchill in a Despatch From Buller's Headquarters.

Is Another Attempt to be Made to Cross the River? Says Buller and More Approaching.

White's House at Ladysmith Struck by a Shell.

THE COMMANDER AT LADYSMITH NOW CONVALESCENT—ROBERTS AND KITCHENER'S APPOINTMENT CREATES ENTHUSIASM IN SOUTH AFRICA—RUMORED DISAFFECTION IN THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

London, Dec. 30.—"A great event is impending," are the concluding words of a despatch, dated December 27, in which Winston Churchill, correspondent of the Morning Post, describes the respective positions of the Boers and British at and near Tugela river in Natal, and the expectation is growing that Buller will shortly make a second attempt to cross the river.

The latest news regarding transports indicates that he has been reinforced by 8,000 men and eighteen guns since the failure of his first attempt, but as the Atlantian, with two batteries, left Cape Town yesterday for Durban, it may be assumed that no move will be made until the additional twelve guns have reached the front, then Buller's strength will be sufficient to enable him to employ two divisions for attack, while holding the camp with a whole brigade.

The best-informed criticism here is no wise over sanguine as to the result, half fearing the attack will be a forlorn hope.

The Boers, according to the latest telegrams, are carefully preserving the secret of their artillery emplacements. They therefore do not reply to the shelling of the British. According to the Telegraph's Chieveley correspondent all Boers who were south of the Tugela river have recrossed, fearing their retreat would be barred by the swollen river. Their laagers seem to have been removed nearer Ladysmith with the object of further pressing the war the garrison there.

### SHELL BURSTS IN GEN. WHITE'S HOUSE.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News' correspondent at Ladysmith, in a despatch, dated December 24, describes the bombardments of December 22 and 23 as entailing the heaviest casualties of any since the siege. Several shells fell near the house in which General White is ill with fever. Finally one wrecked a neighboring room, without hurting anyone, but the headquarters were promptly removed. White is now convalescent.

### FEARED AN ADVANCE.

Modder River, Dec. 28 (Delayed).—The Boers again fired several rifle volleys uselessly last night. Four British guns on the north line, a 4.7 inch gun and two 12-pounders from the warship Monarch and another 4.7 inch gun on the right of the railway were ordered successively to shell the Boers. The firing began on the left of the line by a 4.7 inch gun. Then the 12-pounders dropped shrapnel apparently over the Boer trenches. The enemy broke into a heavy and continuous fusillade along three miles of their trenches, evidently thinking the British were advancing.

As a matter of fact, the British infantry did not fire a shot. The Boers kept up an intermittent rifle fire until midnight. It is evident that they live in their trenches. This morning the enemy found their range and dropped a number of shells dangerously near the British naval guns. Some of them fell within twenty yards of these guns. The range is 6,000 yards.

### BRITISH SOLDIERS REJOICE.

London, Dec. 29.—Despatches from all parts of South Africa emphasize the great enthusiasm among the troops and the public occasioned by the appointment of Generals Roberts and Kitchener. The announcement that the former will have supreme command and the latter be chief of staff largely dispelled the depression in Cape Colony caused by the recent reverses.

Advice from Cape Town, dated December 24, says investigation shows that the reported disaffection among the Dutch in Victoria west district has been overdrawn. The farmers are mostly landowners and will not risk the loss of farms by a rising.

A despatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated December 23, says a story is current, emanating from Boer sources, that Matt Steyn, brother of the president of the Orange Free State, and 500 Free State men have definitely refused to continue the war.

The text of Baden-Powell's proclamation to the Burgheers besieging Mafeking, the gist of which has already been cabled, comes from Lorenzo Marques today. After asserting that the republics cannot hope for foreign intervention and pretending to relate the exact attitude of all European powers, including Emperor William, who, the colonel says, "fully sympathizes with England," Baden-Powell makes the extraordinary statement that "the American government has warned others of her intention to side with England should any of them interfere."

The war office has received the following despatch: "Cape Town, Thursday.—The Indwe colliery line is now working again."

### HEAVY FIRING AT STORMBERG.

Cape Town, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Cradock reports heavy firing in the direction of Stormberg. It is supposed this is connected with Gatacre's attempt to reopen connection with the Indwe collieries.

## FILIPINO FORTRESS CAPTURED.

Valiant Deed of the Twenty-Seventh Infantry North of San Mateo—Many Insurgents Killed.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The war department has received the following from Otley: "Manila, Dec. 29.—Colonel Lockett, with two battalions and a company of the twenty-seventh infantry and two guns, attacked the enemy 600 strong in a stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo. A large number were killed and wounded and twenty-four were taken prisoners. Lockett captured one cannon, 40 rifles, 20,000 rounds of ammunition, 500 pounds of powder, arsenal fortifications, all food supplies and considerable other property. The captured point is located on a mountain trail and was formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties: Lieutenant Enslow, Eleventh infantry, and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slight. Private Matson, Twenty-fifth infantry, drowned."

### FUNERAL SHIP FROM MANILLA.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Quartermaster General Ludington has received a cable message from Colonel Miller, of the quartermaster's department at Manila, saying that arrangements have been made to send home the remains of Major General Lawton, Major John A. Logan and Major Armstrong, who died their lives in the Philippines, on the transport *Thosmas*, which will leave on the 30th instant for San Francisco.

### INVESTIGATION OF CUSTOMS FRAUDS INCREASES RECEIPTS.

Columbian Planters Association Advocates Spanish Immigration to Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 29.—The receipts in the custom house yesterday amounted to \$100,500, the largest in the history of the island. The impression prevails that the present investigation of customs matters has assisted in increasing the amount of duties collected. Until the recent arrests were made importers were given the benefit of every doubt regarding the classification of their imports.

For once undoubted honesty is prevailing in every department, the result of the searching investigation that is being made. Every invoice for the year past is being examined for evidence of fraud. The officers in charge of the prosecution of the employees recently arrested, say there is no doubt of their conviction.

Commenting on the circular recently issued by the Columbian Planters' association advocating Spanish immigration, Diario de la Marina says the planters attitude meets with universal approval, but urges the establishment of an immigration bureau for the purpose of finding them suitable work.

### RECRUITING FOR BOER ARMY PROHIBITED IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—Further recruiting in Cincinnati of men for the Boer Army has been prohibited. Colonel Bundy, United States district attorney, today read the neutrality laws to Pierre Pierot who is conducting the recruiting station. Pierot declared that he was not in any way violating the neutrality laws as he was only enlisting men for the ambulance corps. Colonel Bundy said the military corps was part of the military organization and informed Pierot that any further recruiting would result in his arrest.

### SOUTHERN RAILROAD TO REDUCE GRADES.

An Engineering Corps Has Been at Work Near Asheville.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 29.—It is ascertained that for three months the Southern railway has had an engineering corps working along its lines in east Tennessee and western North Carolina with a view of reducing the grades to the maximum of one per cent. At one point near Asheville, the grade is 700 feet to three miles. The Southern will expend \$5,000,000, if needed, to accomplish its purpose. Surveyors report satisfactory results with the exception of two points.

### A GARRISON FOR AN ALASKAN GOLD DISTRICT.

Regulars to be Sent to Preserve Order During Gold Rush.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The war department will establish a garrison in the Cape Nome gold district at the beginning of the next season for the purpose of preserving order during the rush of fortune seekers to that part of Alaska. It is the intention to build barracks at Port Clarence. Several companies of the regular army will be sent to garrison the post.

The decision to establish this garrison was reached during the discussion of Alaskan affairs at the cabinet-meeting today. During the discussion, the president expressed great interest in the progress made in Alaska, and showed a desire to have congress act quickly in enacting proper laws for the territory.

### MORGAN'S FRIENDS MEET.

### A Vigorous Campaign to be Prosecuted in Behalf of the Senator.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—Friends of Senator Morgan from all parts of the state met here today and held a conference looking to the prosecution of a vigorous campaign in behalf of the senator's re-election. It is admitted that Governor Johnston is a very dangerous opponent to Morgan, and the latter's friends today met to devise a plan of action.

### U. S. MINISTER IN DISFAVOR.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—Senator Morgan will be here shortly and will be at the service of his friends.

## CANADIAN PARLIAMENT TO MEET FEBRUARY 1.

Decision Expected as to Their Responsibility in England's War.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Dominion parliament will be summoned to meet February first. The principal item of business will be in connection with Canada's participation in the Boer war, and important developments are expected as to the step Canada shall take in regard to the future responsibilities of the Dominion in England's foreign conflicts. It is anticipated that the session will be an exciting and momentous one.

### TO INSTRUCT CENSUS MEN.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Dr. Wines, assistant director of the census, will start next week on a tour of the southern states for the purpose of conferring with the supervisors of the census in that section. His intention is fully to traverse the work of the census committed to the supervisors and instruct them regarding the several schedules.

### GOVERNMENT FINANCES FOR 1899.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The year 1899 has been a prosperous year for the government. The total revenues amounted to \$319,932,004 and the expenditures to \$309,993,564, of which \$309,236,184 went for pensions and expenses of the war department.

### INSURANCE COMPANIES DEBARRED FROM MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 29.—Thirty-one of the largest fire insurance companies of the country will be forced to suspend business in Mississippi on the charge of violating the anti-trust law. The charge is that the companies have unlawfully and designedly agreed, under the name of the Southeastern Tariff association, in furtherance of a conspiracy, trust and combine, "to abide by, adhere to and be governed by the rates established, fixed, issued and sent out by said association."

### PARK MEN MEET.

Ways and Means Committee and Board of Directors.

The ways and means committee of Appalachian National Park association met yesterday afternoon in the office of the chairman, W. B. Gwyn. Those present were Chairman Gwyn, George H. Smathers, Frank Loughran, Asheville; Hon. Walter E. Moore, Webster, and John Williams, of Waynesville. Plans for getting funds were discussed.

Mr. Smathers attended a meeting at Waynesville Thursday of the citizens. The meeting was informal and Mr. Smathers stated the object of the meeting, the park movement was heartily endorsed and \$77.50 subscribed by those present. They feel confident that they can raise \$150. Mr. Boone has the list at Waynesville.

The board of directors met yesterday afternoon in Dr. C. P. Ambler's office. Bills were ordered paid and the treasurer made his report. Means of furthering the movement were discussed and the work of the committees gone over.

### WRECK OF SCHOONER SIGHTED.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—The steamer Ashland, bound from Galveston for Marseilles, touched here for bunker coal today. Her captain reports that he passed yesterday near Hatteras a submerged schooner with all masts gone. The captain believes the wreck is a recent one. No trace of the schooner's crew, which probably consisted of eight men, was found. The vessel, it is believed, was wrecked in the storm of the 22d.

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### CHEYENNE FLYER RUNS INTO ANOTHER TRAIN, TELESOPING THREE CARS—ONE PERSON KILLED AND ELEVEN INJURED. CARS BURNED.

Denver, Eng., Dec. 29.—A violent gale is prevailing here. An outward bound line steamer is aground at Dungeness, and she signals an urgent request that tug boats be sent to her assistance. Life boats will go to the stranded vessel. Tugs have been ordered sent out but it is feared the gale will prevent their departure before morning. The steamer's position was reported to be dangerous. It is feared that there will be a serious disaster before aid reaches her unless the gale abates. It is reported that she has many passengers aboard and is one of the Hamburg-American line.

### HER POSITION PERILOUS.

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The Boulder Valley train left Denver a little late this morning, and as usual, stopped at Brighton, which is the junction for the Boulder Valley line from the main line to Cheyenne. Here Banker Hurst of Brighton got on the train just before the collision. The Cheyenne flyer also left Denver late and came into Brighton in the early morning dusk, ran into the rear end of the Boulder train, telescoping three cars and derailing the passenger locomotive.

Section gangs from the Denver yards and half a dozen passengers occupied the Boulder train. Two cars on the flyer are burning. Mrs. Young was in the chair car with six children. None of the children were hurt. The women were brought to Denver about noon and taken to hospitals.

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