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## ANOTHER SUICIDE ATTEMPTED.

By George W. Justice—This Time in Marietta, Ga.

A Marietta, Ga., despatch of January 1 to the Atlanta Journal says: "George W. Justice, who made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide here recently by swallowing an overdose of laudanum, made another attempt to take his life Saturday night by hanging himself. "Justice came here from Selma, Ala., some time during the summer for the purpose of regaining his health, but after remaining here a month or so, decided to locate here and practice law. About a month ago he came into the store of Mr. E. H. Northcutt one evening after banking hours and presented a draft on his brother for \$10 drawn through the Battery Park bank, Asheville, N. C., and obtained the money on it. The draft when presented was turned down, and returned with information that no such party lived there. Mr. Northcutt had Justice arrested after the authorities had located him in Atlanta, on the charge of cheating and swindling, and he has been in jail here for about a week. "He was confined to a cell with another prisoner and last night after his cellmate had gone to sleep, Justice tied a towel around his neck and to the cell overhead and jumped into space. His struggling aroused his fellow-prisoner, who took in the situation at a glance and he hurriedly relieved Justice by breaking the towel-ropes from which he was dangling. The jailer as notified and soon had Justice possessed of his normal faculties. "Justice is a man about fifty years of age and it is said he has a family living somewhere in Alabama, and he claims that he has relatives living near Asheville, N. C. He will be held to answer the offense of being a common cheat and swindler at the January term of Cobb superior court."

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## BOERS ATTACK GEN. FRENCH

### They Turn the Surprise on the British and Re-occupy Some Positions.

### French Still Maintains Considerable Advantage.

### His Report of the Clever Move Upon the Enemy.

### The Reported Occupation of Colesburg Unconfirmed.

### GENERAL BULLER'S REINFORCEMENTS—THE FLOODING OF THE TUGELA RIVER AN ADVANTAGE TO HIM—GERMAN CRUISER ON THE WAY TO DELAGOYA BAY.

London, Jan. 2.—The latest news from General French's operations show that his clever surprise of the Boers and his successful skirmish with them was not the impressive victory that a section of the press has claimed. The facts seem to be that the Boers not only suffered very little, but during the darkness rallied and turned the surprise on the British by attacking them next day with their supposed crippled guns, some of which were evidently those General Gatacre lost at Stormberg. General French's despatch does not detail his movements later than 2 p. m. January 1, and the final issue of the movement is unknown. Nothing reliable has been received confirming the rumored occupation of Colesburg.

### GUNS NOT DISABLED.

Rensburg, Jan. 2.—It was discovered this morning that the Boers had returned during the night and reoccupied the positions from which General French drove them. Their quick firing guns, which it was believed, had been disabled yesterday, reopened today, shelling the British cavalry with considerable accuracy, though the shells did not explode and were ineffective. The British hold all positions they took yesterday.

### DOUGLAS OCCUPIED.

Modder River, Jan. 2.—Colonel Pilcher has occupied Douglas without opposition.

### LATEST FROM COLESBURG.

Pretoria, Jan. 1.—The British in grand force attacked Assistant Commandant Schoeman's command in the Colesburg district Sunday night. They tried to take the position by storm, but were repulsed. They repeated the attack in the morning, but were again compelled to retreat. The Boers are still holding the position.

### GENERAL FRENCH REPORTS.

London, Jan. 2.—The success of General French's column is at length confirmed officially. The war office this afternoon issued a despatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, January 1, as follows:

"French reports today from Colesburg by heliograph as follows: Leaving at Rensburg, holding the enemy in front of half of the first Suffolks and a section of the Royal horse artillery, I started thence at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of December 31, taking five squadrons of cavalry, half of the Second Berks, eighty mounted infantry and ten guns. I halted for four hours at Mador farm and this morning occupied a kopje overlooking and westward of Colesburg.

"The enemy's outposts were taken completely by surprise. At daylight we shelled the laager and enfiladed the right of the enemy's position. Artillery fire in reply was very hot from a 15-pounder using royal laboratory ammunition and other guns. We silenced the guns of the enemy's right flank, demonstrating with cavalry and guns to the north of Colesburg towards the junction where a strong laager of the enemy was holding the hill and the position southeast of Colesburg. As far as the junction our position cuts the line of retreat via road and bridge. "Some thousands of Boers with two guns are reported as retiring towards Norval's Point. All of Remington's scouts proceeded toward Achterland yesterday morning. Slight casualties.

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about three killed and few wounded. Details later."

### BOERS LOST HEAVILY.

Brief independent messages from Rensburg filed the evening of January 1 supplemented General French's despatch but slightly. According to them the British were seen shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock Monday evening, and expected to enter Colesburg today. The British losses were three men killed and seven wounded. The Boers are supposed to have suffered heavily from the accuracy of the British artillery fire.

General French's statement that the Boers were using a 15-pounder and Woolich ammunition evidently refers to one of the British guns captured at Stormberg. The Boers' strength in the engagement with French is estimated at from 5,000 to 7,000 men.

### GERMAN CRUISER GONE TO LORRENZO MARQUEZ.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The German second class cruiser Schwabe left Dar-es-Salaam, a seaport of Africa twenty-five miles south of Zanzibar, for Lorenzo Marquez.

### STOPPING BOER IMPORTATIONS.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Chicago Record's London correspondent cables as follows: The entire country is rejoiced at the seizure of the Hamburg East African lined Bundesrath. In the beginning it was generally felt here that the carelessness of the authorities was chiefly responsible for the illegal importation, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, of munitions for the Boers. The insolent assertion, too, of the Russian officer, Gurko, that he and his companions were fully determined to join the Boers, irritated the public mind, and the fear was everywhere expressed that the supineness of the authorities would allow his boast to be made good. The seizure of the Bundesrath, with three German officers and twenty men, on their way to join the Boer army, points, however, to the fact that a proper lookout at last is being kept.

### GERMANY NOT LIKELY TO ACT.

The statement in the German papers that the Berlin foreign office has promised to interpose on behalf of the prisoners is disregarded here. In official circles assurance amounts to conviction that the officer in command of the South African station would not have taken the extreme measure of arresting and detaining the Bundesrath unless he had incontrovertible and contraband of war or putative combatants. In diplomatic circles here it is not believed that the German government will make any formal protest, if a case is clearly proved against the Bundesrath in the prize court at Durban.

### MARKING IN A SOBBY FLIGHT.

The latest despatches clearly point to the fact that Marking is in a sorry plight. The little garrison evidently is becoming desperate, for the last sortie was a serious one, suggesting, as it did, the consciousness of being in a hopeless position. It is barely possible that Colonel Baden-Powell may hold out until relief comes, unless a Rhodesia force sooner comes to his succor.

### EFFECT OF THE FLOODS.

The beginning of the heavy rains on the western border and in Natal must seriously affect military operations. The rising of the Tugela river operates in favor of the British. If Buller attempts a flank movement to the westward the barrier which the swollen river offers to southward movements by the enemy will be found an advantage. On the other hand, however, the heavy rains render the movement of large forces difficult, while the renewal of the grass on the veldt, as a result of the rainfall, benefits both sides, and especially the defenders of Ladysmith and Kimberley, where forage is scarce.

The burghers apparently intend using their entrenched position at Ishlitz as a base of operations against Chibwe, endeavoring to worry General Buller by a frontal attack, which probably will fail, and which, even if successful, would not affect the situation of Ladysmith.

### GENERAL BULLER'S PRESENT STRENGTH.

General Buller now has 27,000 men and sixty-one guns without counting the naval pieces. He is still handicapped by want of cavalry, yet it is thought that he meditates an early move, in the hope of fighting a successful battle before the arrival of Lord Roberts. The mere suspicion that such

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## CREDIT FOR THE NAVY BATTLE AT SANTIAGO

### Captains of the Warships Engage in a Conflict—Summoned to the White House.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A notable conference was held at the white house this afternoon when President McKinley met eight of the commanding officers of the fleet which destroyed the Spanish squadron at Santiago, for the purpose of hearing from them certain explanations and opinions which he desired. Secretary Long was present. The president learned from the lips of those interested the movements of Admiral Schley's squadron on the Cuban coast. He had explained to him the character of the loop made by the Brooklyn in the Santiago engagement and drew from the officers their views as to the character and extent of the reward which should be bestowed for gallant and meritorious services in battle. Reference was also made to the revival of the grade of vice admiral, with two numbers in it in order that Schley might receive equal advancement with Sampson.

Just what purpose the president had in summoning the Santiago captains to the white house did not appear, but the calling of the conference is taken to mean that he was intensely interested in the matter of rewards and those with whom he talked are confident that he will not let congress get away without giving the subject consideration.

## REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION MAY 2

### The Place is Raleigh—State Committee Meets.

### Special to the Gazette.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 2.—In response to a call issued by Chairman Holton, the state republican executive committee met here today for the purpose of deciding a time and place for holding the next republican state convention. The committee decided to hold the convention in Raleigh on May second.

The attendance at the committee meeting was very large. Among the prominent republicans present were Senator J. W. Brantley, Congressman Lindsey, Major James M. Moody and ex-Sheriff Jones of Wake.

Your correspondent talked with all the members of the committee and they all gave very encouraging reports as to the opposition to the amendment in their respective districts.

## CHAIRMAN JONES SENDS CURT REFUSAL

### Will Not Attend Nebraska Banquet in Bryan's Honor.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Chairman Jones, of the national democratic committee wired today a curt declination to be present at the Nebraska traveling men's banquet on Friday, at which Bryan will be the guest of honor. Local democrats say it is because of a story that Bryan has indicated that a change in the chairmanship would be satisfactory to him. Bryan is expected home tomorrow. Many democrats favor the selection of an eastern man. Gorman would be satisfactory but for his views on money. It is believed that Elliott Danforth is Bryan's personal choice.

## INDEMNITY CLAIMED FROM GREAT BRITAIN

### For the Seizure of American Flour at Delagoa Bay.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Hay cabled instructions to Ambassador Choate at London today to inform England that the United States regarded the seizure of American flour at Delagoa bay by a British cruiser illegal, and that in claiming indemnity for the seizure this government regarded its position as being sustained by law and facts. This direct demand for redress was made as a result of a communication

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about her boy's health—about the way he is protected from severe cold—but she sometimes forgets about his eyes. She somehow fails to realize that the headache she complains of is the result of defective eyes.

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tion from Choate embodying the answer of England to the original presentation of the claim.

While the details of the answer are not disclosed enough is known to justify the statement that England is not willing to acknowledge that there has been any violation of international law in seizing cargoes on suspicion that they were intended for the Boers.

In addition to the shippers of flour there are a number of other claimants, as the three vessels overhauled and detained by the British cruiser each carried a mixed cargo of American goods, none of which could be called munitions of war. The government regards the seizure of the vessels and their cargoes as a high-handed act, not justified by circumstances. With the seizure of the vessels the United States has no concern, as none of them flew the stars and stripes.

## CHICAGO DRAINAGE CANAL.

### Water Turned Into a Great Sluiceway Yesterday.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—At 9 o'clock this morning water was turned into the \$33,000,000 drainage canal and began to flow toward Lockport, where it will fall into the Desplaines river and thence through the Illinois and Mississippi rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. What is termed by canal engineers the collateral channel has for some time been completed from the Chicago river in the southwestern part of the city to within fifteen feet of the main channel of the canal. This fifteen-foot wall of earth with two sluice gates behind it has been all that kept the Chicago river and Lake Michigan out of the canal.

At 10 o'clock Monday night a steam dredge began to cut away the wall of earth, and a few minutes before 9 today the water of the collateral channel was against the sluice gates and only a few inches of timber remained to be removed before the canal would be in actual operation.

When the water began to back up against the sluice gates the timbers were knocked away and the first water from the Chicago river ran into the canal. Engineers of the sanitary district cut the channel to carry 300,000 cubic feet of water a minute, but today the water was allowed to flow into the canal at the rate of only 50,000 cubic feet a minute. The effect of turning 300,000 cubic feet of water a minute into the empty canal would be like the bursting of a reservoir, and would tear away every bridge over the canal and wreck the controlling works at Lockport. Therefore the water will be turned in gradually. Probably a week will elapse before the canal is full of water and is carrying away the sewage that now flows into the Chicago river.

An occasion that might have been made one of the most memorable in the eventful history of Chicago was suffered to pass by unimproved because the trustees of the sanitary district were intent only on their one great aim, the opening of the canal. Aside from the trustees and engineers of the board there were less than a dozen spectators present.

## BLACKBURN NOMINATED.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 2.—Blackburn was nominated by acclamation by the democratic caucus tonight for senator to succeed Lindsay. Blackburn received eighty votes, only two democrats refusing to participate. The feature of the caucus was a speech by Goebel, who paid a high tribute to Blackburn. Blackburn in a speech of acceptance expressed gratitude.

## THE JAMESTOWN IN COLLISION

Norfolk, Jan. 2.—The steamship Jamestown, of the Old Dominion line, bound from New York for Norfolk with fifty passengers aboard, collided with the British tramp steamer Glenvech off Lambert's Point today, damaging her to the extent of \$15,000. The Glenvech was bound from Sabine Pass for Bremen via Norfolk.

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## GENERAL WOOD AS GOVERNOR

### New Cuban Cabinet Takes the Oath of Office in Havana.

### Intended Reforms Discussed With Cubans.

### Plans for Elections and Basis of Franchise.

### Confidence Expressed in the Government's Policy.

### CATTLE NEAR HAVANA DYING OF A DISEASE SUPPOSED TO BE "TICKS"—ALLEGED THAT THE INFECTION CAME FROM TEXAS.

Havana, Jan. 2.—The new cabinet appointed by General Wood was sworn in today, except Senor Villalon, the secretary of public works, who is at Santiago. No business has been transacted. After the ceremony General Wood received a large number of prominent Cubans, who came here at his request, and talked with them concerning intended reforms. Among the topics discussed were the plans for election and the basis of franchise. General Wood had no definite suffrage plan to offer. A suggestion that suffrage be granted only to those able to read and write and owning \$250 worth of property, or those who were in the insurgent army prior to August, evoked no opposition. All voters will have to be twenty-one years old. Visitors expressed full faith in the government's policy. General Maso lunched with General Wood today. Conferences of the visiting politicians will last all the week.

Diario de la Marina charges that there is a great quantity of American gold coin in circulation here. Cattle near Havana are dying, ten daily, from a disease known as "ticks." Some allege the disease was introduced from Texas.

## ALL BUT ONE PERISHED.

### Fate of the Crew of a Schooner on the New Foundland Coast.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 2.—A fearful gale has been raging on the coast the past week. The schooner Puritan was caught in a hurricane on Friday night and dashed against the rocks on Cabot Island and completely wrecked. Her crew of nine perished, except the exception of one, who succeeded in reaching a jutting pinnacle of rock, where he remained until noon Saturday, when the keeper of the lighthouse rescued him.

## THE SENATE PROGRAM

Washington, Jan. 2.—In congress Thursday the currency bill will be taken up for consideration in the senate and have the right of way until disposed of. Nearly everybody on both sides of the chamber wants to make a speech and the flow of oratory will be continuous until perhaps February 1. The second bill on the republican program will be that now in preparation by Senator Fowler providing a form of government for the island of Porto Rico, and it may be reported and taken up for consideration before the currency bill is out of the way, for there are likely to be intervals when no one is prepared to speak on the latter measure. The next measure on the program is the subsidy bill for American shipping, and that will be pressed to a passage at the earliest possible moment.

## DEBT STATEMENT SHOWS DECREASE

Washington, Jan. 2.—The debt statement, issued today, shows a decrease for December of \$5,791,824. For the first half of the current fiscal year there was a surplus of \$21,098,934 in the receipts over the disbursements, the receipts being \$234,793,494, and the expenditures \$263,766,560.

## TO BREAK FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, Jan. 2.—Today President Johnson, of the American baseball league announced that his organization had voted to break away from the National league and the protection of the national agreement and will try to organize clubs at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and Milwaukee.

## BUBONIC PLAGUE IN HAWAII.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The steamer Australia arrived today from Honolulu. It was reported before her departure from Honolulu that three more cases of bubonic plague had been discovered in Chinatown, despite drastic measures to stamp it out.

## TRAIN STRIKES BUCKBOARD.

Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 2.—A buckboard containing four men was struck by a train on a crossing of the Pennsylvania road, near Montandon, this afternoon. Three of the men were instantly killed. The fourth escaped by jumping.