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thentic information concerning Buller was his Springfield despatch, dated January 11.

Pietermaritzburg, Durban and Cape Town have been vying with one another in sending further remarkable reports of the movements of Buller's troops, but the fact that the censor allows the transmission of such despatches probably proves their complete inaccuracy. Critics discuss with fearful interest the statements indicating a division of Buller's troops into three parts, operating at Springfield, Colenso and Wienen. They agree that, such a plan would be extremely dar-

ing. The situation, though at present neither understood nor understandable, certainly creates anxiety, which is in no wise allayed by the rumors that the Boers have evanuated some of their fine Nainsook with tawn dust ruffles and strongest entrenchments. It is recog three clusters of four tucks each. Price nized that when these wily campaigners begin to "evacuate" and "retreat" they are getting dangerous.

TROOPERS FOR ZULULAND.

London, Jan. 15.-A Central News despatch from Durban, dated January 13, says that ten train loads of troopers from Buller's command have started for the mouth of the Tugela river. where they will leave the train and enter Zululand to operate against the Boer cattle raiders. Ferrand, one of the Morning Post's correspondents at Ladysmith, was killed in the fighting amount of such charge and they are of January 6.

### PROVENDER FOR BOERS. .

London, Jan. 15-An interesting item of news it that 300 Boers, escorting a party of reapers, successfully garnered all the crops within two miles of the colonial camp at Bird's River, the British force being too weak to interfere. A despatch from Pretoria says the federal forces recommenced the, bombarament of Mafeking during January 12. Advices from Pietermaritzburg dated Saturday say that since their defeat on January 6, the Boers, have been removing their position south of Lady Smith. The same despatch confirms the report that the Thirteenth Hussars have reached Groblerskloof, perhaps the strongest position held by the burghers, whose evacuation considerably astonished the British.

SIMULTANEOUS MOVE.

As corroborative of the British activity in the direction of the relief of Lady Smith, a despatch has been received from Buller to the effect that he expected all dispositions for a movement of the various columns against the besiegers to be completed this morning. It is considered quite probable that the advance on the beleag lered town has commenced and that fighting is pro-

to one of their number, Mr. Midden- which sailed from this port and the dorf, of Baltimore, of 7,500 shares of third from Philadelphia. They are Mannstock owned by it in the Raleigh and heim, Helois and Heligoland.

Gaston railroad. The decision of the court denies the injunction in both of A STRANCE CASE OF TRANCE.



these cases.

## Can't Enforce Law to Compel Railroads as to Rates.

Washington, Jan. 15 .- The inter-state commerce commission today made public its 13th annual report. The feature of the report is the strong plea made hands that congress shall uphold the hands of alive. mmission by amendments making the inter-state commerce law more ef-

fective. The requests of the commission for needful amendments have been supported by petitions and memorials from agricultural, manufacturing and coinmercial interests throughout the country, yet, says the report, not a line of the statute has been changed and none of the burdensome conditions has been removed or modified. Nine-tenths of for burial began. the people know that any railroad company can charge whatever it pleases without any real power in the commission or any other tribunal to limit the

substantially of one mind in desiring that this and other defects be promptly remedied. Shippers generally have been practically unanimous in favor of a single classification of freights.

The general public dissutisfaction has been frequently expressed in the resolution of various national organizations and at a conference in Chicago November 1, attended by representatives from a number of national associations of manufacturers, merchants and others, a bill, embracing the more important amendments recommended by the commission was approved as a measure plied. which would best meet the requirements of the business and commercial interests. The bill Senator Cullom introduced and the continual failure to perfect a regulating statute on reasonable lines wil soon result in an irresistable demand for most radical and drastic legislation.

### THE MISSISSIPPI CENSUS.

Vicksburg, Jan. 15 .- W. E. Hollison, census supervisor of this district announces that he will make appointment of enumerators between now and March 1, as now on file with the chief geographer of the census department at Washington. Under an agreement between the republicans and the Mississippi senators the positions will be divided between the two parties. In the appointment of democratic fnumerators the recommendations of the democratic congressman of the district and other leading democrats are necessary. A special agent will be selected to take the census of the manufacturing

ing to the quarantine court has adjourned at Rockingham.

# THE ANNUAL FRENCH BALL. Madison Square Garden Most Gaily

New York, Jan. 15 .- One of the most

# Decorated.

## Undertaker Saw the Eyelid of the Wo man He Was Embalming Quiver.

East St. Louis, Jan. 15.-Mrs. Christian Hirth emerged from a trance this morning to find herself under process and masquerade ball of the Cercle the grave. The discovery of life was building had been transformed into a the merest accident and astounded the huge pagoda, the high roof being enundertaker. A movement of an eyelid saved the woman from death at the tirely concealed by a canopy of white hands of the uni staker or from burial and gold cloth, which hung in wide folds from the center and was carried This morning, while her husband in graceful gurves to the walls. A number of large national flags were feswatched at her bedside at the hospital, tooned in the balloon form from the he gave a deep sigh and then seemed apex of the canopy. The color effect to breathe no more. When the county was brought out strongly by 2,000 inphysician arrived, he pronounced her

candescent lights strung above the dead. The county undertaker was called and shortly afterward proceeded to canopy of white, gold and the national colors. A promenade 20 feet wide exembalm the body.

decorative columns, fifteen feet high, On each eye a weight was placed to made of staff. These were connected hold the lids. Over the face a white by festoons of evergreen, from which cloth saturated with bleaching fluid 800 colored Venetian lanterns were suswas spread. When ready to remove pended. Palms and other tropical the bleaching cloth he noticed that one plants were used in the decoration of of the weights had fallen off. In re- the boxes. Strings of signal flags, fesplacing it he thought he detected a tooned from the apex of the camopy slight movement of the eyelash. There roof to the top of each column around was no beat of the pulse or sign of the promenade, completed the scheme. breath, however., so he set about pre- The ballet exceeded anything ever paring his instruments for the injection brought together in this city. The of the poisonous fluids used in embalm- band was composed of one hundred ing. While thus engaged he noticed a pieces. There was a French quadrille faint quiver of the eyelid. He sum- by thirty-two women. Another feature moned assistance and the body was re- was a Virginia reel of the colonial moved to a bed in the hospital. The days. doctor was called and restoratives ap-

### ART EXHIBITION IN PHILADELPHIA. Gradually the woman came out of

Philadelphia. Jan. 15 .- The sixty-ninth her comia and was able to move her annual art exhibition at the Academy of body. She was unable to discuss her Fine Ants opened today. It has been experiences, but made signs to indigenerously subscribed to and in the discate that she was conscious of all that play of contemporary art ranks first in had taken place. It is expected that this country. Original works not before she will regain some of her strength shown in Philadelphia will constitute the collection.

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retain possession of the Philippines. Pettigrew, silver republican, followed, and indulged in bitter recriminations against the president for his course in prosecuting the war. Then Wolcott, republican, of Colorado, poured out vials of his wrath on Pettigrew, whom he said was always ready to attack every person and every cause. He also criticised Beveridge's speech of elaborate schemes of decoration for some days ago by saying duty, and not the interior of Madison Square garden lust for gain, should be our motive for

yet attempted was seen at the carnival holding the islands. The remainder of the session was being embalmed and prepared for Francais de l'Harmonie, which was consumed with a speech against the held tonight. The interior of the great gold standard by Rawlins, of Utah.

IN THE HOUSE.

The house session was occupied with the consideration of measures relating to affairs of the District of Columbia, John W. Gayle, the new representative from the seventh district of Kentucky. appeared and took the oath.

#### QUAY-CLARK ALLIANCE.

Washington, Jan. 15.-For the past few days the friends of Senator Quay have been emphatic in claiming that he will be seated when his case comes Mrs. Hirth was placed on the cooling tended around the dancing circle, and up next month after the currency bill board and the work of preparing her was marked off by a series of thirty has been disposed of. These statements have caused some surprise, in view of the settled conviction that Quay's friends could not muster enough votes.

> The opposition announced today that the faith of the Quay men was bised on the fact that Quay had formed an offensive and defensive alliance with Clark, whose election as senator from Montana is now being investigated. Quay and Clark are said to have anranged a modus vivendi personally at an interview last week. Clark is said to have agreed to deliver certain democratic votes besides his own, and Quay to deliver certain republican votes besides his own and that of Senator Penrose.

### CLARK APPREHENSIVE.

Apparently Clark fears the testimony given before the senate committee. Leading senators on both sides of the senate expressed the opinion today that neither would be able to "deliver the goods," as the deal would be two apparent in the roll call.

Jones maintains that there is no break in the democratic opposition. In addition to the talk of the Quay and Clark alliance there were ugly rumors afloat at the senate today about the means being employed to induce senators to vote for Clark, and it is possible that they may result in broadening the scope of the investigation now in pro-

States artillerymen at Fort Monroe attempted to clean out the Dewey house at Phoebus. In the row a soldier was probably fatally shot by a negro, and thereupon the soldiers became frenzied and began shooting recklessly! They finally dispersed without other fatalit

and live for's while at least, DAMASCUS ROAD SOLD. Richmond, Va., Jan. 15.-A special from Abingdon says that the Norfolk and Western has rurchased the Da-