

Important Work to be Done at Fort Caswell and "The Rocks"—Damaged by Recent Storms.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

SOUTHPORT, N. C., December 16.

There are no important pieces of work on the lower Cape Fear river of which the U. S. engineer corps is now figuring. The first is a sea wall at Fort Caswell, which is to be built to protect the works and batteries from the waves of the ocean, and prevent a repetition of the havoc wrought by the last storm.

The wall is to start at a point a little west of Battery Shipp (the extreme western battery) and run eastward along the ocean beach around Caswell Point on the river side to what is known as Caswell Creek. It is to be built of solid masonry, and when completed will be about three quarters of a mile in length. The surveys and estimates have been made, and it is said a special emergency bill is to be introduced into Congress asking for an appropriation to build the wall and make the necessary fills.

The fighting strength of Fort Caswell is expected to be increased in the early Spring by the arrival of another battery of artillery, as the present force is not sufficient to garrison the fort even in time of peace.

The other project is the repairing of the government works which generally known as the "Rocks." The damage done by the storms during the past Fall, and especially by the great storm of October 31st, has been great, particularly to the lower half of the dam, the part extending between Zeke's Island and the marsh north of Smith's Island. The capping stones of most of this part of the dam have been washed off and in several places great breaks have been made in the wall.

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According to a dispatch from Cape Town, General Sir Charles Warren and his staff have started for De Aar.

NEW YORK, December 18.—The Stock Market yielded to panic to-day under the severe stringency of money and the distrust engendered concerning all classes of securities on the Exchange. The industrial were the severest sufferers, and the center of the disturbance, but the efforts to protect holdings in them prevented violent liquidation in other classes of securities.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the failure of a trust company and a firm of brokers prominent in the Exchange, caused renewed weakness and there were fears for additional margins by commission houses.

IN THE PHILIPPINES. Movements of U. S. Forces—Band of Guerrillas Captured—Insurgent Steamer Seized—Filipino Routed.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, Dec. 18.—General Lawton will start to-night for Manila with the Eleventh Cavalry under Col. Lockart, and the Twenty-ninth Infantry and Twenty-seventh under Lieutenant Colonel Sargent, to capture San Mateo, where Geronimo has three hundred insurgents.

THE MODERN MOTHER Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

GENERAL ROBERTS SUCCEEDS BULLER.

Will be Commander-in-Chief of All the British Forces in South Africa.

REINFORCEMENTS FROM INDIA

Additional Troops to be Sent to the Cape From England—Volunteers Responding With Alacrity—Further Particulars of Fight at Colenso.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 19, 4.30 A. M.—The War Office has been in communication with General Sir Buller's Lockhart command, commanding the force of India, with a view of ascertaining what troops can be spared from his forces, and it is understood that as a result of these inquiries a force will almost immediately leave Bombay for Durban, including four regiments of seasoned troops, with ammunition column and a brigade of artillery, including horse and field batteries. It is hoped that this force will reinforce General Buller within a month.

The Duke of Connaught visited the War Office yesterday. Since the appointment of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief of South Africa the Duke has been making it his business to have a strong desire to go, and he has a strong desire to go, and he has a strong desire to go.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

Announced by Speaker Henderson—Democrats Receive Few Places—North Carolina Appointments.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Speaker Henderson to-day announced the committees of the House of Representatives. It proved to have very few surprises. The Speaker preserved the time-honored custom of following precedent as to the old chairmanships and places, and gradually advancing them as vacancies occurred.

SOME BUSINESS FAILURES. Firm of Stock Brokers in New York. Squire & Co., of Boston—Vogeler Co., a Drug Firm in Baltimore.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

Rooms For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wares, and other short advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpareil type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 50 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Christmas Presents—Mahogany Sideboards, Tables, Bookcases, etc.

Notice—Don't fail to examine my stock of Holiday goods, Oranges, Apples, Malaga Grapes, etc.

Christmas Gifts—Columbia Phonograph, etc.

For Sale or Rent—House northeast corner Sixth and Orange streets.

Notice—Don't fail to examine my stock of Holiday goods, Oranges, Apples, Malaga Grapes, etc.

Christmas is almost here, and you ought to have your share.

We carry a full line of Crocker, China, Ware, Glassware, Lamps and Lamp Chimneys.

Old Newspapers for sale by the hundred at the Star Office.

Christmas Photographs—If you want photos that you will not be ashamed to give your friends.

Page & Black, General Commission Merchant, Importers for Country Producers of all kinds of Cattle, etc.

A Fair Show—Ship our Best-dressed and live—Pottery, Eggs, Peasants, Potatoes, and every thing that grows in the garden.

Fresh Ground Graham and Rye Flour, etc.

Tom and Jerry, Hot Spiced Rum, Scotch Whisky, etc.

For Sale—Hand-made Buggies of different makes.

Why not call on Marshall & Jones for your Christmas and New Year's gifts?

We have just unpacked a new line of Neckties, etc.

VONGLAHN & GIBSON, MEN'S WEAR DEPOT.

When You Want a Nice Xmas Present for a Gentleman, Don't Forget Your Old Friend.

One of the Heroes of the Battle of Manila Died of Typhoid Fever.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—Lieut. Thomas M. Brumby, flag lieutenant to Admiral Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at Garfield Hospital shortly after 6 o'clock this evening.

WARM WIRELETS. The Navy Department has arranged to give a naval funeral to the remains of late Lieutenant Brumby.

Mules For Sale—3 Good Mules For Sale.

1000 Bales Hay. 450 Bushels Corn. 200 Bags W. G. Meal. 25 Bushels Seed Wheat. 850 Kegs Nails. 2000 Barrels Flour.

ALSO. A few Xmas Goods.

D. L. GORE, Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C.

Discovered. The Cheapest and Best Light on Earth. The Benbow Automatic Gas Lamp.

Burns Gasoline. No Trouble. Child can operate it. For business and resident purposes. One quart gasoline will burn 18 hours.

Call and examine them at the Carolina Bicycle Shop.

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Finest Repairing a Specialty.

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Good times ahead. Xmas is coming when every body will be jolly and full of fun. We have a nice line of

Toys and Holiday Goods to Please the Children.

All kinds of Toys displayed on our counters and center table. Iron Toys, Wooden Toys and Tin Toys. We can suit you in Toys if you will call and examine them.

Also have a big stock of Christmas Cards, Xmas Books. Also a lot of nice novels as well as 25 cents for Xmas presents to your best girl. Don't forget, we carry a good stock of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, SHOES, etc.

Call on next week for bargains.

G. O. GAYLORD'S Branch Store, Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N. C. dec 19 11t

Christmas Presents At Manufacturers' Cost.

Pocket Knives, Scissors, Razors, Table Knives, Hunting Coats, Vests, Belts, Leggings, Caps, and a thousand and one things too numerous to mention in our Immense Hardware and House Furnishing Establishment.

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Open this week every evening till 10 o'clock. dec 19 11t

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NOTHING NICER THAN A DESK OR ROCKER FOR XMAS GIFTS.

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JAMES H. TAYLOR, Agent, Coal and Wood.



Not Christmas day nor Christmas week, but the plain time, the best time, the time of work, and heart work; the time of pleasant anticipation and enjoyable plans.

The time of looking and debating and secret whisperings, out of which will be made gifts most valued and appreciated, because carrying with them, weeks of self-denial and loving forethought.

For the Jeweler it is a time of buying, unfolding and displaying. The time when you can see your own choice selections, fresh from the packing boxes. The time when your early coming to the store will secure some desirable article to be "paid ahead." A time when Christmas shopping means much to you. Our line of

NOVELTIES

is large this year, but the best of the most extensive stock always go to the "early birds" who are one!

DINGELHOEF BROS., Jewellers and Scientific Opticians, Parlor No. 123 Market St. dec 19 11t

Only 13 Days Left.

LISTEN!

This is Our Last Call. Remember that you have only thirteen days left to secure values which are not often to be had at such prices at this season.

We still have left on hand quite a large selection of a Staple Dry Goods.

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We can give you a style and fit that is impossible to buy ready-made, and our suits are from the latest imported novelties, made to order.

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