The Weather To-Day: FAIR; COLD. The News and Observer. VOL. XLVII. NO. 90. RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1899. PRICE FIVE CENTS

CAROLINA AND LEADS ALL DAILIES CIRCULATION NORTH the dead of the battleship Muni-STRIVING TO KEEP the British camp, which also is in an ad-SALVATIONISTS **BOER ACCOUNT OF** mad to treat food as contraband, as Arrive here tomorrow and Arlington Cemetery Kinley, most of Cabinet and a lay artigent of army arrive difference of his cabinet and a lay arrive difference of his cabinet and a lay "such action would play into the hands of all possible future enemies of Great Brimirable position for defense, as the surrounding country is perfectly level. "The Boers moreover, are compelled to keep a force estimated at 20,000 men tain. THE BOERS AT BAY It admits, however, that steps should FEED THE HUNGRY **BULLER'S DEFEAT** .tingent of army be taken and money expended to search vessels and to prevent munitions of war entering the Transvaal by way of Pororder to contain the British column. and navy officers an others. The funerlarge number of Lord Methuen's al rites over the dead will be performed wounded have recovered and are ready to resume their places in the ranks." A dispatch to the Daily News from by Chaplain Chidwick, who was at-tached to the battlship when she was tuguese territory. The Standard says: Thousands Dine at Their Ex-The British Rolled Back Like Buller Destroys the Footblown up in Havana Bay. The Chaplain "We do not doubt that this matter is Modder River, dated December 18, says: receiving the Government's serious at of the Naval Academy will assist him. "We are now waiting until England shall have realized the actual facts. It tention. As the campaign develops i pense in New York. A pretty grassy knoll near where the bridge at Colenso. a Spent Wave. may become necessary to seize the rail Santiago dead rest has been selected as has to be admitted that, man for man, way at Komati Poort." the final resting place of the remains we have found ourselves pretty well The first batch of Boer prisoners has of the dead seamen. matched, but the Boers have always the choice of positions. Let England, then, become alive to the need for an addi-DEAD PILED IN RIDGES arrived in England. It is announced that AND IN OTHER CITIES ALSO NO EFFORT TO ADVANCE Relatives and friends have claimed 22 the Government has accepted another ofof the bodies, and will give them private fer of a squadron of Canadian rough rid interment under an arrangement with tional 100,000 men. Such a force will prove the truest economy in both blood the Navy Department, which has taken A DINNER FOR ENGHT THOUS-FOUR HUNDRED DISEASED BRIT-VELDT COVERED FOR MILES charge of the burial of all the bodies and treasure.' Quiet Day in Washington. either unidentified or unclaimed. AND IN PHILADELPHIA. ISH HORSES SHOT. WITH DEAD AND WOUNDED. Assistant Secretary Allen, today in ex-151 DEATH OF ROBERT HESTER. Washington, Dec. 25.-Christmas day, always quiet at the Nation's Capital, plaining the course of the Department, said: BASKETS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED BESIDES NINE CANNONS BROUGHT OVER THE RIVER | Waylaid, Robbed and Shot Near LITTLE CHANGE IN MILITARY SITUATION was unusually so this year. All of the "It is the desire of Secretary Long that the wishes of all the relatives of those who died on the Maine to give them a private burial be complied with, executive departments are closed and Rocky Mount Last Week. practically all the members of both cial.)-Robert Hester, who was shot and robbed by John Taylor and Robert For-Reitich Recruiting Acting The Operation of branches of Congress are out of the About Eight Thousand Fed in Cincinnati. Many The British Asked For and Were Granted city. Services were held in many and Chaplain Chidwick, who superinchurches and as the dinner hour ap-proached the streets were deserted. At the White House a quiet day was spent. of the Poor in Cleveland Not Only tended the disinterment of the bodies, Twenty-Four Hours' Armistice. Gatacre tune and who was carried to Wake was instructed to prepare lists of the Fed But Clothed. Hanna in county jail by order of Judge Dorsey Bat-Regarding Food as Contraband Ex-Issues a Reconcentrado Order. Britidentified remains in order that this might be done. There are 166 caskets, tle for safe keeping, died at his home About 10 o'clock the President took a a New Role. cites Much Discussion. ish Prisoners at Pretoria. walk alone through the grounds at the south of the mansion and then joined about three miles from here at 10 o'clock and many of them contain bodies which this morning from the effects of his New York, Dec. 25 .- No one had to go London, Dec. 26.-(4:30 a. m.-Tueshave been identified and will be sent to Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 17 .- Over 500 Mrs. McKinley in the family living room wounds without a Christmas dinner today. The those claiming them. The unidentified and unclaimed bodies will be buried at lay.)-Up to this hour nothing has arriv-British prisoners captured at the battle There were no callers, and no guests Neither attended church, and at the Mr. Hester was a successful farmer greatest exemplification of this was seen of Stormberg have arrived here. They universally respected, and leaves a wife ed from South Africa that would indicate Arlington and the graves of those idenat the Madison Square Garden, where the usual hour they dined alone. hae been taken to Waterfall, to join and six children. any change in the military situation tified will be marked by headstones.' Salvation Army fed thousands by the the other prisoners. there. The War Office is issuing lists of distribution of 3,200 baskets with food DEATH OFF HATTERAS An official account of the Boer casfurther deaths and wounded, as well as PARTIALLY IN RUINS SEN. MORGAN'S REPL' enough for five persons in each. Six ccounts of sickness. The most serious ualties at the battle of Tugela River thousand more dinners were served on says thirty men were killed or wounded. report of the last class is that horse the main floor at six o'clock this evening. General Schalkburger'se report of the sickness has broken out in both British The early morning scenes at the garbattle dispatched from the head laager, and Boer camps in Natal. Stranding of the Ariosto. San Jacinto and Hemit Badly December 16th, says: Four hundred British cavalry horses, den were as unusual as they were interesting. Never before has charity dis-pensed on so large a scale and the calvait is said, have already been shot owing "Friday at dawn the day long-expect-Twenty-One Drowned. Shaken by Earthquake. not Deny His Charge. ed arrived. The Pretoria detachment of artillery gave the alarm. General Bultion army people have been working

> Declares the Governor Owned a Large Amount of Stock in a Corporation That Was

Driven From Alabama,

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 25 .- Senator John T. Morgan has replied to the open letter of Governor Johnston, charging that certain indirect statements concerning his (Johnston's) connection with the University land scandal upon the floor of The reply severely criticises the Gov-ernor's action in connection with the sale of valuable mineral lands of the State University lands to the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company. It continues in part: "You have attempted to put my state-

ment in a false and garbled way, so that you could make a denial of what you either invented or profess to have heard that I have said in the Senate, knowing that you could not deny what I said."

After quoting from the record the words used in reference to all Alabama corporations seeking protection of the laws of New Jersey, Semator Morgan conof New Jersey, S

A Number of San Jacinto's Business Buildings

Partly Demolished. Six Lives Lost. The Shocks in Other Places.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25 .- At 4:25 o'clock this morning a severe earthquake shock was felt over a large portion of Southern California, the undulations lasting about 12 seconds. The entire center of the shock appeared to have been at San Jacinto, a small town in Riverside county. The business portion of San Jacinto consists of two blocks of two story buildings, some of which are built of brick. Ten or fifteen buildings were damaged, chimmeys being topplea over and walls cracked and shaken. The total damage at San Jacinto and Hemit, a small town nearby, is estimated at \$50,000. The large tourist hotel at Hemit was damaged and the hospital at San Jacinto also suffered. The rear wall of the Johnson blnck at Hemit fell. The only loss of life so far as known was at the Sabobo Indian reservation, where six squaws were killed by falling walls. A number of Indiaus were seriously in-jured. The shock was heavy at

to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardy Boer ponies, and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign. Horse sickness in South Africa generally lasts three months. The present outbreak is unusually early.

A dispatch from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, December 19th, says:

"The British naval guns have destroy-ed the Colenso foot bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of the Tugela River. The enemy are taking up fresh positions on the eastern side, nearer the British camp.

"The British position at Frere is being strengthened. The Tugela River is rising, and there is a prospect of heavy rains. "A two hours' bombardment of Lady

smith has been heard from here. According to reliable native reports, the Boers had two hundred killed in the fight at Colenso.

The news that the Colenso foot bridge has been destroyed seems to show that General Buller is more anxious to keep the enemy at bay than to attempt a further advance.

Despite the severity of the censorship,

These Abandoned the Steamer and Took to the

Boarts, Which Were Wrecked. Nine on the Steamer Saved.

visions, which, together are equivalent Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 24 .- The to giving a dinner to 8,00 persons. weather bureau official at Hatteras, N. C., reports that the British steamship Ariosto, Bernes, from Galveston to Norfolk for coal, and thence to Hamburg, fruits of charity. A dinner for 8,000 people was provided by the Salvation Army and baskets of food were distribuloaded with cotton, corn, wheat and meal, stranded on Ocracoke beach, six miles south of the Hatteras weather bureau office, at four o'clock this morn-ing. The steamer carried a crew of dinners in a similar way to about 500 thirty men. Twenty-one men abandoned the steamer and took to the boats soon after she stranded. The boats were nals wrecked in the heavy seas and the entire twenty-one drowned. Capt. Bernes and the remaining eight men were taken from the ship today by Capt. James girls and distributed toys among them. Howard and crew of the Ocracoke Life Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 25.-The Salva-tion Army fed many of the poor of the Saving station. The rescue was effect ed with difficulty, owing to the heavy

sea, the landing taking up almost the

LIST OF THE SAVED.

Captain Baines, Warren, Reed, Pett-

oner, Anderson, Saline, Helsing, Petter-

The Merritt and Chapman steamer

NO HOPE FOR THE ARIOSTO.

which ran ashore four miles south of

the Cape Hatteras Life Saving Station,

yesterday morning, today reported to the

agents here that his ship will prove a

The tug Rescue, which reached the

A message received at the Weather

Ariosto:

water.

sen and Henroth.

500 baskets, each containing the materentire day Capt. Bernes and the eight surviving ials for a Christmas dinner for five permembers of the crew are now being sons, were distributed among needy families from the Y. M. C. A. building. At cared for at the Ocracoke Life Saving 11:30 o'clock 2,500 other poor people, station. Some water is making in the hold of the vessel, but she is still in

Says Governor Johnson Can-

bring here. Twice the British essayed first time they succeeded in hitching on to one cannon, and on the second trial the horses and men fell in a heap. "Then the British were in full retreat

ler's Ladysmith relief column was in battle array, advancing on the Boer po-sitions, close to the Tugela and Colenso.

The centre consisted of an immense crowd of infantry, flanked on each side

by two batteries, with strong bodies of cavalr supporting. The Boers' artillery

preserved absolute silence, not disclos-

ing its position. Two batteries came

within rifle distance of our foremost

position and the Boers then opened fire

with deadly effect. Our artillery also

commenced and apparently, abso-lutely confused the enemy, who were allowed to think the bridge

time, attacked the Boers' southernmost

position, but the Mauser rifle fire was so

tremendons that they were rolled back like a spent wave, leaving ridges and

ridges of dead and dying humanity be-

hind. Again the British advanced to the attack, but again fell back, swelling the heaps of dead. Their cavalry charged

to the river, where the Ermolo Com-

mando commenced such a murderous fire

that two batteries of eannon had to be

abandoned, which the Boers are going to

was

Their

open for them to cross. right flank, in the mean-

to their camp, when they sent a heavy shrapnel fire on Bulwer Bridge, across the Tugela, t prevent the burghers from recovering the cannon.

'The French attache, Villebois and the German attache, Braun, say the fight could not have been improved upon by the armies of Europe. Generals Botha and Trichart were always at the most dangerous points of the fight.

"Eleven ambulances removed the English dead and wounded.

"Such a tremendous cannonade has seldom been heard. The veldt, for miles, was covered with dead and wounded. It was a most crushing British defeat. Nine of the cannon have since been brought across the river.

"The British asked for and were granted a 24 hours' armistice."

HOW DID CHURCHILL ESCAPE? Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 17 .- The Government is much concerned about the escape of Winston Churchill and the officials are doing their utmost to cover how he got away. The officials have instituted a house to house search for incriminating papers. The Volks tem asserts that he escaped disguised as a woman. The last book Churchill borrowed from the library was Mill "On Liberty.'

The official report of the gold output November shows the amount to be 61,788 ounces.

RECONCENTRATION ORDERED.

Cape Town, Dec. 18 (delayed in transmission.)-General Gatacre, in order to check revolution among the Dutch colo nists and to prevent disaffected persons from giving information or other assistance to the Boers, has issued a modified reconcentrado order. By its terms all males over 12 years of

age, of whatever nationality, residing outside of towns and villages, but within a radius of 12 miles of military camps now established or hereafter to be established north of Sterkstroom, are required to vacate their places of residences and either to remove to some place outside of the 12-mile radius or to form a camp in proximity to the nearest military camp -the place to be selected by the officer commanding-where they must reside until further notice, providing for their own needs. All persons found within the radius without passes will be arrested.

Advices from Colesburg state that not many colonial Dutch have joined the Boers in that district. On the other hand, a number of residents of Malmes-bury celebrated General Gatacre's repulse at Stormsberg by giving a dinner.

TWENTY MILES OF TRENCHES.

London, Dec. 24 .- A dispatch from Modder River, dated December 18, says:

"The Boers continue extending their trenches. They now have nearly 20 miles of intrenched works due north of was done.

Riverside and other places, but no particular damage is reported except from San Jacinto and Hemit.

In this city no damage was done, though the shock was particularly vio-Eastern tourists, and they were in many instances terrified at the unexpected disturbanes and rushed from their rooms in affright.

Wild reports concerning the earthquake soon spread and the telegraph and tele-phone wires between this city and abjacent towns were kept busy handling inquiring messages. It was reported that several lives were lost in the collapse of hotel at Hemit; and another rumor was to the effect that six Indians and been killed at the same place, but fortunately there was no truth in these rumors of loss of life.

THE SHOCK AT SAN DIEGO.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 25 .- The most evere shock of earthquake experienced difficulties arise.' in this city in 14 years took place at 4:25 a. m. today and was accompanied Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, by a loud rumbling noise. The taller represents the garrison as in no way buildings in the city were severely shaken, but no serious damage was done. Λ Colenso, and as confident of being able high wave struck the beach ocean front soon after the shock but no damage was done to shipping. A slighter shock followed the first one a few seconds later.

SIX SQUAWS KILLED.

San Jacinto, Cal., Dec. 25 .- A disastrous earthquake occurred at 4:25 this norning. Nearly every two-story building was wrecked and it is estimated that the damage will aggregate over \$50,000. The main shock was preceded by a loud, roaring sound and awakened many just in time to escape from the doomed buildings. The business street s such a wreck that tons of debris had to be removed before the buildings could be entered.

The shock caused dry artesian wells to flow larger streams than ever before. Considerable damage was reported in nearby villages.

WALLS BADLY CRACKED.

Santa Ana, Cal., Dec. 25 .- The severest earthquake in years visited this ection this morning at 4:25. Third-story hotel guests were almost rolled out of bed. Clocks were stopped all over the city and the walls of several brick buildings were badly cracked. Hundreds of people were on the streets a few ids after the shock, some appearing in night clothes and remaining up until daviight.

LODGING HOUSES EMPTIED. Anaheim, Cal., Dec. 25.—The heaviest earthquake shock ever known here oc-

urred at 4:25 this morning. It lasted fully ten seconds and was violent from the beginning. Lodging houses were mptied and the streets were filled with shivering people. A number of buildings were cracked but no serious damage

hints are being continually received of Santa Ana, Anaheim, San Bernadino, the serious spread of Dutch disaffection in both the Queenstown districts of Cape Colony and Natal.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pietermaritzburg says:

"The extent of Dutch disaffection lent. The houses here are well filled with should make the imperial authorities realize the magnitude of the task before them.'

> There are unconfirmed reports from ape Town that General Sir Charles Warren, commander of the Fifth Division, has returned there.

Commandant Demeillon, who was taken prisoner at Elandslaagte and brought to Simonstown, where he was Rescue passed out of the Capes last confined on the British cruiser Penenight on her way to the Ariosto. ope, has succeeded in making his escape. The Times this morning makes the Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—Captain Baines, of the British steamship Ariosto, following announcement:

"We are informed that the Government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrison in India unless unforeseen

total loss. An undated heliograph message from Ariosto this morning, has been unable to do anything toward floating her belaunted by General Buller's reverse cause of the rough sea off the coast. to hold out indefinitely.

Bureau here states that the Rescue has The mails are just arriving from Ladynot yet been able to even approach the smith. All the correspondents comment Ariosto near enough to put a line aboard bitterly upon the superiority of the Boer artillery The steamer still lies broadside on

The Times correspondent says: "It is impossible to evade the opinion

that if British gunners were in the Boer positions the loss of life and damage to property in Ladysmith would be ten times greater.

The holidays have brought no surcease of recruiting activity. Lord Alwyne Frederick Compton, Unionists member of Parliament for the Biggleswade division of Bedfordshire, will raise a corps of mounted men. Lord Salisbury's private Secretary, Mr. Schumberg McDonnell, who is a volunteer officer, has volunteered for service.

The action of the United States Government causes considerable discussion regarding the contraband question as affecting Delagoa Bay and Portugal. Widely divergent opinions are expressed. The Daily Graphic in an editorial on the sub-Says

"We believe that every provision has been made in British treaties with the United States for dealing with this matter. In the special circumstances of the present war the Government is bound to regard food as contraband. No doubt the question can be satisfactorily settled by paying compensation for the seizure of American flour.

"The question of neutrality, however, is more serious and Great Britain's duty is to have the Lourenzo Marques-Transvaal Railway watched by capable agents killed Samuel Sanders, Jr., a well known to warn Portugal that she will be held liable in damages for assistance to the Boers by means of the railway."

The Morning Post, on the contrary, twice, killing him almost instantly. Sanargues that the Government would be ders was highly connected.

many of them street boys, were given a Christmas dinner in the Grays' good condition and probably can be mory. Before the dinner, Colonel Holz, saved if prompt assistance is rendered. of the Salvation Army, introduced Senator Hanna for a speech.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 25.-The The Senator heartily extended the Weather Bureau official at Hatteras greetings of the season to those present, furnishes the following list of those saved from the wreck of the steamship and paid a warm tribute to the men and women of the Salvation Army. "As citizens," he declared, "we can

like beavers for a month to make this

THE ARMY IN CINCINNATI.

Army fed 3,500 poor at a dinner today and also distributed 1,500 baskets of pro-

CHARITY IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25 .- Christmas in

this city witnessed as never before the

The American volunteers furnished

poor children and the Protestant Epis-

opal city mission fed 1,000 individ-

The Children's Christmas Club gave

ts annual dinner to 1,00 poor boys and

FOOD FOR CLEVELAND'S POOR.

city today. In the morning clothing and

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ted among poor families.

Cincinnati, Dec. 25 .- The Salvation

prodigious dispensation a success.

never show the appreciation they are entitled to. God bless them."

He then thanked the many people who contributed to the fund which enabled the army to provide a happy Christmas this year for many in Cleveland who otherwise would not have had it.

"Their giving was not charity," he said. "It was the overflowing of kindness in the hearts of the people. To such entiment we look for the future of our ity, our State and our country and the civilization of the world. I wish you all happy feast.

"Ged bless the Senator," shouted Colonel Holz. "Amen!" yelled the boys.

Then the good things on the table began to disappear.

ARRIVAL OF THE TEXAS.

She Bring's the Dead of the Maine From Havana.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 25.-The battleship Texas, in command of Captain Sigsbee, arrived here shortly before noon. oday with the remains of the men who ost their lives by the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. The minding the recipient, in a tensing way, bodies of the Maine herces which of some untoward event of the year. were brought up on the Texas, will be Baron Von Mirbach, Chief Court Martransferred to a Chesapeake and Ohio train tomorrow at twelve o'clock and will be taken to Washington for interment n Arlington Cemetery next Tuesday. The Texas left Havana last Thursday

She encountered a gale off Hatteras, but had good weather until she reached that She anchored in Lynn Haven point. Bay last night and came up to Old Point this morning. After the quarantine regulations had been complied with she proceeded to this city.

The Rev. Father Chidwick, who was chaplain on the Maine, is in charge of the remains of the dead heroes, and will accompany them to Washington. Not more than a score of the bodies on the Texas were identified. The names of these are inscribed on the coffins which inclose their mortal remains. There were no ceremonies here today in honor of the arrival of the Maine's dead, but impressive exercises will take place tomorrow when the bodies are transferred form the ship to the train.

TO BE BURIED AT ARLINGTON.

tinues:

"The charge is distinct and unambiguous that you owned or had owned a large amount of stock in an Alabama corporation, one of several that had sold their property of every kind to the New Jersey company and that this Alabama corporation 'leads the procession' in a monster monopoly, that had to leave Alabama to find home and shelter in New Jersey. You cannot misunderstand this charge. nor can any honest man mistake it. And as I stated it in the Senate, you know that it is strictly true.'

In conclusion Senator Morgan says:

You doubtless feel very strong in your supposed ability to rule the State by the machinery in your hands; but very recent lessons should admonish you that you are also subject to the power of the laws, State and Federal, and you cannot press your defiant contempt of the rights of the State and the people to complete success.

Christmas at New Palace.

Berlin, Dec. 25 .- Emperor William celebrated Christmas in the usual manner at New Palace, Potsdam. At three o'clock he attended the Bescheerung for the members of the Imperial family and the court entourage. There were seven trees for the children, graded in size according to their ages, that of Princess Louise being very small. A large, fine tree for the Emperor and Empress had been cut from the adjacent wild park. For the gentlemen and ladies of the court entourage a particularly handsome tree was provided.

On this latter tree hung numerous presents of a humorous character, each reshal, received a contribution box in choeolate, the allusion being to his work in collecting money to build churches in Berlin. This gift caused great laughter.

The Knights of Zion.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25 .- Delegates of the order of Knights of Zion have opened a three days convention here. The society is the only fraternal organization of Jews in this country that has branches through Europe.

Important changes in the by-laws and constitution will be made. The most important before the delegates, however, s to elect new officers for the Supreme Lodge and put the organization on a more substantial basis. The election of officers will be held Tuesday.

Resolutions were passed tonight deploring the fact that armed conflicts beween mations are now taking place at be present time, and stating that it was the conviction of the delegates that the teaching of their order would do much owards restoring peace and bringing about the idea of universal brotherhood

and appears to making considerable One Man Dead and Two Probably

BLOODY FIGHT AT VIRGILINA.

Mortally Wounded.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.-News reach as here of a serious situation at Virgilina. Halifax county. Particulars are meagre, as the telegraph operator is badly, per haps fatally, wounded.

It is stated that one Loftis entered the depot and fired several times at Turner, the operator, when Turner returned the fire and killed his man. Friends of the dead man attacked Turner, a general fight followed, and Turner received a terrible gash in the throat, while several other men, two of whom will probably die. were wounded.

At last accounts a mob was threatening to lynch Turner, but he was being guarded in the depot by armed friends. All the parties, are, it is said, white The sheriff has gone to the scene.

shoot Kehr, but the latter pulled the pis

tol out of Sanders' hand and shot him

Frankfrt, Ky., Dec. 25.-Willie Kehr

a young drug clerk, last night shot and young man. Sanders had attempted t

The funeral train will arrive in Washington at midnight.

Washington, Dec. 25.-The remains of of men.

Shot With His Own Pistol.