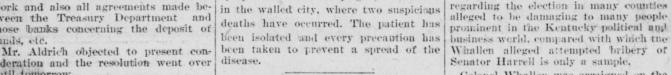


sideration and the resolution went over disease.



Colonel Whallen was arraigned of

Bay flour seizures. Mr. Choate received no definite reply, as the Premicr informed him that the British Government had not

The interview was brief.

Claims Against Spain.

"It is impracticable to state even ap-

these claims or to allege in view of

the state of records of the State De-

partment of that date that there may not

As to the remedy of the claimants, the

committee expresses the opinion that

be others than those mentioned.'

proximately the amount actually due on

Georgia, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the volun-

The German Foreign Office

Berlin, Jan. 3 .- The German Foreign Office informed the correspondent of the Associated Press this afternoon that Great Britain had not then answered Germany's note or protest regarding the scigure by the British cruiser Magicienne of the German Imperial mail steamer placed, and dropped amid the smoke of Bundesrath off Delagoa Bay. It ap-pears that the British Foreign Office Last night's storm ignited some of our with Durlesires ban on the subject. This desire is not regarded as indicating any disposition on the part of Great Britain to delay the final adjustment of the matter. There has been a lively interchange of notes between London and Berlin, bur the German Foreign Office is apparently keeping cool. On the other hand a violent and threatening tone toward Great Britain is observable in other official quarters. The Berliner Tageblatt remarks that the anti-British sentiment is strouger than ever. The correspondent of the Associated Press has received information going to show that the Bundesrath was possibly guilty of carrying contraband. Heavy shipments of arms and ammunition were shipped in December to Macao and Hong Kong, consigned to order. It is surmised that their ultimate destination was either the Philippines or the Transvaal. 

A like disposition was made of a resolution offered by Mr. Pettigrew calling upon the Secretary of War for information as to whether General Torres of the Philippine army came under a flag of truce as a representative of Aguinaldo to General Otis after the beginning of hostilities last February, making an explanation of the outbreak and suggesting means of terminating the troubles.

After an executive session the Senate at 1:10 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE MEETS AND ADJOURNS. Washington, Jan. 3 .- The House was

to secure consideration for a resolution asking information concerning the relations of the Treasury Department with the National City Bank of New York. The severe weather of the last decade The resolution was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Gaines, of Tennessee, rose to a question of personal privilege respecting Indiana and Illinois, while alternating his vote on the Roberts resolution, These events and the prayer of the chaplain occupied the brief time the House was in session.

## Cotton Brought Into Sight.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 3.-Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Ex change, issued today a statement that shows that the amount of cotton brought into sight for the four months from Sepbeen 5,591.076 bales against 7,725,549 Estimates For Deepening and Widenlast year and 7,296,533 bales year before last.

Foreign exports for the first four months of the season have been 2,568,435 bales, showing a decrease under last season of 1,616,194 bales.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twentynine leading Southern interior markets at the close of December were 1,898,939 bales against 2,052,361 bales the same date last year.

#### Conference With Mr. Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3 .- Colonel William Jennings Bryan returned to Lincoln today after an absence of six weeks. He found a number of leading Democrats from other States awaiting him and conferred with them in an informal way Mr. Bryan will remain in Lincoln unitil Saturday. He is interested in the meeting of the Fusion State Central Committee's Friday and is to respond to a toast Friday at the banquet of the Nebraska Traveling Men's Club. He will leave for New York early Saturday.

# The Buena Ventura Libelled.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3 .-- The steamer Buena Ventura, which ran into and disabled the schooner Lockwood yesterday, was libeled today for \$4,200 by the latter's master, Captain John P. Martin, for injuries to his vessel sustained in the collision near Winter Quarter Lightship. After being injured the Lockwood was towed to this port by the steamer.

### Six Hundred Lives Lost.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3 .- The latest reports from Achalkalek, in the Governwhich visited that district on Monday.

FAVORABLE TO WHEAT

#### The Plant Well Rooted and Growing Vigorously.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The climate and crop bulletin for December issued today says: The weather conditions during the month of December have been generally

favorable for winter wheat, reports from a majority of States indicating that the plant is well rooted, has made a vigorous growth and is in a most promising condiin session but fifteen minutes today and tion at the close of the month, except during that time had a little flurry over in Michigan and portions of Ohio, the an attempt by Mr. Sulzer, of New York, late seeding in the first named States not having stooled satisfactorily, while in the latter State the plant is small and weak and in poor condition for the winter. may cause some damage to fields unprotected by snow, more particularly in portions of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, freezing and thawing was unfavorable for the crop in West Virginia and Missouri. Wheat is in excellent condition in the Pacific coast States. Reports of injury to the early-sown wheat by Hessian fly are quite general, although, with the exception of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, the damage so far appears to be inconsiderable.

#### TO IMPROVE THE JAMES.

# ing Channel at Richmond.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- General Wilson, chief engineer of the army, has sent to the House of Representatives a report on proposed improvements of the James River at Richmond, Va. It is estimated that \$724,943 will be the cost of a channel of 22 feet at mean low tide, with 200 feet width. Colonel Allen, the local engineer, recommends a turning area of 400 by 600 feet to cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000

#### Plant's Successor in Control.

Savanuah, Ga., Jan. 3 .- S. R. Knott, the newly elected vice-president of the Plant System of Railways who will be he came to this city. the managing head of the properties under the new regime made necessary by the death of the late H. B. Plant, took charge this morning. Mr. Knott was formerly a vice-president of the Louisville and Nashville. His headquarters will be in this city.

### Amendments to Financial Bill.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee authorized Senator, Aldrich to presamendments to the Financial Bill which he offered in the Senate today. One of them fixes the gold reserve at \$150,000,000 instead of \$100,000,000 as in the bill itself. The other amendments are for the purpose of making more clear the intention of the measure.

Lawton Fund \$44.122.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- General Corbin, ment of Tiflis, show that six hundred of the Lawton Fund Committee, anlives were lost during the earthquakes nounces that the total subscriptions to which visited that district on Monday. the fund to date amount to \$44,122.

attempted bribery charge before Magistrate Thompson today and held over to the Franklin county grand jury, his bond being fixed at \$10,000. In the cir-United States would be equitably considcuit court, President H. V. Loving, of ered and that a decision in this important the Louisville Trust Company, was be-fore Judge Cantrill, charged with conmatter would be reached as soon as possible. tempt for disobeying the order of the court to turn over the vault box alleged to hold the \$4,500, which it is claimed General, Sir Richard Webster, working hard on the question of the Delagoa Bay was to be paid to Harrell in the event he voted against Goebel in the contest.

Loving stated that he merely desired the ablest lawyers in Great Britain. to protect the customers of his company, and his attorney moved to quash the summons against him. . This, the court overruled. Thereupon a response was filed to the rule' for contempt and in this, it is stated, that Whallen, Harrell and Charles Ryan rented the box in question and deposited something in it, the box being sealed up and covered over with white paper. The trust comed goods. pany officials were notified not to allow the box opened except in the presence of and by the consent of all three parties. Judge Cantrill adjudged the response mittee on Foreign Relations today preinsufficient and ordered the box to be produced in court at 11 o'clock tomorsented a report upon Senator Hoar's resolution in regard to claims of citirow. It is understood the order of the court will be complied with, a motion for an appeal to the Court of Appeals The committee presents a schedule of claims amounting to over a million dolhaving been overruled. lars, and adds:

It is said that an attempt will be made to have Senator Harrell indicted in Louisville where Whallen's attorneys claim the prosecution should have been instituted if any offense has been committed. The charge against Harrell would probably be conspiracy or accepting a bribe.

# Ex-Confederate Congressman Dead.

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 3.-Peter S. Wilkes, an attorney, once a member of the Confederate Congress, is dead at his home here, aged 74 years. He was born in Tennessee and removed to Missouri, where he graduated from a university in 1852. A week afterward he was elected to the State Legislature. During the last year of the war Mr. Wilkes was elected to the Confederate Congress. At the close of hostilities he fled to Mazattan, Mexico, where he remained until about 25 years ago, when

# Bill to Repeal Stamp Tax.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- A bill was introduced in the House today by Mr. been received from the remaining Utah Lewis, of Georgia, to repeal the stamp witness, who was to appear before the tax.

#### Postmaster Confirmed.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The Senate today confirmed the nomination of W. J. Watson as postmaster at Marianna, Fla.

### Gold Shipment Today.

New York, Jan. 3 .- Muller, Schall & Co, will ship \$150,000 gold on the German steamship sailing tomorrow.

#### The Marietta at Manila

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The Navy De-Marietta has arrived at Manila.

military mines, but there were no casyet arrived at any decision as to whether or not foodstuffs were contraband of ualties war. But, Lord Salisbury assured Mr. Cecil Rhodes has supplied the Boer Choate that the commercial rights of the

the enemy's guns.

prisoners with new clothing.

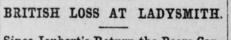
# GENERAL METHUEN'S PLAN.

London, Jan. 3 .- From a source which has many facilities of gaining inside The Associated Press learns that Lord news from South Africa, a representative Salisbury has not only got the Attorney of the Associated Press learns that Colonel Pilcher's occupation of Douglas is regarded as merely the first step of Genseizures, but that he is consulting with eral Methuen's carefully matured plans to outflank the Boers.

It was further learned by a representa-According to this authority, it is probative of The Associated Press that Great ble Colonel Pilcher, in conjunction with Britain may lay down a new regulation General Babington's force from the regarding contraband, making a distinc- Modder River, will proceed to the rear tion between food evidently intended for of those intrenchments which now predomestic purposes and food palpably in- vent General Methuen from proceeding tended for field rations. Under the latter to Kimberley. Colonel Pilcher has only head might come certain classes of cannabout forty miles' travel before he achieves this end, and, if this understanding is correct, an attack by General Methuen and a determined effort to relieve Kimberley may be expected any day. Washington, Jan. 3 .- The Senate Com-

BOERS ATTACK MOLTENO.

Sterkstroom, Cape Coloney, Jan. 3 .-Morning)-The Boers attacked Molteno this morning. A brisk action is now zens of the United States against Spain. in progress.



#### Since Joubert's Return the Boers Cannonade Has Grown Heavier.

London, January 4. -(4:30 (a. m.)-Thursday.)-Since commandant General Joubert's return to the front the cannonade of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between December 18th and December 29th four shells killed one officer and thirteen men and wounded thirteen officers and eleven men.

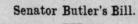
The War Office acknowledges the inferiority of the regular artillery by auler, of New Hampshire, today offered an thorizing the equipment of the new battery attached to the London volunteer corps with Vickers and Maxims, some of which the Boers use, and by ordering 100 and silver as standard money and to of these 121/2 pounder quick firers built coin both gold and silver; providing for, immediately. The officers and men of the international agreement or safeguard of new battery will be supplied from the

Eight additional militia regiments have been called out. Seven of these will serve in Ireland, replacing the regulars sent to South Africa.

### Seaboard Crosses the Wateree.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3 .- A special from Spalding, S. C., to the Observer avs: "The Seaboard Air Line train crossed

the Wateree River at 5 o'clock this evening with a train load of rails and material and a private car of one of the high officials of the system attached on one of the most substantial and secure trestles ever built in the South. This marks the connection with the completed grading between here and Columbia and a force of a hundred laborers are laying track on to Columbia.



#### Washington, Jan. 3 .- Sentator Butler, of North Carolina, today introduced a of the Navy, and Representative Hitt joint resolution providing for a Constipartment has been informed that the has introduced a bill authorizing the tutional amendment authorizing an in- band has since remained away from come tax.

### TO BAR OUT THE PLAGUE.

#### Measures to Prevent Its Introduction Into the Philippines.

Washington; Jan. 3 .- The War Department is taking steps to prevent the introduction of the plague in the Philippines, and Secretary Root this morning called into consultation Surgeon General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service, to discuss the establishment of a quarantine system for the islands. It was decided that the War Department should adopt towards the Philippines a policy like that it pursued towards Cuba in the matter of the protection of health, namely, confide the maintenance of a quarantine system to the Marine Hospital Service.

Surgeon General Wymian has no confirmation of the report that three suspected cases of bubonic plague have been discovered within the walled city of Manila, but no attempt is made to conceal the gravity of the situation should the report prove true. Still, it is said, a few sporadic cases need not necessarily result in an epidemic in the islands.

#### A Steamer Ice Bound.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 3 .-- The steamer Oliver King is ice-bound in the Tennessee River near the mouth of Little River and is in a dangerous poition,

On board the boat are twenty-five sports from Knoxville, London, Kingston and Chattanooga, who were on their way into Little River to have a big cocking main.

The supplies have been exhausted and a party left for Loudon today to get them relief.

The boat is in the center of a big ice gorge,

#### Actress Sues a Divorce.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3 .- Minnie Seligman Cutting, the well known actress, today, through her attorney, ex-Governor Johnston, filed suit in the Circuit Court for divorce from her husband, Robert Cutting. She alleges desertion. The couple were married July 18th, 1898; and Mrs. Cutting alleges that her husher.

# Utah Witness Sends His Evidence. Washington, Jan. 3 .- A statement has committee investigating the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, giving the substance

of the evidence he would give if sworn by the committee. This statement will be presented to the committee when it reassembles tomorrow. The material feature of it is said to be as to the marital relations existing between Roberts and Mrs. Maggie Shipp-Roberts.

Honored by Venezuela.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The Venezuelan Government has conferred the Order of the "Bust of Bolivar" on Admiral Sampson, Captains Taylor, Cook, Sigsbee, Chadwick, Goodrich and Commanders Mead, Dayton, Symons and Todd, acceptance of the decorations.

the only present remedy is by diplomatic negotiation. Chandler's Amendment. Washington, Jan. 3 .- Senator Chand-

amendment to the Financial Bill declaring it to be the policy of the United States to continue the use of both gold legislation to insure maintenance of honorable artillery company. parity; and for the appointment of commissioners to an international confer-

ence.