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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The house passes the currency bill.

The Boer artillery cause General French to change his position.

The speaker of the house announces the committees of that body.

The work of exhuming the bodies of the Maine victims buried at Havana has begun.

The first part of the annual report of the state commissioner of labor is made public.

The secretary of the treasury will increase the cash deposits in the national bank depositories.

The free silver republicans in Washington hold a conference and issue an address on the currency bill.

It is reported at Manila that Lieutenant Gilmore and the prisoners with him have been released by our troops.

In the case of Jefferson, indicted for the murder of Barnes, the defense raises a new point in the supreme court

The New York Produce Exchange Trust Company and Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers, of New York, suspend. Joseph Squire & Co., of Boston, make an assignment. The Charles A. Vogeler Company, druggists, of Baltimore, also makes an assignment.

A banquet is given in London for the hospital ship fund (the Maine) which netted $10,000. The Maine sails Saturday.

Two men are arrested in Raleigh charged with entering residences and stealing overcoats. Some persons say they are from Wilmington.

Senator Bacon introduces a resolution in the senate, declaring it the intention of this government not to permanently hold the Philippines.

The federal supreme court upholds the Georgia public school authorities in the petition for injunction by the negroes of Richmond county.

Lieutenant Brumby, Admiral Dewey's flag lieutenant, died in Washington Sunday evening. His remains will be taken to Atlanta for burial.

The British forces in South Africa are to be commanded by Lord Roberts ("Our Bobs"), with Lord Kitchener as chief of staff. General Roberts will sail Saturday.

When your joints are stiff and your muscles sore from cold or rheumatism, when you slip and sprain a joint, strain your side or bruise yourself, Pain-Killer will take out the soreness and fix you right in a jiffy. Always have it with you, and use it freely. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis.' Price 25c and 50c.

LABOR COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

The Part as to Farm Products and Labor Made Public.

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 18.—The first part of the annual report of Commissioner of Labor Lacy was made public tonight. It refers to farming. Reports from the best farmers in the various counties show that the cost of the production of crops is: Cotton, bale of 500 pounds, $24.36; wheat per bushel, 61 cents; oats 29 cents, corn 41 cents, tobacco per 100 pounds $6.91. Selling prices are: Wheat 78 cents, corn 54, oats 39, tobacco $7.71, cotton $34.37. Farm laborers wages average: Men, per month. $8.91; women, $5.27; children, $3.58; rations and houses bring this to $15.36 for men. Over three-fourths of the farmers making reports favor compulsoy education. Returns show that in eleven counties there is no railway.

The case of Jefferson, charged with murdering Captain Barnes at Wilson will be argued in the supreme court tomorrow. There is a new point in the case, this being as to whether proof of the dying declaration of Barnes to his little son, who was in the buggy with him when the fatal shot was fired, is competent evidence. The attorney general will put it on the ground of motive. Evidence was given by a newspaper reporter to whom Jefferson made full confession here to newspaper reporters.

Eugene S. Martin arrived to take testimony in the Carolina Central fertilizer freight rate case.

Free of Charge.

And adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at R. R. Bellamy's, will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

Funeral Sunday Afternoon.

Rev. Hay Watson Smith conducted the funeral of the late Miss Maria C. Latta from the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There was a very large attendance, and numerous floral tributes which attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The pall bearers were: Honorary, Colonel Walker Taylor and Mr. W. M. Cumming; active, Colonel Roger Mooore and Messrs. R. W. Hicks, J. R. Turrentine, Jr., W. E. Perdew, W. H. Howell and Aubrey Walsh.

In the Church Parlors Tonight.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will be in the parlors of the church this evening from 5 to 10 o'clock for the purpose of selling fancy work, etc., for Christmas presents, and serving refreshments, the proceeds to benefit the missionary fund.

Captain DeRosset's Return.

Captain A. L. DeRosset has returned from New York, where he went several weeks ago to take the Pasteur treatment. He expresses himself as thoroughly pleased with the treatment, which he says makes him an immune for seven years. The wound on his hand, though healing, is still a little painful.

In speaking of his stay at the institute Captain DeRosset said yesterday that when he arrived and for probably six days thereafter he was the only patient, but that later eighteen, all bitten by rabid dogs, came from Buffalo, N. Y.

Campbell Encampment Officers.

At a regular meeting of Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

C. P.—E. F. Johnson.
H. P.—A. W. Allen.
S. W.—J. T. King.
J. W.—W. B. Clark.
Secretary—W. H. Howell.
Treasurer—N. Jacobi.
Trustees—B. J. Jacobs, L. L. Boon H. O. Craig.

These officers, with the appointive officers, will be installed by District Deputy Grand Patriarch L. L. Boon on the first Monday night in January.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. R. R. Bellamy.

ALMOST A MONEY PANIC.

A DAY OF GREAT EXCITEMENT ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

A TRUST COMPANY SUSPENDS.

A Banking and Stock Broker Firm Also Closes Its Doors—Wild Rumors in Circulation—Stocks Thrown Over at Any Price—Call Money Soars—The Suspended Trust Company a Subscriber to the Seaboard Air Line Syndicate—A Statement.

New York, December 18.—Panic conditions developed on the stock exchange this afternoon, with the imperative need of money developed by the violent contraction in values. Stocks were being thrown over without the slightest regard to the price they would bring and at distressing sacrifice of values. No end to the helplessness of the situation seemed in sight, when, in the last half hour of the market some $10,000,000 was offered on the stock exchange by the concerted action of the clearing house banks to force the rate arbitrarily down to 6 per cent., without regard to the distracted bidding at higher rates which was being done by other brokers for distressed operators.

The collapse in the money rate checked the decline and drove the bears to cover. Te recoveries produced by their urgent bidding were almost as violent as the declines had been, but the losses were by no means entirely retrieved. Large offerings of stocks continued at the rally, and at some points of the list prices broke anew before the close, making the closing exceedingly irregular and unsettled. The excitement continued to the end, with sentiment looking forward anxiously for the developments of another day.

The seriousness of the crisis has called forth the best efforts of powerful and conservative financial interests, who are busy concerting measures to tide over the money difficulties, which beset the stock market, and which, by reason of their extent and the importance of the interests involved, threaten to affect the country's business interests, unless obstacles are opposed.

So far as actual news was concerned today, there was a suspension by a newly organized trust company, and by a firm of bankers and brokers who have figured as trading in stocks to an extent to some importance. Neither event in itself would have been sufficient to precipitate a crisis. But they were supplemented with a whole crop of wild and incoherent rumors, which spared no interest, however powerful, long established and hitherto free from suspicion it may have been. One would think from the tone of some of the gossip that was flying about by telephone, telegraph and by messenger boy or by whispers and even by shoutings in the lobbies of the stock exchange, that the whole financial fabric had been undermined and was about to tumble in ruins. Yet the day closed with two failures above mentioned as the sum total of disaster, so far as admitted insolvency was concerned.

The reason for the widespread effect upon sentiment of the trust company's suspension was that it was one of a large number of institutions recently formed on similar lines and which have thriven upon the multiplying of securities incident to the industrial combinations which have been a feature for the past year. The securities of these combinations as a class have been in disfavor in Wall street for many weeks past and in fact ever since the headlong inflation in their prices and subsequent collapse last spring. Some of the least fortunate of the new combinations have been affiliated with the trust company which closed its doors today. The incident caused a feeling of distrust with regard to the whole class of industrial securities, as is sufficiently evident from the wide breaches made in the values of this class of securities in the day's trading.

SUSPENSION OF PRODUCE EXCHANGE TRUST COMPANY.

The Produce Exchange Trust Company, of this city, closed its doors today. A notice upon the door says that the company suspended payment, pending a readjustment of its affairs.

A statement of the company's condition at the close of business Saturday last shows assets $11,719,500, including syndicate loans of $4,423,500, demand loans $685,000, cash on hand $118,000, cash in Western national bank $533,000, cash in National City bank $100,000, cash in First national bank, of Jersey City, $100,000, cash in Standard bank $269,000.

The Produce Exchange Trust Company was organized a couple of years ago, with a capital of $2,500,000 and had a reported surplus and undivided profits at this time of over $2,000,000. Its business was chiefly with merchants, tradesmen and corporations in its immediate vicinity, and it was also supposed to do some of the banking business of the Standard Oil Company. It had been designated by the banking department of the state as a legal depository for state moneys and municipal moneys, as well as of the funds of the savings banks and state banks.

The officers of the company are: President, Turner A. Beall; vice presidents, Edwin Gould, Thomas A. McIntyre and S. D. Scudder; secretary and treasurer, S. L. Chamberlain; assistant secretary and treasurer, William Laws.

The officers of the company declined to see anybody or give anything for publication beyond this supplementary statement that was posted on the doors some time after 11 o'clock:

"The immediate cause of the suspension of the company is its inability to convert its securities into cash in time to meet the sudden and abnormal demand made upon it."

STATEMENT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The special committee appointed to examine the affairs of the company organized by electing Edwin Gould chairman. The committee was in session all the afternoon and the early part of the evening. The results of the committee's deliberations is given in the appended statement:

"The special committee, consisting of Messrs. Gould, Bidwell, Maher, Brainerd and Armstrong, appointed by the board of directors of the Produce Exchange Company to look after its assets and affairs, have examined the condition of the bank as fully as the limited time at its disposal has permitted. The committee is well assured, as a result of such examination, that every depositor will be paid in full, and that a large surplus will remain for the stockholders. The difficulties of the company are the result of the locking up of an undue proportion of its funds in loans not immediately realizable and which it is believed will eventually realize a very large percentage of the amount loaned. The committee is endeavoring to effect arrangements for the early payment of the depositors and also expects to issue a fuller statement at a latter date."

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE SEABOARD AIR LINE SYNDICATE.

Baltimore, December 18.—J. William Middendorf, of the firm of Middendorf, Oliver & Co., and H. Irvine Keyser, of this city, are directors in the Produce Exchange Trust Company, of New York, as is also J. Skelton Williams, of Richmond, Va., who is president of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company. Mr. Middendorf, speaking of the failure, said: "Of course the news of the failure is most unwelcome, but it will not be so far-reaching as some people suppose. The affairs of the concern were recently investigated by an expert and found to be in good condition; hence, I believe the suspension has been brought about by the unsatisfactory state of the money market. The company was interested as a subscriber to the syndicate formed for the financing of the proposed reorganizing of the Seaboard Air Line, but its suspension will in no way impede the progress of that reorganization, which is now practically an accomplished fact."

SUSPENSION OF HENRY ALLEN & CO.

New York, December 18.—The suspension of the firm of Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers, was today announced on the stock exchange. The suspension is attributed to the failure of some of its customers to respond to calls for additional margins made necessary by recent declines. The house has been known as a trader on rather an extensive scale.

OTHER FAILURES.

Boston, December 18.—Joseph Squire & Co., 39 North street, assigned today to G. W. Fiske & Co., produce commission merchants. Mr. Fiske said that no statement of the firm's condition could be made at this time, but that its liabilities were very small. The assignment was made as a protective measure.

Baltimore, December 18.—The Charles A. Vogeler Company, druggists, consisting of Christian Devries and his wife, formerly Mrs. Minnie A. Vogeler, have made a general assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Henry S. Dulaney, who has been for many years the general manager of the company, is the assignee. No statement of assets and liabilities has been made.

SLUMP IN COTTON AND STOCKS.

The Bears Have Full Swing in the Exchanges.

(Special to The Messenger.)

New York, December 18.—Fully 1,000,000 bales of cotton were sold here today and prices at one time were 30 points lower, closing steady at a decline of 24 points for the day. The severe decline was due to a semi-panic in Wall street, with two failures in that quarter; heavy Wall street selling, and enforced general liquidation, partly on stop orders. Of course the bears seized the opportunity to raid the market. Towards the close heavy covering of shorts and supporting orders from Wall street caused a rally.

Liverpool dropped 4 to 4½ points, closing quiet. Spot prices there were 1-32d lower, with sales of 8,000 bales. Manchester was reported quiet.

Spot cotton declined 3-16d at New York, ¼c at Augusta, ⅛c at New Orleans and St. Louis and 1-16c at Savannah, Norfolk and Baltimore, and the sales were everywhere light. Here there were only 158 bales sold and in New Orleans 1,000.

Port receipts were 36,390 bales, against 42,672 a week ago, 72,888 last year, 66,595 in 1897, and 68,275 in 1896. The New Orleans estimate for tomorrow was only 9,500 to 10,500 bales, against 11,497 a week ago and 31,227 last year. The Houston estimate was 17,500 to 18,500, against 20,483 a week ago and 31,209 last year. Exports were pretty liberal.

Reports from some parts of Texas are that 95 per cent. of the cotton is sold. Receipts at most of the interior towns today were light. Memphis got only 4,300 bales, against 5,700 a week ago and 7,000 last year; Selma 197, against 785 a week ago and 613 last year; Columbus, Ga., 145, against 309 last week and 857 last year; Atlanta 489, against 749 last week and 1,125 last year; Vicksburg, however, received 554 against 241 last week and 564 last year.

Opelika, Ala., reports: "Farmers in the country hold less cotton than usual and that present holders of cotton are well backed and the banks have plenty of money and are very eager and willing to hold cotton. The December plantation movement is moderate. The last pickings are marketed."

The government Texas report for November, just issued, says: "The crop is light, except in a few places, and, as a whole, is considerably below an average." This will explain why dispatches are received every now and then from some parts of Texas, reporting that receipts are larger than last years. Texas, as a whole, is far behind last year, if we accept the vast majority of the reports, private and official.

The liquidation today has undoubtedly been very severe, but in the end will be beneficial for the market. It eliminates a great deal of weak long cotton and tonight this cotton is in stronger hands. There may be further liquidation and with it a further decline, but, ultimately, unless all the indications are deceptive the upward movement will be resumed. It would be unreasonable, however, to expect anything of this kind at once.

Coffee advanced 5 points and would have gone higher, but for the financial flurry in Wall street, as receipts at Rrio were only 7,000 and at Santos 16,000, while Rio rose 325 reis, Santos 100, Havre ¼ to ½ franc and Hamburg ½ pfennig. The warehouse deliveries were 17,623 bags. The visible supply is gradually decreasing and is now only 1,170,857, or but 40,000 more than a year ago. The undertone was unmistakably firm, though any very decided improvement may be checked for the time being by the depression at the stock exchange.

A violent break in prices in stocks was due to the serious situation in South Africa, depression in London, the failure of the Produce Exchange Trust Company and Henry Allen & Co., and vague rumors of other embarrassments impending, which proved to be without foundation. Of course the whole situation was rendered more trying by the continued stringency in money, which, as a matter af fact, is the underlying cause of the failures and the liquidation. At one time the rate ran up to 186 per cent. per annum. British consols fell 1⅝, dropping below par for the first time in many years. Furthermore, there is a general impression that further gold exports will be made, though sterling exchange was ⅛c lower on signt bills today.

The clearing house banks, however, agreed to let their customers have money at 6 per cent., and this had a more or less bracing effect. London sold about 50,000 shares. Keen brokers sold early, but in the later business bought and in two days they are understood to have purchased over 100,000 shares of various stocks. There was other good buying at the decline. The total sales for the day were nearly 1,500,000 shares. It is believed that Secretary Gage will do something to relieve the money market.

Yours truly,
S MUNN, SON & CO.

Sneak Thieves Arrested.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 18.—Two young white men giving their names as Charles and Frank Williams and claiming to be brothers, are in jail here, charged with burglary. They opened doors, entered hallways of residences at night and stole five overcoats and four ladies' capes. One of them when arrested was asleep with Captain Bill Day's overcoat on. The men give Whitaker as their home. They have worked in a cotton mill here. Some persons say they are from Wilmington.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says: "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. R. R. Bellamy.

ELEVEN DEMOCRATS

VOTE WITH THE SOLID REPUBLICANS ON THE CURRENCY BILL.

NO AMENDMENTS ENTERTAINED.

A Proposition to Recommit With Instructions to Report a Free Silver Bill Declared Out of Order—Two Resolutions on Filipino Independence Introduced in the Senate—Senator Morgan Calls Up and Discusses His Anti-Trust Resolution.

SENATE.

Washington, December 18.—What the senate may accomplish in the way of legislation for the Philippines during the present session is problematical, but that the question will be thoroughlydiscussed is indicated by the number of resolutions bearing upon it being introduced. In opposition to the retention by the United States of the Philippine islands, two resolutions were introduced today, one by Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, and the other by Senator Bacon, of Georgia.

While they differ in phraseology, their intent practically is the same—to yield the islands to a government to be established by the Filipinos themselves. Both senators gave notice of their intention to address the senate on their respective resolutions.

Senator Tillman offered a resolution reciting some clauses of the declaration of independence, declaring that under the constitution the federal government has no power to rule over colonial dependencies, but is restricted in its operations to states as integral parts of the union and to territories intended for future states, and declaring, further, that the expansion of our commerce has not been, and cannot be, dependent upon the adoption of a policy of imperialism, and maintaining further, "that we are opposed to the retention of the Philippine islands by the United States, and that it is our purpose to consent to the independence of the Filipinos as soon as a stable government shall be established by them; and toward the prompt establishment of such government, we pledge our friendly assistance."

Senator Tillman asked that the resolution lie on the table, as he desired to address the senate upon it.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, called up his resolution "to prohibit combinations between corporations to control inter-state commerce and transportation" and addressed the senate upon it. He dealt, in the beginning, with the legal aspect of trusts, and the difficulty of reaching them by the enactments of state legislatures or of congress. He regarded the evils called trusts as all included in the combinations of persons to control trade. What an individual could accomplish in trade was regarded as legitimate, but when great corporations were aggregated together to control any given branch of trade or commerce or transportation, it became evident that the rights of the people were likely to be infringed. It had for years been a serious problem before the law-making power to control these combinations, and upon the solution of that problem would, in his opinion, depend much for the people.

Senator Morgan declared that all the advantages which had been gained by the trusts had been obtained at the expense of the people, and particularly of labor, and "I desire to know," he said, "whether this congress will respond to the almost despairing demand of the people for relief."

The senate went into executive session at 2:20 o'clock p. m. and at 3:05 o'clock adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Green, of Nebraska.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The currency bill, which was debated all last week, was passed today by the house by a vote of 190 to 150. It had the united support of every republican in the house and of eleven democrats—Messers. Clayton, Driggs, Fitzgerald, Levy, Ruppert, Scudder, Underhill and Wilson, of New York; Mr. McAleer, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Denny, of Maryland, and Mr. Thayer, of Massachusetts. All the other democrats voted against the measure or were paired, except Mr. John Walter Smith, governor-elect from Maryland; Mr. Stalling, of Alabama, and General Joseph Wheeler, of Alabama.

Mr. Stallings, of Alabama, has not been present in the house this session, owing to the illness and one of his colleagues announced that if present he would have voted in the negative. General Wheeler is serving in the Philippines. Mr. Smith is, therefore, the only member of the house who did not go on record upon the bill today. When the speaker announced the result of the vote, the republicans cheered lustily. That was the only demonstration in connection with the vote.

Neither a motion to recommit nor an offer of a substitute was in order by the terms of the special rule under which the house was operating.

Mr. Gaines, of Tennessee, asked if it was in order to recommit, with instructions to report back a free coinage bill.

"It is not," replied the speaker.

The bill was then read a third time and placed upon its final passage.

"I demand the yeas and nays," said Mr. Overstreet, in charge of the bill.

Members rose on both sides en masse to second the demand. Evidently a sufficient number," said the speaker. "The clerk will call the roll."

The roll call was followed with great interest. There were no demonstrations when the democrats away from the majority of their party voted in the affirmative. The clerk called the names of the democrats, who declined to respond, twice on each roll call. Every republican voted for the bill.

Messrs. Catchings, of Mississippi; Campbell, of Montana; Broussard, Robertson and Davey, of Louisiana, were paired against the bill.

After the vote the speaker rather unexpectedly announced the committee selections and the reading of the lists was followed with intense eagerness by the members whose opportunities for distinction depend so largely upon their committee assignments. The only incident in connection with the reading of the lists was Mr. Bailey's interrogatory of the speaker as to whether General Wheeler's name had been placed upon the committee on ways and means. Speaker Henderson responded in the negative. A vacancy has been left on this committee for General Wheeler.

The announcement of the death of the late Representative Bland, of Missouri, which occurred last summer, was made by Mr. Dearmond, of Missouri, and the house, at 1:05 o'clock, out of respect to his memory, adjourned until tomorrow.

A NICARAGUAN CANAL BILL.

Washington, December 18.—Senator Sullivan, of Mississippi, today introduced a bill authorizing the acquisition of the right of way for the construction of the Nicaragua canal by the government of the United States and giving power to the president to negotiate with Great Britain for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its after effects. R. R. Bellamy.

ENGLAND IS AWAKENING

TO NECESSITY OF A MORE POWERFUL ARMY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

HER FORCES TO BE DOUBLED.

She Will Soon Have One Hundred and Forty Thousand Men in the Field. General Lord Roberts Placed in Command, With General Kitchener as His Chief of Staff—No Important News from the Seat of War—Battle of Tugela River Described.

(Special to The Baltimore Sun.)

London, December 17.—The British government is at last fully awake to the necessity of a vigorous campaign in South Africa.

There is no doubt that even the cabinet up to last Saturday underestimated the Boer defensive strength. As a result of the cabinet meeting on that day, when the successive reverses of Generals Gatacre, Methuen and Buller were carefully considered, the following important measures were decided upon, which were announced tonight for the first time:

Field Marshal Lord Roberts has been appointed commander-in-chief in South Africa.

Lord Kitchenor, of Khartoum, is to be Roberts' chief of staff.

The whole of the reserve not yet incorporated will be called up. The Seventh division, now mobilizing, will proceed at once to South Africa. Reinforcements of artillery, including three howitzer batteries, will also be sent out.

General Buller is authorized to raise a local mounted corps in South Africa. A considerable mounted force from England will be sent. Nine battalions of militia, in addition to three which have already volunteered, will be asked to volunteer for foreign service. A special force of volunteer regiments will be formed for South African service. Offers of mounted men from the colonies will be accepted.

These measures should give the British forces in South Africa 50,000 more men. On the way there or in process of embarkation are the Fifth and Sixth divisions, about 20,000 strong; while the total of men under arms in South Africa, including Cape, Natal and local forces, may be placed at 75,000, deducting losses. Thus the British strength in the field is to be almost doubled.

"BOBS," THE SOLDIERS' IDOL.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who has been appointed to the chief command of the British forces in South Africa, is a man whom all England trusts. The soldiers love him and speak of him familiarly as "Bobs."

He received his first commission as second lieutenant in the Bengal artillery in 1851, served with distinction throughout the Indian mutiny campaign and received the Victoria Cross for personal bravery in the field in 1858.

(By Associated Press.)

London, December 19.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing from Frere camp, Natal December 15th and describing the Tugela river battle says:

"The Boers in great force occupied a strong, entrenched position, commanding the river and reaching back about 800 yards from its further side. General Hart's brigade, on the left, first attempt a crossing under a murderous Nordenfeldt and rifle fire. The Royal Dublin fusileers, the Royal Inniskinner fusileers; the Kings Own Scottish borderers and the Connaught rangers crossed with superb and unflinching gallantry, but the position on the other side was found utterly untenable.

"The British suffered heavily from a perfect hail of artillery and shrapnel, while their own artillery was very badly mauled. They were therefore, obliged to re-cross the river.

"On the righ, general Hilyard's brigade, displaying equal heroism, succeeded in entering the village of Colenson, but the Sixth battery encountered a murderous fire and was compelled to retire, leaving guns and ammunition wagons on the veldt. This brigade was also obliged to fall back.

"Meanwhile, General Barton's brigade also failed to take possession of Hlangwri hill, as was intended, and the entire force retired on Chievley, General Clery was in command."

London, December 19.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Naauopoort, Cape Colony, Dated December 16th says: "The Boers brought a big gun to bear on the British near Vaar kop. The British pieces were too small to reach the enemy, and after an intermittent artillery duel, General French withdrew under shell fire, but without losses, to Arundel."

Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Thursday, December 14.—General Gatacre has issued a proclamation forbidding all persons living on farms to move about the district or to visit Sterkstroom, except on Saturdays and then only with passes, under pain of summary arrest. It is understood that the proclamation is directed partly to the prevention of the conveyance of news regading British movements.

A COURT SENSATION.

A Physician on Trial for Mal-Practice Shot by Brother of a Victim.

St. Louis, December 18.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Texas, says: The trial of Dr. S. M. Jenkins, charged with murder and abortion, came to a sudden and tragic end today, when Hugh Wheat, 28 years old, a brother of Mary Wheat, one of the doctor's alleged victims, shot and mortally wounded the defendant in a crowded court room.

Court had just convened. The state introduced as the first witness Hugh Wheat, who walked into the court room with his hat on, came up to the railing where the defendant sat, pulled a pistol and shot Dr. Jenkins in the back, the ball passing near the spinal column, inflicting what is believed to be a mortal wound. When Wheat fired he dropped the pistol and ran toward the door. John Halligan, bother-in-law of Jenkins, grabbed it up and fired at Wheat, missing him. Wheat and Hallingan were arrested, but the latter was released on bonds of $5,000.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Thanks of Congress to Schley.

Washington, December 18.—Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, today introduced a joint resolution, tendering to Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley and to the officers and men under his command the thanks of congress "for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, as displayed by him in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, July 3, 1898." The resolution was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

"One Minute Cought Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. R. R. Bellamy.

LOCKJAW HAS DEVELOPED.

Little Child Injured While Rolling a Hoop Not Expected to Live.

An especially sad case of which a Messenger representative was told yesterday is that of Master Nash Landin, the 6-year-old son of Mr. T. F. Landin, on South Fifth street, who was roling a hoop a few days ago and stuck it in the side of his neck. Ointments were applied and it is thought the wound healed too soon, as severe inflammation has since set in, causing the child to take lockjaw, from which his death was hourly expected last night.

Toys, Games, Dolls, Blocks, Pictures, are among the holiday goods sold by The C. W. Polvogt Co. *

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOLLY.—WE HAVE FOR CHRISTmas Holly, Mistletoe, Bamboo, Red Berries, Ferns, Palms and other Plants. Also Christmas trees, Roses and Carnations. MRS. H. REHDER. dec 19, 2t

ALL THE YOUNG LADIES INTEREsted in the german to be given by the same, on Xmas night, will please mett at Miss Harlow's, corner Third and Market, on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. dec 19 1t*

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