

BRABANT DEFEATED NEAR ORANGE RIVER

Boers Gain Another Great Victory Over the British.

PLANS SPLENDIDLY LAID

Clements' Entire Force Had a Narrow Escape From Capture—Boers Hold Prayer Service After the Battle, British Wounded Doing Well.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 18.—The Boers crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony, west of Aliwalnorth, on Saturday, encountered the Cape rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with losses.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 18.—Details of the defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht indicate that General Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture.

The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery.

After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring British.

All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

Colonel Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot his Boer with a revolver before he fell with three bullets in his body.

British Wounded Doing Well.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 17, reports that all the British wounded in the engagement at Nooitgedacht have arrived there and are doing well.

BRYAN TO START A PAPER

It Will Defend the Principles of the Kansas City Platform.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—Hon. W. J. Bryan gave out the following interview this morning:

"I have for several years had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it.

"Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions, I have chosen this method because it will best accomplish the purpose which I have in view. Through such a paper I shall be able to keep in touch with social and political problems. The paper will at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past.

"I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns where I can speak to students, but my principal work will be done with the pen, or perhaps I should say with the pencil.

"The paper will be called The Commonwealth and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform. The first issue will appear in January. I shall be proprietor and editor."

TRAIN ROBBER FOUND DEAD

He is Identified as Channing Barnes, a Notorious Highwayman.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—The Illinois Central robber, who held up the Chicago train on Tuesday, has been found dead in the vicinity of his crime.

On the person of the dead man was the watch of Kinnabrew, which leaves no doubt of his identity as the leader of the gang who held up the train.

The robber has since been identified as Channing B. Barnes, alias John H. Nelson, alias Jack Nelson. He was wanted for holding up the Illinois Central train near Watkins, Ky., July 11, 1900, and robbing the safe of the American Express company. His brother, Charles W. Barnes, and Richard Doyle were arrested and convicted for the latter job and each is serving a ten year sentence in the Kentucky state penitentiary. When the attempt was made to arrest Channing Barnes in St. Louis he shot Chief Special Agent George Murray of the Illinois Central the breast and hand and made his escape.

ROBBERS SECURE \$15,000.

Indiana Bank Looted—Posses in Pursuit of the Criminals.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Burglars entered Kennedy's bank at Hoops, south of here, early today, blew the safe open and secured \$15,000. Two burglars looted the bank while the third kept watch outside with a carriage, in which all escaped. A posse is in pursuit of the robbers.

Hoops is only 5 miles from Flat Rock, where the safe in the postoffice was blown open early Monday morning and \$300 taken. It is presumed that the operators in both cases are the same.

May Be Extended to Sevierville.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 18.—A proposition has been made to Sevier county, Tenn., to build an extension of the Knoxville and Augusta railroad from Gamble's store to Sevierville, a distance of about 25 miles. This will give Sevierville railroad communication with Knoxville, a thing that has been desired for the past half century. The proposition is that Sevier county bear half the cost. It may be accepted.

Exposition Company Organized.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 18.—The East Tennessee Exposition company has been organized in this city with a capital of \$100,000. The company proposes to give an exposition here next fall, displaying the resources and industrial products of East Tennessee and adjacent sections. Federal appropriation for a federal building may be secured.

Searching For a Negro Friend.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 18.—A posse of enraged citizens of Cohutta, Ga., are scouring the woods in quest of a negro who assaulted Miss Annie Neal, 16 years old. The negro choked his victim into insensibility, accomplished his purpose and then covered the unconscious girl with leaves and set fire to them.

JOHNSON AGAIN PRESIDENT

Annual Election of Officers of the Municipal League.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—The League of American Municipalities, which has been in session here since Wednesday, concluded its business and adjourned this afternoon. The next convention will be held at Jamestown, N. C.

The following officers were elected: President, J. A. Johnson, Mayor, D. W. Bedford, Conn.; Snythe, Charleston, and Stephens, St. Louis; secretary, John McVice, former mayor of Des Moines; treasurer, T. P. Taylor, Bridgeport; trustees, Mayor Head, Nashville; Alderman Goodman, New York, and Mayor Weakley, Florence, Ala.

A paper was read at the morning session by Mayor Jones of Toledo on "Obstacles in the Way of Municipal Ownership."

Several other interesting papers were read and discussed.

PREACHER WAS ARRESTED

Released He Attempts to Swear Out a Warrant Against the Mayor.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—Rev. W. A. Cuddy of Washington, an interdenominational evangelist and editor of The Prophetic Alarm, appeared before Magistrate Rouse to swear out a warrant against Mayor Smyth and Chief of Police Boyle.

Cuddy was holding a meeting on the street without a permit and was arrested. The ministers of the city had the charges against Cuddy withdrawn, and as soon as he was released he tried to swear out a warrant.

When the warrant was refused Cuddy called down terrific epithets on Charleston, and Judge Rouse threatened to send him to jail for disorderly conduct. The traveling divine has endeavored to make a tremendous impression here.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

In Her Death Struggles She Also Kills Her Mother.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 17.—At the home of Allen Fuller, hear here, his daughter discovered an outhouse on fire. She ran to put it out, and in doing so her clothing caught fire.

Her mother, attracted by her screams, ran to the aid of her daughter. She threw her arms around her mother in her death agony and, despite the furthest struggles of the old woman, literally squeezed her to death. Physicians say the mother was thus killed by the fire did its work upon the daughter.

Raleigh Objects to the Census.

RALEIGH, Dec. 15.—The census statement of Raleigh's population has caused such a stir that council met and decided to take a police census at once. The Democratic poll books were examined and these, at the usual proportion of one voter to five persons showed 16,700 persons within the city limits. An alderman said the incorrectness of the census would be proved and that the government would be asked to correct.

Insanity Among Negroes Increasing.

RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—Insanity among negroes is found to be greatly increasing in North Carolina. The asylum for negro insane has been twice enlarged in 20 years. The legislature will be asked to appropriate \$50,000 for another enlargement. Fully half of this year's applications for admission have been refused for lack of room. There are over 400 inmates.

Negro Child Burned to Death.

SHELBY, N. C., Dec. 17.—A negro woman left her 3-year-old child asleep and went out to work. Returning later she found the child lying in the yard dead. It had a wretched scalding on its face and while playing in the fire with a broom its clothes became ignited. It ran into the yard, where it died.

Scalped by a Train.

NEWBERNE, N. C., Dec. 18.—John A. Dill, in endeavoring to step off a train, missed his footing and fell. The ax-blow struck his head, literally scalping him. His condition is critical. He has been superintending work on the Delaware breakwater for Contractor Bangs, Hughes & Co. of New York.

Dr. Hoge's Probable Successor.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 17.—Rev. J. M. Wells of Staunton, Va., has been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of this city to succeed Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., who resigned about a year ago to become pastor of Warren Memorial church, Louisville.

White Woman Burned to Death.

NEWBERNE, N. C., Dec. 19.—Frances Harper, a widow, 70 years old, met with a horrible death at her home in this city. While warming herself before a fireplace her clothing became ignited and she was fearfully burned, dying within a few minutes in great agony.

Negro Woman Burned to Death.

MORGANTON, N. C., Dec. 19.—Violet Greenlee, a blind negro woman 80 years of age, was burned to death. She was left alone in the house and when her children returned she was lying dead with her head in the fire, where she had evidently fallen.

Will Lose One Member.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 18.—It is generally accepted that South Carolina will lose a representative in congress. This will cause a general mix up and scramble and has created quite a stir in political circles.

Gored to Death by a Bull.

DARLINGTON, S. C., Dec. 18.—An old negro woman living on Dr. Baird's place, while hitching a bull to a cart, was attacked by the animal and gored to death. She was almost disemboweled.

Accidentally Killed.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 19.—While swapping pistols on the street, Peter Byrd, 17 years old, was accidentally shot by Charles Jones, aged 16, and instantly killed.

SENATOR TILLMAN WANTS INFORMATION

His Resolution to Come Up in Executive Session.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY

After Transacting Routine Business the Senate Goes Into Executive Session For Its Further Consideration. District Day in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—No business of general importance was transacted by the senate today in open session. Prior to the secret session only routine matters were brought before the board, if a resolution introduced by Mr. Tillman of South Carolina is excepted.

At the conclusion of the routine business Mr. Tillman sent to the desk and had read this resolution:

"Resolved, That the president is hereby requested if, in his judgment, not incompatible with the public good, to send to the senate all communications between this government and the government of Colombia, showing what steps if any, have been taken by this government to secure a treaty between the two governments or a modification by Colombia of existing treaties or concessions with the view of securing to the United States the right to construct a canal over the territory of Colombia, between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

At the conclusion of the reading of the resolution Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts remarked:

"That is executive business. I move that the senate now go into executive session."

Mr. Tillman—"Aren't you going to allow this resolution to go through?"

"Certainly, in executive session."

The senate then at 12:30 o'clock went into executive session to resume consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

TO PROHIBIT GRAIN IMPORTS

Germany Will Place an Embargo on Foodstuffs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The agrarian party in Germany, having successfully brought about a law at the last session of the Reichstag prohibiting, in effect, the importation of American canned meats strangles of the old woman, literally squeezed her to death. Physicians say the mother was thus killed by the fire did its work upon the daughter.

"It is difficult to see," says Mr. Dietrich, "how the proposed national legislation can have any other effect in the long run than to enhance the price of the daily bread so needful to every man, woman and child in this country."

It is impossible to understand, he says, how the proposed duty can increase the crops of wheat throughout Germany, or decrease the appetite of the German people.

At present, however, the consul says, there seems little doubt that the proposed law will be passed by the Reichstag. As a large portion of the importation of wheat is American grown, this will seriously affect the interests of the American farmer.

"A duty of 40 or 50 cents on every bushel of wheat," concludes Consul Dietrich, "cannot fail to be well liked by the farmer, and will result in more limited markets, fiercer competition and lower prices to the producer."

ARGUMENTS ARE CONTINUED

Great Interest Manifested in the Porto Rico-Philippine Cases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Arguments in the Porto Rico-Philippine cases, involving the status of those countries to the United States, were resumed in the United States supreme court today. Senators and representatives in congress were also taking part in the Philippine case. The arguments proceeded and gave attentive ear to the proceedings.

Prior to the opening of the court the counsel for the United States presented a general plan of procedure, by which Edward C. Perkins, senior counsel in the Porto Rico case, concluded his argument today, being followed by Lawrence Harmon, counsel in the Philippine case. The appellants then gave way to Attorney General Griggs for the presentation of the case in behalf of the government.

Charles H. Aldrich, former solicitor general and senior counsel in the Philippines case, will close in behalf of the appellants.

Appropriations Over \$75,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The house committee on rivers and harbors expect to have their report completed before the holiday recess. The total is mounting up far beyond the original anticipations and it may be found necessary to scale all around. It is understood that the bill with continuing contracts as now agreed upon exceeds \$75,000,000.

Rodgers to Succeed Brady.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—At the cabinet meeting today it was announced that Captain Asa Rodgers of Petersburg, Va., would be appointed collector of internal revenue to succeed the late Colonel James Brady. Nothing of importance transpired at the meeting, both Secretaries Hay and Root reporting that they had nothing to communicate.

New Orleans Postmaster Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—J. R. Pitkin of New Orleans has presented his resignation as postmaster to the postmaster general, being submitted upon certain conditions. As the postmaster general has been in Florida for the past few days no action has yet been taken.

District Day in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—This was District Day in the house. The senate bill to amend the act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at Debarque, La., was passed.

JACOB L. BEACH INDICTED

Former Prison Commissioner Charged With Embezzlement.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Dec. 15.—Ex-State Prison Commissioner Jacob L. Beach has been indicted by the Glynn county grand jury, now in session, on the charge of embezzlement. The indictment was found some days ago and the warrant for Mr. Beach's arrest was served upon him in Atlanta. Mr. Beach accompanied Deputy Sheriff Fyles to Brunswick.

The indictment referred to is based upon certain allegations connecting Mr. Beach's name with the redemption of numerous Glynn county bonds alleged to have been fraudulently issued in 1878. It is alleged that he secured a number of these bonds when he was a county officer and had them redeemed by the county treasurer, after which he secured the same bonds from the treasurer's vaults and had them redeemed again.

Judge Bennett bound Mr. Beach over in the sum of \$4,000, which was promptly given.

NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED

Last Day of the Session Marked With the Usual Rush.

ATLANTA, Dec. 18.—Mr. Barron of Jones introduced a resolution in the house this morning to the effect that all measures not passed upon at adjournment of this session should go over to the next session as unfinished business, which was adopted.

Mr. Harper of Ga. introduced a resolution to create a joint committee from both houses to investigate fully the affairs and finances of the State Academy of the Blind at Macon, which was adopted.

Mr. Booth of Walton moved to reconsider the bill defeated yesterday for the relief of T. J. Mitchell, Thomas Swords and others of Walton county, who were under indictment for not paying retail liquor license tax. The motion prevailed.

The house then passed a senate bill to amend the charter of Macon.

The house passed the senate bill to amend the section of the code relating to the appointment of executors.

WORK WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

Colonel Machen and Edwin Gould Arrive in Brunswick.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Dec. 15.—Colonel E. C. Machen, the railroad builder, has arrived here to begin work on the Brunswick and Birmingham railroad. A peculiar incident of his arrival was noted in the presence of Edwin Gould of New York, who came down on the same train.

Colonel Machen denies, however, that the joint arrival of Mr. Gould and himself means anything and says the report that the Goulds are interested in the road are incorrect.

Organization Perfected.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Dec. 17.—The Brunswick and Birmingham Railroad company has been organized with E. C. Machen president.

BIG DEAL ON IN AUGUSTA

New Railroad is Negotiating For Valuable Property.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—There are many rumors current concerning a big deal in progress. It concerns the entry of a new railroad into the city.

The railroad in question is that of the Midville, Swainsboro and Red Bluff, owned by Jesse Thompson. The present road runs about 85 miles in actual operation and also has a right of way from Augusta to Midville.

It is further stated that this movement embraces the purchase of valuable property in Augusta and about 40 acres of other valuable property just outside the city limits. These two pieces of real estate are to be used for the construction of the terminals.

Mayor Woodward Arrested.

ATLANTA, Dec. 18.—Mayor James G. Woodward became so greatly intoxicated on the streets last night that he was taken in charge by the police. A case was entered against him on the police docket and the charge was simply "drunk." He was locked up in one of the detention wards on the second floor of the city prison and kept there until this morning.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless it is bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by S. Biggs.

Electric Plant Will Be Completed.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 18.—The great electric power plant on Ivy river, 12 miles from Asheville, on which \$75,000 has been spent, will be completed. In addition to this the French Broad river will be dammed about 10 miles below Asheville, and sufficient electricity will be developed by the two water powers to bring 3,000-horsepower electricity to Asheville.

Killed Over Cards.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 19.—Richard H. Harris, who shot and killed William F. Mallory on Bolingbrook street five years ago, was shot and instantly killed by F. J. A. Pate on the spot where Mallory fell. The shooting occurred over a game of cards and Pate claims that he was drawn into the trouble in defending a friend and shot in self defense.

Accused of Swallowing a Diamond.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ella Williams, wife of a well known insurance man, has been arrested on the charge of stealing and swallowing a 150 loose diamond while a clerk was out turned. A bogus diamond was found in the missing one's place. The woman claims to have detected the woman in the act of swallowing the diamond.

New Steamer Purchased.

COLUMBIA, Ga., Dec. 17.—The Georgia and Florida Navigation company has purchased the steamer Naid from the Central line of boats of this city and will operate her in place of the steamer T. M. States, which was burned two weeks ago.

UNIQUE GAMBLING SCHEME

Britons to Establish a Miniature Monte Carlo Off the Channel.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A syndicate has been formed to buy an obsolete Atlantic liner, fit her up as a miniature Monte Carlo, moor her off the English coast just outside the 3 mile limit and run a big game off channel. Launches will run between the shore and the ship and a hotel will be run in the ship. Her fittings will be luxurious. Roulette will be the principal game played in strict accordance with Monaco rules. Nominally it will be a club, but any man belonging to any recognized club in Europe can see to obtain admission upon payment of a nominal fee. This is similar to the rule of the Ostend club.

A private part of the ship will be devoted to a restricted club like any London club, with heavy subscriptions and limited membership. This will be for private play.

The promoters say making money is not so much their object as providing a place where Englishmen can gamble. They reckon the profits of the hotel and restaurant business will be sufficient to pay the expenses, so every reasonable concession will be made to gamblers.

The cost of the ship and outfitting is estimated at \$250,000, while more than \$1,000,000 will be subscribed to stake the bet.

ABOUT \$12,000 SUBSCRIBED

Movement to Erect a Monument to Oglethorpe Progressing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 19.—Hon. Walter G. Charlton, who is leading the movement to secure the erection of a monument to General Oglethorpe, founder of the colony of Georgia, says the proposed monument will cost from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Something like \$12,000 has already been secured, and there are promises of considerable more.

Mr. Charlton wants to see the memorial to the founder of Georgia composed of material from every county in the state, that the monument may be representative of the state just as the Washington monument is representative of all the states in the union.

Will Be Inaugurated Jan. 8.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 19.—Governor-elect W. S. Jennings will be inaugurated Jan. 8, 1901. The oath of office will be administered by Chief Justice Taylor of the Florida supreme court. The great seal of the state will then be delivered by Governor Bixham to his successor. After this the new governor will be escorted to the executive offices, where callers will be informally received by Governor Jennings and others. At 8 o'clock the same evening there will be an inaugural reception at the Leon hotel.

Greenville Cotton Mill Sold.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 19.—Sale of the Camperdown cotton mill property here, made by V. A. McBe of North Carolina to George A. Browning, representing himself and others. The plant consists of two mill buildings, water power of Reedy river and 36 acres of land, with all the improvements. Jan. 1 the new owners will begin putting the buildings in thorough repair. The machinery will be the latest improved, with 10,000 spindle capacity.

Robbers Make a Big Haul.

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Dec. 19.—Crackers have been operating with great success for several months in the smaller towns of South Carolina, but heretofore the robberies have been on a small scale. The biggest haul by burglars in many years was made at Sully, in this county. The store of Dick & Sully, general merchants and cotton buyers, was entered, the safe blown open and between \$7,000 and \$10,000 carried off.

Swindled Chattanooga Merchants.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 19.—A. L. L. Mace came here to open an office for one of the leading old line insurance companies. He carried a bank certificate of deposit for several hundred dollars. He cashed his certificate and bought goods from various stores, in each case giving a check for from \$15 to \$20 more than the amount of the purchase. He left and all the checks were worthless.

Train Goes Into the Creek.

SWAINSBORO, Ga., Dec. 19.—A logging train jumped the track over Yam Grandy creek. Engineer Elmore Vales was killed. Dr. D. H. Durham and Dr. J. M. Nunez, who were passengers on the train, and two negroes, were seriously injured. Dr. Durham was extricated from the wreckage where he was being slowly choked by a stream of boiling water from the engine.

How to Cure Croup.

Mr. R. Gay, who lives near Aments, Duches county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be torn in mind and a bottle of Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as the symptoms appear. For sale by S. Biggs.

Among the tens of thousands

who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and influenza during the past few years to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. H. Hildreth & Co., 240 Warshaw avenue, Chicago, one of the leading and most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for influenza in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery but also counteracts any tendency of the grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by S. Biggs.

Jumped Into the River.

WAYNESBORO, Dec. 15.—Near Groveland, on the Georgia and Alabama railroad, a dangle on a car wheel of one of the cars of the fast freight broke while the train was on the trestle over the Canoochee river. A rail was loosened and 27 cars loaded with lumber fell from the trestle down into the river. John Sheppard, a trainman, was badly hurt, but no one was killed.

Delegates to Maritime Congress.

WAYNESBORO, Dec. 18.—Official notification has been received of delegates to the maritime congress, having been appointed from Denver, New York, Louisville, New Orleans, Philadelphia and other places. Interest is growing in the congress, which convenes here Jan. 30 next.

Two Negroes Crushed to Death.

MACON, Dec. 15.—A Southern railway freight train ran into some cars on the Central's siding here and demolished a car of wagons, one of coal, one of cottonseed and an empty. Two negroes were crushed and buried under the ruins. They were working in the cottonseed.

Negro Crushed to Death.

WAYNESBORO, Dec. 18.—Jim Hayes, a negro, went into the woods near Argyle, 20 miles west of here, to cut cross ties. A tree fell on him, breaking both legs and one arm, from the effects of which death followed almost instantly.

Mrs. Norton Committed Suicide.

LUMPKIN, Ga., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Jennie Norton, a widow, committed suicide by drowning herself in a pond. A short while ago she attempted suicide by cutting her throat. Her mind has been unbalanced for some time.

Over 100 Men Laid Off.

DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 18.—The Louisville and Nashville Railroad company yesterday laid off 100 men in the shops there. This, following the discharge of 25 men last Saturday, is causing speculation as to the wage question, a reduction being feared by the labor leader.

Rich Deposit of Phosphate.

PRATTVILLE, Ala., Dec. 17.—Professor H