

BOERS RETREAT.

Brisk Fighting Around Ladysmith To-Day. Other Skirmishes.

Bubonic Plague Discovered Among Natives at Manila.—Precautions taken by Health Officers.

GUNS SLIPPED IN. Durban, Jan. 3.—Special.—Eye witnesses state that fifty cases said to contain pianos, were landed in Delagoa Bay last week. They really contained Krupp and Cruzeot guns.

BOERS RETREATING. Pinaritzburg, Jan. 3.—The shelling at Ladysmith has been severe since last week, but the garrison is confident. The mortality is slight.

Naawpoort, Jan. 3.—There is brisk fighting today on the hills around Colesburg. The Boers stubbornly resisted the British at every point but gradually retreated. The British held the extreme position south and east, overlooking the town.

BUBONIC PLAGUE. Manila, Jan. 3.—Special.—The health officers have found a native with all symptoms of the bubonic plague in a house in the walled city, where two suspicious deaths occurred. The patient is isolated and every precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Seaboard Wants Salisbury. A gentleman who is interested in Salisbury and spends a great deal of his time here has received a letter from an official of the Seaboard Air Line looking to the connection of that line here. No definite plan has yet been formulated but it is possible that the matter may be taken up later on and something of interest to Salisbury develop from it.

Sad Cut. W. D. Folk, a white laborer, cut his foot very bad badly this morning. He was chopping wood when the axe slipped and struck his foot. The left foot was cut clear to the bone and Mr. Folk had to be removed to home in a buggy. He will probably be laid up several weeks from the accident.

At Main Street Church. Rev. Dr. W. W. Bays, presiding elder of this district, will conduct service and administer communion at Main Street Methodist church Sunday night.

Mill Notes. The Salisbury Cotton Mill started up again this morning after standing idle two days for repairs.

Mrs. Brotherton Ill. Mrs. Matilda Brotherton, of Wilkesboro, who visiting her nephew, Mr. G. W. Wright, in East Salisbury, is quite ill. Mrs. Brotherton has a severe attack of the grip.

Knocking a friend down is said to be a sure way of dropping an acquaintance.

Advertisers Take Notice. Owing to the fact that several of our customers may want to change their advertisements the same day and as it is likely to delay the paper, we must ask advertisers to be governed by the following notice in every instance. The advertising patrons of THE INDEX, who desire their advertisements changed should be sure to have their copy in this office before 9:30 a. m. to insure an insertion the same day.

Story of a Slave. To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich. tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This sure remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Theo. F. Klutz & Co., druggist.

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\$3,000 CASH PRIZE CONTEST. The Atlanta Constitution's Great Offer of 1900—The Cotton Receipts at New Orleans from September to April—Full Statistics Given for Your Guidance—An Unparalleled Offer for Our Readers.

The Atlanta Constitution offers a \$3,000 cash prize contest for January, February and March, 1900, on the following subject: To the person sending correct subscription to The Weekly Constitution, together with the correct estimate on the cotton receipts at New Orleans during the first seven months of the present cotton year (September 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900) if estimate is received during February, \$1,000 if estimate is received during January, \$2,000 if estimate is received during March. The above are for the exact estimates; there are besides these six prizes, ranging along \$500, \$400, \$300, \$250 and \$200, amounting to \$1,600, that will be paid out sure for the six nearest estimates to the New Orleans cotton receipts at any time during the three months of the contest. But you hit it exact during January and secure the full \$3,000 prize check. The Constitution believes emphatically will hit the figures exactly and expects to pay out the full amount of the prizes offered. In all, in a contest of this nature, the person who guesses the exact figure of Mr. R. T. Pools, of Cape Hill, N. C., hit the exact figure and received a check for \$1,000 as his prize. Mr. Pools is now doing well in business in North Carolina and thus still has his old home. It is needless to say he is a warm friend of The Constitution. As a guide in making estimates on the New Orleans cotton receipts, The Constitution gives the following statistics compiled from statistics of the past four years: SEASON 1896-97... 1,200,000 bales 1897-98... 1,300,000 bales 1898-99... 1,400,000 bales 1899-00... 1,500,000 bales The Constitution's contest will give each week the most accurate of the cotton season from which you can always see the New Orleans cotton receipts from September 1, 1899, on through the 31st of the month, immediately preceding the publication. This will keep you posted to within two or three days of the time you send in your estimate. It is believed that some of the Texas crop, that as a rule is sent in bulk to New Orleans, will be directed this year to other ports because of the restrictive regulations enacted at New Orleans. The efforts of Louisiana to have maximum rates by injunction from United States courts will not have any effect upon the direction of cotton shipments to New Orleans. This is mentioned simply as a note in making an estimate; how much to allow, if anything, for this cause must be left to each man's judgment. The \$3,000 contest is a contest to which The Constitution will stand in every particular. Yet it is in its nature simply an advertisement by which The Constitution, combined with this paper may be made better known in this community. Send us the subscription to The Constitution and our paper at the advertised price of the two and with it your estimate on the New Orleans port receipts. On April 1st we trust a \$3,000 check will reach some of our subscribers to help make times even more easy round about us. The Weekly Constitution for 1900 will be better than ever before. Its special news features are unimpaired. The floor-flooding war, the Philippine and Cuban operations, the busy session of the most

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