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## A GREAT DEAL.

### Germany and England to Divide all the Portuguese Possessions.

### Queen Issues Warning to British Subjects.

### British Cruisers to Patrol the Atlantic. European Offices at Pretoria. Gen. Methuen Holds Firm. Boers Now at Colenso.

**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
BERLIN, Dec. 27.—It is stated that a secret Anglo-German Portuguese treaty divides the Portuguese colonies. This session was expected after the judgment of the Swiss arbitrators.

Germany is to pay twenty five million marks for the island of Timor in the Malay Archipelago, Goa on the Malabar coast once the capital of the Portuguese possessions in India, Paman a Portuguese seaport town in Hindustan, and Macao a Portuguese seaport in China 40 miles distant from Hong Kong. In addition to this Germany is to get all Portuguese possessions in Africa north of the Zambesi river except a three mile strip of land to be reserved for Cecil Rhodes' railway.

England is to get Delagoa Bay and other Portuguese African possessions. London, December 27.—There is a strong impression growing here that England should bring pressure to bear upon Portugal to secure from her the possession of Delagoa Bay, on the east coast of Africa.

Of course, the official hesitation in regard to such a movement is the thought that it would give the Continental Powers the excuse or opportunity some of them are believed to have been seeking to interfere in behalf of the Boers.

The public does not agree with this view. The people believe that if any one of the powers really intended to interfere it would have done so already.

Vienna dispatches hint that arrangements are proceeding for such a purchase, but it is doubtful if Lord Salisbury would venture such a step.

LONDON, December 27.—A meeting of the Privy Council was held today at Windsor Castle at which the Queen proclaimed a warning to all British subjects not to assist the inhabitants of the South African Republic or the Orange Free State or to transport merchandise thereto, under penalty of the law.

This order of the Council came as rather a shock to the British public, although stories of rebellion in Cape Colony have been widely printed. This order is the first real official recognition by the crown that secession exists and is supposed to emphasize the spread of treason in South African colonies.

HALIFAX, N. S. December 27.—Special orders have been sent to the Admiral of the British North American and West Indian stations for the dispatch of two fleet cruisers for service on the North and South Atlantic coasts. It is thought that the cruisers will look after craft sailing from American ports suspected of carrying arms and men for assistance of the Boers.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Daily News has received the following despatch from South Africa:

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 20.—It is learned from a reliable source hitherto singularly well informed that 8,000 European officers and men skilled in modern military tactics, particularly in artillery, are in Pretoria as a reserve.

General Forester-Walker reports from Cape Town, under date of December 25, that General Methuen was then well entrenched at Modder river, and that the Boers had not attacked him again. Methuen's naval guns are said to command the Boer position.

One hundred and fifty British police have occupied Dordrecht, a Cape Colony town, about 85 miles east of Sterkspruit, General Gatacre's headquarters. The Boers at Colenso, not content with waiting to meet another advance by Gen. Sir Redvers Buller's army, are moving southward toward his camp at Chevely, six miles from Colenso.

They have constructed a temporary bridge over the Tugela at Colenso to replace the one which British liddite shells wrecked, and now free for any movement. Boers have been firing upon General Buller's patrols both east and west of Chevely.

## To Private Life.

**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
WASHINGTON, December 27.—Secretary Lyman J. Gage declared today that he has no intention of joining any New York Banking trust and says that he will retire to private life when he leaves the cabinet.

## The Pinnacle Rock Falls.

CHUMBLEY GAP, TENN., December 21.—The celebrated Pinnacle rock which overhangs Cumberland gap and was a noted natural spectacle, fell from its lofty height today. The town was awakened as if by an earthquake, as the immense mass, weighing hundreds of tons, came tumbling down. The course of the rock was from the town, and no lives have been reported, although considerable property was destroyed.

## WHERE HELD.

### Sentiment Favorable to Holding Convention in Western City.

### Democratic Chairman Danforth of New York Says So After Southern Trip. The Silver Issue. Morgan On Expansion. Bryan's Views.

**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
New York, December 27.—Elliott Danforth, chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee has just returned from a trip through the south. During his journey he talked with Chairman J. K. Jones of the National Democratic Committee and with most southern Democratic State Committees.

He stated the result of his observations is that the sentiment is generally for holding the Democratic National Convention in some western city other than Chicago, and that it now looks as if Milwaukee or Kansas City would secure the honor of the selection, Milwaukee being the favorite, and that this was also the sentiment at headquarters in Washington.

Some of the leaders whom he met insisted upon making free silver the main issue of the campaign. He did not say that he himself had abandoned the sixteen to one free silver issue but acknowledged that the situation had changed.

Chairman Danforth sums up his observations as follows, the Democrats want Bryan for their candidate, with free silver not the cry but with a different issue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The resolution of Senator Morgan of Alabama is favorable to holding the Philippine islands permanently, but seeks to commit Congress to a Republican form of government for the Philippines. Mr. Morgan's resolution is in line with the views of the Administration, and were desirable to have any declaration made by Congress at this time there is little doubt his resolution or one similar to it would be adopted. When Senator Morgan addresses the Senate immediately after the holidays he will show that he has hearty sympathy with the Administration's expansion policy and that the only object of the resolution is to assure a Republican form of government to immediately follow the present military administration.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Dec. 26.—William Jennings Bryan's attention was called to a dispatch from Washington stating that he had written Congressman Daly, of New Jersey, that he would make several speeches in the East, discussing trusts and imperialism, and he was asked as to whether the report indicated any intention of abandoning the silver question. He said:

"Congressman Daly has probably been misquoted. I expect to make several speeches in the East, but I expect to discuss the money question along with other questions. There are three questions now prominently before the people, to wit: The money question; the trust question; and the Philippine question. Whenever I make a political speech I discuss all three questions."

## Filipinos Routed.

MANILA, December 27.—Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2,500, including artillery, this morning attacked a strong force of Filipinos entrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The natives were completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction. Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed that the Filipinos were those who were driven out of San Mateo on the day General Lawton was killed. They numbered probably 1,000.

## Days of the Gondola Numbered.

VENICE, Dec. 27.—The gondollers' day has ended. A company has started a fleet of tiny steam launches plying in this city. A number of electric boats will also be started soon. And now a movement is on foot to apply screws worked by electricity to the ancient gondollar.

## Americans Underbid British.

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—The corporation of this city has accepted the bid of a New York company for electric feeders for the Glasgow tramways at \$755,000, which is \$20,000 below the lowest British offer.

Size doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin diseases. F. B. Duffy.

## Extent Of India's Famine.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, tells from Calcutta that there has been no increase of rain and that 2,451,000 natives suffering from a famine are now receiving relief.

KEEP your blood pure and your stomach and digestive organs in a healthy condition by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you will be WELL.

## LADYSMITH.

### British Have Two Months Provisions in the Besieged Town.

### Talk of a New Ministry to be Formed.

### It Would be For the National Defense. Methuen Entrenched. Buller's Destruction of the Colenso Bridge. Volunteers are Ready.

**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
LONDON, December 28.—The latest report received from General White at Ladysmith, by heliograph message to General Buller's camp, says that the field fortifying done by the British would now withstand any organized attack likely to be delivered by the enemy, and that food stuffs sufficient for two months was on hand.

It adds that the shelling of the British naval guns from the "Thunderer" which were taken to Ladysmith, has caused increased casualties among the Boers and that the Boers are apprehensive of night sorties and constantly open heavy fusillades on account of imaginary attacks.

The health of the troops continues good, considering the season. Officers and men in Ladysmith are in excellent spirits and will render a good account of themselves in any probable event.

General White heliographed to the colonel of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in response to Christmas greetings: "The same to you and your gallant battalion. We reciprocate very sincerely your wish for an early meeting."

Among the Boer prisoners and British deserters at Cape Town is Sergeant Green who instructed the Boers in trenching. He says that the Boer had 23,000 men at the battle of Magerfontein and all but two thousand of these were engaged in the fight. He declares that the Boers would have yielded had the British pressed the attack.

General Methuen reports that the enemy's force has increased and is engaged in trenching three and a half miles from his outlying pickets. He reconnoitered with two squadrons of mounted infantry for two miles along the line and drew the fire of four guns and two Vickers machine guns.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is stated regarding the rumor of Lord Salisbury's resignation, that the Premier did actually press the Queen to accept it on the ground of ill health, that private sorrow (the death of his wife) had caused him to lose heart, and that the war crisis demanded a younger and more active man for a chancellor.

The Queen commanded Arthur Balfour to visit at Windsor Castle and induce him to persuade his uncle to change his determination. Lord Salisbury finally consented to the Queen's wishes but said that he would avail himself of the first available opportunity to resign.

General Roberts failed to turn the tide in South Africa a government for national defense would probably be formed, with the Duke of Devonshire as Premier, Lord Roseberry as Foreign Secretary, Asquith as Colonial Secretary and Fowler as War Secretary. The last two are Imperialists. The Liberals are pledged to the prosecution of the war to the end.

LONDON, December 27.—The destruction by General Buller's naval guns of the sole remaining bridge over the Tugela river at Colenso has thoughtlessly been accepted here as a British gain.

The destruction of the bridge is really a confession of Buller's weakness. His primary object is to relieve Ladysmith and in order to get there he must force the passage of the Tugela.

If he felt really strong enough to sweep the Boers out of his path he would try to preserve the means of crossing the stream. By destroying the bridge he has shown that he is at present more anxious to prevent the Boers from opening to him than to keep the means open to cross to them.

It seems quite plain that both Buller and Methuen are persuaded that it is best for them to lie low for a time, and this is in England considered the policy of wisdom.

There is a distinct spirit of objection to the utterances of leading public men who speak of the war as England's death struggle, and express the opinion that the Empire is at stake. The public readily recognizes that England has a stern task before her, but confidence in its accomplishment is absolute, calm, supreme.

If victory lies in numbers, England is certainly strong. If the Government shall ask for 100,000 volunteers it is probable that they could be secured in 24 hours.

## Kitchener Joins General Roberts.

GHISLAIN, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Dunsterville Castle, having on board General Lord Roberts of Kandahar, commander in chief of the British forces in South Africa, arrived here yesterday evening. Gen. Lord Roberts Kitchener, who came from Egypt to join General Roberts as chief of staff, embarked on board the same ship, which sailed early this morning for Cape Town.

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## STATE DEBT.

### Six And A Half Millions. Owns Five Millions in Railroad Stocks.

### Paris Exhibit Being Made Ready. Taxes Are Slow. Cotton Receipts Were Small. The Stone Quarries. Pension Warrants.

RALEIGH, December 28.—The State's bonded debt is now \$5,501,770, of which \$2,720,000 is in 6 per cent; the remainder in 4 per cent. The annual interest charge is \$303,178. The State owns stock in the N. C. and the A. & N. C. Railroads, aggregating \$4,200,800, and holds its own bonds to the amount of \$136,750. These holdings have a market value of \$5,200,000. The income from these is \$255,815, which is from railroad dividends mainly.

The State Agricultural Department is now making up, from its museum a special collection of exhibits to be sent to Paris, for the great exposition. Not only is it availing itself of the museum collection, but it is gathering fresh specimens. The line of exhibits will be a wide one. It will embrace forestry products, including native timbers and plants. There will be economic fishery products, minerals, including gold, silver, copper and iron ores with some fine specimens of native silver secured within the past few days; gems to the number of several hundred, cut and uncut; agricultural products, especially cotton and tobacco; horticultural products, such as fruits and native ornamental shrubs.

The total number of cotton mills chartered this year is 31. This is the greatest number ever chartered in one year.

Since the 15th of this month, when the \$121,000 of pension warrants were sent out, the Treasurer has paid \$45,000 of them. Tuesday the amount paid out was \$10,500, the largest on record in one day.

Thus far only two sheriffs have made full settlements of State taxes. The Treasurer says he can't imagine why there is such slowness, as the year is such a prosperous one. He says that practically all the tobacco-growing counties have until May to settle. He declares it is a great mistake to allow this delay, and that it is an injustice to sheriffs. The law giving until May to settle also applies to some of the western cattle-raising counties.

The State charters the Carolina Construction Company, of Raleigh, capital \$5,000, F. H. Busbee and others stockholders. It will construct iron bridges, etc.

The granite quarry on the Seaboard Air Line, at Graystone, near Henderson, is now in full operation. Three quarrying pits are open there, and 150 men are employed. Belgian block for Norfolk and Portsmouth is now being turned out in great quantities.

The Southern Railway is making good progress ballasting the North Carolina Railroad. That work has now reached here, going eastward. The stone all comes from quarries at Hillsboro.

The local cotton receipts here are only 12,100 bales so far this season, or 5,022 less than they were last season at this date.

During the year only 49 bankruptcy petitions have been filed in this district.

Very little recruiting is now being done here. Capt. Vance has a number of applications on file.

President Winston says the examinations in the various counties to fill the 25 vacancies at the Agricultural and Mechanical College have been filed. There was much care in the selection of the 25 students.

## COTTON MARKET.

The following quotations were received by J. E. Latham, New Bern, N. C., New York, Dec. 28.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Jan. cotton	7.33	7.40	7.33	7.40
May. cotton	7.31	7.37	7.49	7.37

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
WHEAT				
May	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
CORN				
May	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
COFFEE				
March	6.00	6.00	6.15	6.15
So. Ry. P.M.	89 1/2			89 1/2
B. R. T.	69 1/2			71 1/2
C. & O.	59 1/2			59 1/2
Reading	49 1/2			49 1/2
Cont. Tob. Pref.	8 1/2			8 1/2

Receipts at cotton ports were 22,000 bales.

Lewis Dennis, Salem, Ind., says: "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure did me more good than anything I ever took." It digests what you eat and can not help but cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. F. B. Duffy.

## WHAT JOHNSON SAYS.

### Governor of Alabama on the Next Campaign.

**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
New York, Dec. 28.—Governor Johnson of Alabama, who is a candidate for the United States Senate, is in this city on private business.

He said today that he was standing squarely on the Democratic National platform in canvassing his State. He said, "The Democrats of my State believe in the free silver issue and want Bryan nominated for President. Our people are opposed to imperialism and trusts but free silver will be the main issue in the national campaign and Bryan the candidate."

Johnson expresses full confidence in his election to succeed Senator Morgan.

## FINISH PANAMA CANAL.

### Company Incorporated to Complete DeLesseps Project.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The Panama Canal Company of America was incorporated today at Trenton, N. J.

An avowed object for which the company is formed is to acquire and complete the maritime ship canal of the Nouvelle Compagnie de France across the Isthmus of Panama. The authorized capital stock is 30,000,000. It is the intention of the company to increase its stock to \$120,000,000.

This incorporation of an American company, which means to take up and finish, if possible, the work which Le Lesseps began, is the result of negotiations between a representative of the French company, who came to this city from Paris several months ago, and leading financiers of America.

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