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ENGLAND PLEASED.

Gallant Fighting of Canadian and Australian Troops.

Another Fight Won by British Skirmishing on the Tugela.

Lady Smith Waits For Buller to Advance Big Reinforcements.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The London papers are unanimous in praising the gallantry of the Canadian and colonial troops at Sunnyside. The Times says:

"The mother country will share with the Canadians and Australians in the pride and gratification they must feel at the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this dashing little engagement." The Standard says: "The Canadians and Australians had been appealing for a fight. Now they have had their opportunity and they have greatly distinguished themselves by their coolness and discipline. From the view point of imperial unity, the little fight may fairly be described as one of the most gratifying events recorded in the recent history of the British race."

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following dispatch from South Africa:

MONTKE RIVER, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—A column from Belmont, under Colonel Picher, after defeating Boers and capturing their lager at Sunnyside, occupied Douglas and halted the Union Jack.

The British loss was Lieutenant Adie, severely wounded, and two men killed, all of the Queensland contingent. The column captured 40 prisoners at Sunnyside.

LONDON, January 2.—The Daily Mail has received the following dispatch from South Africa:

FRERE CAMP, Natal, January 2.—An advanced picket from the South African Light Horse, stationed under cover near Hussar Hill, observed to Boers come into the open yesterday. At a distance of about 400 yards the British opened fire.

Three Boer horses were seen to gallop away riderless, and two men were carried away apparently wounded. The remainder of the Boers took cover.

Simultaneously a body of Boers, estimated at 500, rushed out of the bushes and returned the British fire. The British then retired without loss.

LONDON, January 2.—Generals Buller and Joubert are engaged in a great game of war before Ladysmith, like two experienced chess players, neither making any decisive moves, but each trying to find out the other's intention.

Buller is anxious to ascertain the force left by the Boers at Hlangwane Mountain and the exact location of the guns in the Colenso position. Joubert, thinking this exclusive attention to the left and center of his position suspicious, has strengthened his right.

With a force which lacks mobility, dependent upon one line of railway, with a cumbersome transport, Buller has to cross the Tugela and march to Ladysmith in the face of an enemy much superior in mobility, little inferior in numbers and spirited by success. He has either to take the hostile intrenchments or to be the bull by the horns and deliver a fresh frontal assault.

If it is possible to wait another month, if Ladysmith can hold out for that time, the Sixth Division, with more colonial mounted troops—an arm in which General Buller is particularly weak—will be available. With full preparation and far more powerful artillery than is now at his disposal General Buller may then succeed in a fresh frontal attack.

LONDON, January 2.—The admiralty today chartered eight more large transports. When all the troops destined for South Africa join those already there Lord Roberts will be in command of about 200,000 men.

Thirty thousand are now about ready to embark. Military observers, in view of what these figures mean, cannot see how the British can fail to crush the Boers by mere force of numbers.

Slavery Abolished in Guam.

MANILA, Jan. 2.—A naval officer who has arrived here from Guam brings a proclamation issued by Capt. Richard P. Leary, naval Governor of that island, decreeing the absolute prohibition and total abolition of slavery or peonage. The order takes effect February 23.

For The Re-Election Of Dias.

CIUDAD DE MEXICO, Jan. 3.—A popular election was held yesterday for candidates for the Presidency for the term to begin next December. A heavy vote was cast in this vicinity. An immense preponderance of the votes favored the candidacy of President Dias.

To Crush Monopolies.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—Representative Galles of Tennessee, introduced a bill today by which he expects to reach all trusts. The measure provides that no small matter to or from persons, corporations, companies or other organizations shall be handled by the United States mail when such parties, corporations or companies are engaged in attempting to build up or create a monopoly to restrain trade, to increase the price of products or to lower the price of labor.

When in Bayboro stop at the Leighton House for good and unusual fare.

MASONIC REPORT.

Grand Lodge Meets in Raleigh on the 9th of this Month.

Increase in Membership Oxford Orphanage Prosperous. Tobacco Growers Convention. Normal Directors to Meet. Lawyer's Fees

RALEIGH, Jan. 3.—Grand Secretary John C. Drewry is preparing his annual report to the Grand Lodge of Masons, which meets here on the night of the 9th inst. There are four new lodges, one each at Red Springs, Cookeville, Carthage and Raleigh. The total number of lodges is 311. The membership is 11,400, an increase of 500, which is more than usual. While there are but few new lodges, the old ones have been more prosperous, have done more work and are in a healthier condition than ever before.

Two temples are building, one in Wilmington and one in Rocky Mount. The latter will be dedicated by the Grand Lodge today. The Oxford Orphanage is in very fine condition. The Duke gave \$7,500 for it last year, on condition that the Masons raised a like sum. They raised only \$6,200. They gave the full amount, nevertheless. There are now complete and occupied five colleges for boys, five for girls, each accommodating 24, with teachers in charge of each college. The total number of pupils is 234. The only Mason of prominence who died last year was Past Grand Master Robert B. Vance. The revenue of the Grand Lodge during the year was \$6,500, or \$400 more than ever before.

The tobacco growers in this county have elected delegates to the state convention here on the 15th. The latter is expected to be large and representative.

How it is going to fight the trust is the great question. Independent factories are suggested, and it is said capital can be secured.

Railroad travel is again heavy, after a little pause. Students are getting back to work.

The corporation commission will take up the complaint made by Edwards & Broughton, printers, of Raleigh, against the new freight rates on printing and newspaper.

It is really a complaint by all the newspapers and publishers in the State. The railroads raised freight rates from the sixth to the second class, which means a doubling of the rate. It is an inter-State rate. Of course a State rate could not be made save on approval by the corporation commission.

C. H. Mebane, ex-officio president of the board of directors of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, calls the board to meet there on the evening of January 11th. The meeting is to be continued on the 12th. He said regarding it: "We have not yet made our official report. Dr. R. H. Lewis, secretary of the State board of health, made a report, but it was merely a report of progress, and not ours. We will make ours on the 11th and we will also decide upon the date for the reopening of the college."

The cold weather is trying on small grain, particularly oats, as there is no snow protection. Down towards the coast, where it was not needed, as much as 5 or 6 inches of snow fell.

Eighty three shares of stock in the Raleigh Savings Bank, par value \$25, sold for \$22.50. The bank's dividend last year was 12 per cent.

Raleigh made a very fine record last year as to immunity from fire losses. It is said the total loss did not exceed \$2,500.

The roof is being put on the Roney Memorial Library. Strange to say, it is the first tile roof here.

One of the local sensations yesterday was the trial of a half-witted negro girl for putting match heads in coffee for the purpose of poisoning her employer and his family, with whom she was angry.

In the matter of legal fees during the past year Loge Harris did very well indeed, as he got from the State \$9,997, while W. C. Douglass got nearly or quite \$5,000.

During December there were only two deaths of white persons in Raleigh and 18 of negroes. There are 11,000 whites and 9,000 negroes in the city proper.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction's warrants for the \$100,000 of school fund appropriated by the Legislature have reached the Auditor's office and the Auditor began to make out his warrants on the Treasurer for the same.

COTTON MARKET.

The following quotations were received by J. E. Latham, New Bern, N. C. New York, January 4.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan. cotton	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.87
May cotton	7.8	7.45	7.35	7.45
Sept. cotton	6.91	6.91	6.91	6.91

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	89	89	89	89
May	89	89	89	89
Sept.	89	89	89	89
Corn	34	34	34	34
March	63	63	63	63
So. Ry. Pfd.	52	52	52	52
R. R. T.	69	69	69	69
C. & O.	39	39	39	39
Reading	52	52	52	52
Cont. Tob. Pfd.	86	86	86	86

Receipts at cotton ports were 20,000 bales.

THINK COTTON HIGH ENOUGH.

Price, McCormick and Company's Opinion on Price of Cotton.

Special to Journal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Cotton closed weak. Our opinion is confirmed that present prices for spot cotton should be accepted.

The movement promises a relative increase during January and with England involved in war, and tight money in America conditions are not propitious for higher prices at present.

Our efforts have been for best interests of the South which will not be best served if they ever stay market.

PRICE, MCCORMICK & CO.

TRAIN GETS LOST.

Arrives at a Station Not on Its Route. A Singular Adventure.

PARIS, January 2.—A train which left Argentan for Paris, was recently lost for a time owing to a misplaced switch.

The journey is one of about six hours. The train made its regular stoppage at Surdon Station, and then disappeared mysteriously.

The next halt ought to have been at Nonant le Pin. The railway employes there were surprised when the train was an hour overdue. They telegraphed to Surdon and found that the train had left on time.

Meanwhile the missing train was jogging comfortably toward Caen. It was only a station came in sight and a stop was made.

A guard got out of a van, yelling, "Nonant! Nonant!" The station employes, dumfounded by the sudden appearance of an unknown train before them, began to run to and fro, crying:

"Nonant, it is not Nonant! This is Sees!" Then the passengers began to wake up—it was 4 a.m.—and added to the confusion by the terror of finding themselves in a strange situation.

The stationmaster, engineer and guards held a consultation and came to the conclusion that the switches must have been misplaced, so that the engine left the main line unnoticed. Only the fact that trains are rare in that locality prevented accident.

The train returned to Paris later.

A STORY FROM PARIS.

An Artist Is Kept In Trouble By A Lady Who Loves Him.

PARIS, January 8.—A well known artist, whose identity is considerably concealed under the designation Laurent de G.—in the papers, is devoting all the energy left in him to the task of recovering from the shock caused by a New Year's gift that was both novel and unwelcome.

He had been in love with Mme. Hermance, II, but had ceased paying her attention.

Hermance sought vengeance. One morning, when he opened his door, the artist found himself face to face with friends clad in mourning, who fell when they saw him. Then followed more friends of the painter, who had all received notification of his death and invitations to attend his funeral. They were persuaded to leave. Hermance had played a trick.

New Year's Day, about 11 o'clock in the morning, two employes of an express company delivered a box at the artist's rooms. The box, from its size and the care with which it was handled, appeared to contain something precious. When the artist feverishly pried off the lid he was panic-stricken to see the tireless Hermance rise out of the depths of the box and clasp him in her arms.

The artist instantly pulled out a pistol, fired at him and fled. He has refused to seek her arrest, but lives in fear and trembling.

CANAL COMMISSION.

Sent to Investigate the Best Route Between the Two Oceans.

NEW YORK, January 3.—The commission appointed by President McKinley under an act of Congress to determine the most feasible and practical route for a canal across the Isthmus of Panama will all on Saturday for the scene of its labor by a steamer of the Atlas Line.

A member of the commission said today the duty of the commission is not to decide between the claims of the Panama canal and the Nicaragua canal—though it may come to that—but to determine "the most feasible and practical route, wherever that may be. Whether there is any route preferable to either of those which have become so well known we shall do our utmost to discover."

Blackburn for Senator.

FRANKFORT, Ky., January 2.—After four years of retirement, ex-Senator Joseph Clay Styles Blackburn was chosen tonight by the joint caucus of the Democratic members of the Legislature as the successor of William Lindsay in the United States Senate.

M'Laurin for Long Term.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 3.—The Democrats of the State Legislature held a caucus in the Senate Chamber tonight and unanimously nominated Anselman J. M'Laurin whose term of Governor will soon expire, for the long term in the United States Senate.

ANOTHER BATTLE.

Reported Being Fought Between General Gatacre and the Boers.

Situation Very Critical on the Tugela. Buller Must Advance. Rhodes (Clothes Boers) Canada Enthusiastic Over Their Men.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A report was current in London today that the Boers had attacked Moltens, Cape Colony, and that the battle was raging.

Inquiry at the War Office elicited the reply that nothing had been received confirmatory of the report of a battle, though several telegrams had been received from General Gatacre's camp, stating that he would make a new advance to Moltens.

It is believed that, simultaneously with General French's move on Colenso, General Gatacre pushed forward a force to Moltens to feel the way for an advance on Stormberg, and that the Boers met this move by a prompt attack.

Moltens is a hollow among the hills, and is not an easy place to hold. Gatacre, supposing that he is there, will probably either have to abandon it or risk a battle under difficulties.

LONDON, January 3.—The critical situation in Natal cannot remain so much longer.

Everything points to the fact that General Buller has sought to envelop the British wings by a crescent-shaped formation, the two horns being at Springfield, on the Little Tugela river, on the west, and at Hlangwane mountain, or perhaps even Wernien, on the east. A strong position on the southwest of Colenso would seem to be the best point to be attacked. If General Buller once gains the crest of Mount Inhwanne his big guns will command both Colenso and the Boer intrenchments along the river.

The problem of the Tugela will probably be solved by a series of engagements, the result of which will depend on the British hope of breaking down the opposition and relieving Ladysmith.

General Buller has sent a call for stretcher bearers. Movements of the foreign attaches also point to the imminence of fighting.

In the meantime the reasons for Buller's advance are becoming more pressing at Ladysmith. The bombardment has increased in severity and the besieged force must be suffering the effects of constant wear.

KIMBERLEY, CAPE COLONY, Dec. 26. (Delayed in transmission).—Cecil Rhodes has supplied the Boer prisoners here with new clothing.

The besieging Boers last night showed considerable interest in the Premier mine, using their searchlights. This morning they actively shelled the fort. The Royal Artillery replied. The British shells were well placed and dropped amid the smoke of the Boer guns.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—It is positively stated here on good authority that Great Britain will not take Delagoa Bay.

The British Government, it is declared, does not longer contemplate any such step, in spite of the clamor of the British press and public opinion upon the advisability of so doing.

TORONTO, ONT., 3.—The Toronto men engaged in the fight under Colonel Picher were in all 160 and composed chiefly of a company of the Canadian regiment which left here two months ago under Colonel Otter for the front. Neither officers nor men had ever been in action before.

The news of the fight caused a sensation, and the newspapers and telegraph offices were besieged by anxious relatives until the receipt of a message announcing that in the fight the Toronto men had escaped without loss. The news had, if possible, increased the war fever, and tonight scores of men are clamoring for enrollment in Canada's contingent.

G. H. Appleton, Justice of Peace, Clarkburg, N. J., says, "DeWitt's Little Early Bites are the best pills made for constipation. We use no others." Quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles. F. S. Duffy.

DENOUNCES MORMONISM.

SCATHING ARRANGINGMENT OF CREED IN GOVERNOR MCLAURIN'S MESSAGE.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 3.—The reading of Governor M'Laurin's message in the Legislature today created quite a surprise when the section referring to the growth of Mormonism in Mississippi was reached. The Governor denounced the Mormon sect in scathing terms, and recommended the adoption of laws that will prevent the teaching of the doctrine in the State. During the discussion of the subject he said:

"There is no threatened danger to the State more baneful than the lecherous teaching of the Mormon apostles of polygamy. It is more dangerous because it is taught under the guise of the ministry of the Gospel. The Mormons disclaim the open teachings of polygamy in the pulpit, but they teach it on the corner, and the minister's cloak gives potency to their speech."

BE SURE that your blood is rich and pure. The best blood purifier, enricher and vigorizer is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Be sure to GET HOOD'S.

CONVENTIONS.

Populists and Republican Set Dates For Meeting in Raleigh.

Temperature For December Was Low. The School Fund Next Fall. The Marshall Case. The Southern Express Tax. District Court.

RALEIGH, Jan. 4.—Dr. Cyrus Thompson had a conference with the Populist central committee and called the State committee to meet here at 7 p.m. January 18th, at which time the call for a convention will be issued.

The Populist convention is to be held here May 21. It is thought probable that the Populist convention will be held about April 20th. It is not the purpose to hold it until after the Democratic convention is held. Populists and Republicans will fuse.

The mean temperature here during December was 42 degrees, which is two below the average for the past 13 years. The highest was 69 degrees, the lowest 9. The rainfall was only 2 inches, which is almost an inch less than the average.

Von Herrman, the weather bureau official here, says he does not expect a severe winter. He thinks the cold wave now passing away, is the top notch of winter.

Father Worth says: "I have no idea when I will be able to honor the Auditor's warrants for the \$10,000 appropriated by the Legislature to the public schools. I certainly cannot pay it by January 8th. I hope to pay it all by next June. I have not much money now."

Secretary T. K. Bruner and Herbert Brimley, curator of the State Museum, who are to go to Paris with the fine exhibit this State will make, were gratified today at the receipt of some fine silver ore from the recently reopened mine at Silver Hill, Davidson county. They are promised specimens of copper ore from Mr. Newman's Union mine, near Salisbury.

Agnes Utley, the negro girl who put matches in a coffee pot in order to poison her employer and his family, is in jail. She is half-witted.

The State Treasurer will today send out a circular letter to the county superintendents, telling them he hopes to pay the \$300,000 appropriation to the public schools in time for the next fall term. He says if the sheriff's settle promptly he will be able to pay.

There are fifty witnesses for Lawyer Marshall, charged with counterfeiting, and only six for the government. Marsden Bellamy and George Routree, of Wilmington, are here as attorneys for the defendant.

Herbert Smith charges gross discrimination against Wilmington in favor of Norfolk. Bill Day, for the railroad, said the farmers did not ask for lower freight rates on fertilizers, but that the manufacturers wanted it.

The Lafayette Fire Insurance Company has obtained license to do business in North Carolina.

Auditor C. L. Loop and District Superintendent W. J. Crosswell, of the Southern Express Company, were before the corporation commission. There was a sort of conference as to assessments for taxation. The company also pays a tax on capital stock, of which the proportion for North Carolina is \$102,000. There is entire agreement between the corporation commission and the company as to the taxes paid.

The present term of the United States District Court is expected to continue two full weeks. The star case on trial yesterday was that of ex-Postmaster Israel Hargett, of Rocky Mount, who is short \$12 in his account. He was in jail a long time, but finally his bail was reduced to \$1,000 and this he gave.

At a certain stage in the Hargett trial he pleaded guilty and introduced the plea of mitigating circumstances. Judgment was not pronounced.

Quits and Rye.

"Youngblood's looking very seedy."
"Now?"
"Ay!"
"Wild oats?"
"No, Rye!"

Capture No Surrender.

Nell—You engaged! Oh, you renegade. You told me you never would surrender to any man.

Belle—Well, neither have I. I captured this one.

Quite Right.

A Western man named Wright has come out as a candidate for the Presidency. He is more likely to be Wright than President.

The Happy Croaker.

A discontented man is like a frog. He's happiest when he croaks.

O-y Words.

Many a man now, when he starts to date his letter, makes it "Oy," and then he uses "o-y" words.

The Bed For Reform.

"I hear just now son has reformed."
"Yes, he says his prayers every night now."
"How on earth did you convert him?"
"I'm making him sleep in a folding bed."

The Wonderful to Be True.

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