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BRITISH POWER

To be Displayed by Seizing Delagoa Bay.

American Ships Captured by British Cruisers.

Loaded With Supplies for the Boers Admiral Schley Not to Go to Delagoa Bay. Ladysmith Holding Out British Advance.

Special to Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec 26—Rumors are current here today that this government has been notified that it is the intention of the British government to seize Delagoa bay belonging to the Portuguese, and also the line of railroad from Lorenzo Marquez to Pretoria in the Transvaal.

This is to be done, according to the report, because England has become satisfied that not only food supplies but recruits and munitions of war have been and are being transported through Portuguese territory to the South African Republic. It is asserted that England has determined to stop this and has decided upon using drastic measures to accomplish it.

It is also said that the original intention of the Navy Department was to send Admiral Schley with the cruiser Chicago to Delagoa Bay but that the plan has been changed at the request of the English government because such a move might cause embarrassment to the English plan of action.

The officials of the State Department in Washington refuse to discuss the report.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Another ship believed to be an American vessel loaded with stores for the Boers has been captured by a British cruiser off the coast of Africa and taken to Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony. This makes four American vessels that have been captured by British cruisers patrolling the African coast.

A Cape Town dispatch says that the correspondents have returned there from Modder river. This is taken to mean that another advance movement is about to take place by General Methuen who has been largely reinforced.

The Cape Government has received reassuring accounts from all the county magistrates regarding the attitude toward England of the Colonial Dutch in Cape Colony.

LONDON, Dec. 25—The arrival of the transport Tantallon Castle at the Cape, which is expected Wednesday, will put at the disposal of General Buller the most valuable reinforcement to arrive on any one vessel since the beginning of operations.

She has on board three companies of siege artillery, one having an armament of four of the now well-known 4.7-inch guns and the other 5 inch howitzers. All these weapons fire lyddite shells

The notorious deficiency of the British forces in ordnance of range and power equal to that of the Boers is thus in some degree to be modified.

At the Cape, while the outlook is held to be gloomy, it is not generally regarded as giving ground for serious alarm. The checks sustained are said to be temporary only.

LONDON, December 25—The action of the United States Government concerning flour that was seized causes considerable discussion regarding the contraband question as affecting Delagoa bay and Portugal.

The Morning Post argues that the British government would be mad to treat food as contraband, as "such action would play into the hands of all possible future enemies of Great Britain." It admits, however, that steps should be taken and money expended to search vessels and to prevent munitions of war entering the Transvaal by way of Portuguese territory.

The Standard says: "As the campaign develops it may become necessary to seize the Delagoa Railway at Komati Poort."

The London Times makes the following announcement: "We are informed that the Government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrison in India unless unforeseen difficulties arise."

The first batch of Boer prisoners has arrived in England.

LONDON, December 25—An undated heliograph message from Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, represents the garrison there as in no way daunted by General Buller's reverse at Colenso and confident of being able to hold out indefinitely.

The mails are just arriving from Ladysmith. All the correspondents comment bitterly upon the superiority of the Boer artillery. The Times correspondent says:

"It is impossible to evade the opinion that if British gunners were in the Boer positions the loss of life and damage to property in Ladysmith would be ten times greater."

"Experience is the best teacher." Every housewife is in favor of Hunter's Baking Powder as the result of experience in using it in every way that she pleases, with perfect confidence that it will do for her what it has done for others.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills, 25 cents.

RALEIGH.

Christmas at The Penitentiary. Short Courses in Agriculture. Warehouse Collapsed.

RALEIGH, Dec. 26.—At the penitentiary Christmas day there was a special song service, in which a number of Raleigh people took part. There are only 230 convicts in prison. Of these about 50 are women, a few of them white. One is from Baltimore.

Work is actively in progress at the granite quarries at Graystone, on the Raleigh and Gaston Railway, near Henderson, and 155 men are employed. The special line is the furnishing of belgian blocks for Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The State Agricultural and Mechanical College here will have a new and special feature next year in the shape of short courses in agriculture and horticulture, at which cattle feeding, grafting hotbed and greenhouse propagation poultry raising, staple crops, judging cattle, etc., will be taught.

The reorganization of the planks of the gas and electric light companies at Wilmington is to be effected next month all the arrangements having been made.

Wilmington's artesian well has now a depth of 1,804 feet. The last 190 feet is in very hard stone. Some experts fear the well will be a failure.

There came very near being a wholesale escape of prisoners from Statesville jail two nights ago. A white female prisoner gave the male prisoners part of her corset, out of which they made a saw and cut through the bars. They intended to get in the corridor and overpower the jailer, but at the last moment were betrayed.

Saturday afternoon at Gastonia the storage warehouse of Craig & Wilson collapsed and the building and contents are an utter wreck. An overloaded elevator is thought to have caused the accident. The elevator man, a negro, was killed. The building was new and not entirely completed. Part of a wall fell on a passing railway train, demolishing a freight car and narrowly missing the engineer.

The building in the campus at Chapel Hill is being steadily pushed. The Carr building, a handsome gift from General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, is nearing completion, and work on the alumni building has been resumed. These will be beautiful and useful additions to the university plant.

Miss Isabella Winston, the accomplished daughter of President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, has been carried north for medical treatment. While here on a visit she was some days ago taken with a violent case of nervousness, which resulted in a case of acute mania.

GOOD TIMES IN CUBA.

General Good Feeling. Roads Repaired. School System Improved.

HAVANA December 25.—All the stores in Havana closed at 10 o'clock this morning and the rest of the day was devoted to conviviality. Only two newspapers appeared with the usual editions. Bands played on the Prado. Americans generally visited friends, mostly those having families here giving dinners and inviting others to be their guests.

Improvements will soon be in on the highways, which are greatly in need of repairs. This will give employment to a large number of men. The school system will also be reorganized. Alex Frey, superintendent of Cuban schools, will be reinforced with two or three other commissioners.

The judiciary will form the subject of early attention, especially the jails and the system of keeping prisoners for months without trial. An order will be issued ordering that a complete list of prisoners held for trial will be furnished monthly.

COTTON MARKET.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Jan. cotton	7.07	7.17	7.09	7.17
May. cotton	7.34	7.41	7.34	7.41

CHICAGO MARKETS

WHEAT:—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May	69¼	69¼	69¼	69¼
CORN:—				
May	33	33¼	33¼	33
COTTON:—				
March	6.00	6.03	6.00	6.05
So. Ry Pfd	51¼		49¼	52
B. R. T.	67¼			69¼
C. & O.	36¼			36¼
Reading	45¼			45¼
Con. Tob. Pref.	89¼			91

Receipts at cotton ports were 13,009 bales.

J. J. Baxter has the prettiest line of silk Mufflers and also Ties, etc. for Xmas gifts ever seen in the city.

Try our own make of Breakfast Bacon. It is extra fine. Oden Bros. Butchers.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

On account of the Christmas Holidays the agents of the A. & N. C. R. R. will sell tickets at a rate of one and one-third first class fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold December 23, 24, 25, and 26, and December 30, and 31, and January 1st, 1900.

The long limit on the tickets will be January 2nd, 1900.

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DEATH IN THE MINE.

Two More Bodies Recovered at Braznelle. Funeral of the Dead.

Special to Journal.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26—Two more bodies were taken from the mine at Braznell today. The funeral of eighteen of the victims of the explosion was held today and was attended by every man, woman and child not at work in the mines.

The fact that last Saturday was pay at the mine and that there were no empty wagons to load accounts for many not going into the mine that morning. Had the accident occurred any other day there would have been more than 100 in the mine, and the result would have been even more appalling than it is.

Some of the families of the dead miners are in suffering condition, and provisions are being sent out by the Brownsville merchants, as well as from Uniontown. The men who have been working since Saturday to recover the bodies are almost exhausted, yet they refuse to give up and keep at the grim work doggedly, though more dead than alive.

That Impudent Capital "I."

M. Zola, when in England, was much impressed with the English use of the capital "I." "Why is it," he says, "that the Englishman, when he writes of himself, should invariably use a capital letter? That tall 'I' which occurs so often in a personal narrative strikes me as being very arrogant. A Frenchman, referring to himself, writes 'je' with a small 'j;' a German, though he may gratify all his substantives with capital letters, employs a small 'i' in writing 'ich;' a Spaniard, when he uses the personal pronoun at all, bestows a small 'y' on his 'yo,' while he honors the person he addresses with a capital 'V.' I believe indeed, though I am not sufficiently acquainted with foreign languages to speak with certainty on that point, that the Englishman is the only person in the world who applies a capital letter to himself."

M. Zola might have enforced his contrasts still further by referring to the Japanese, who really have no word for "I." In speaking of oneself in Japanese self deprecatory terms are used, such as "servant," "the awkward person," "junior," while in speaking of or to other people complimentary terms are employed, such as "senior," "master," "prince" (used by young men in addressing each other familiarly). The most usual Japanese equivalent for "I" is "watakushi," which means literally "selfishness."—Buffalo Commercial.

New York's Tenement Houses.

One of the indications of the improvement of the masses in this city is the gradual abolishment of the tenement, as the word is generally understood. The big rookeries, with their small rooms, airless halls and rusty fire escapes, are going out of existence in the ordinary course of events, by fire, tumbling down and being removed to make room for modern structures, and the people who live in them are seeking more airy homes in the suburbs or in the flats up town.

While the foreign element continues to live in tenements for the first year after reaching New York the children of foreign parentage are not willing to exist in the noisome quarters of the east and west sides. They crave more light, more air and cleanliness, and in many cases they get it. Rapid transit makes Harlem as accessible as Grand street, and there is no occasion to live in a down town tenement unless one likes it.

No new tenement houses are building. The fathouse has taken its place, and in the course of time the foul barracks in which scores of families are crowded will be a thing of the past and only remembered as part of a distempered dream.—New York Letter in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Africans and the Locomotive.

The children of the desert were filled with awe when first the silence of the primeval solitude was broken by the puffing of the steam engine. Down at the other end of the Cape to Cairo line the simple Matabele, when first confronted by a locomotive, were certain that the strange machine was worked by the labor of an indefinite number of oxen, which they assumed were shut up inside; hence, when the engine stopped, they gathered in curious crowds, waiting to see the door open and the oxen come out, nor could they for many days be persuaded that the power of the locomotive could come from other than the strength of the ox.

The Arabs of the Sudan, more imaginative than the Matabele, saw in the fire horses of the railway one of the Djinns of the "Arabian Nights," harnessed by the magic of the Djinnee to the long train of cars. The steam engine was to them a living, sentient being. Of which belief there is ample evidence in the fact that on the occasion of a shock more as impatient remonstrance against the cruelty of making so small an engine draw so large a train.—Window Magazine.

Easy Money.

Hostess—"Tell me how I can get you the Colonel's place to escort Miss Jane to the ball of all places. I am sure he could receive a small fortune."

Captain—"Yes, I heard he was going cheap."

MAY BE TOTAL LOSS.

Captain Baines, Of Grounded Steamer Arlosto Fears Such a Result.

NORFOLK, Va., December 25—The British steamer Arlosto, which went ashore near Hatteras yesterday, it is believed will prove a total loss. Captain Baines, of the steamer, tonight telegraphed Charles M. Barnett, his representative here, expressing fear that efforts to save the vessel will prove unavailing.

The tug Rescue, which reached the Arlosto this morning, has been unable to do anything toward floating her because of the rough sea off the coast. A message received at the Weather Bureau here states that the Rescue has not yet been able to even approach the Arlosto near enough to put a line aboard her. The steamer lies broadside on, and appears to be making considerable water.

Another Company Assigns.

Special to Journal.

BOSTON, December 26.—The John P. Lowell Arms Company has assigned. Charles H. Cole, while President of the Globe National Bank advanced the firm over a million dollars. This resulted in the wrecking of Cole and the bank. The firms liabilities are stated to be over two million dollars.

Columbia's Just Received.

I have received a new supply of Columbia and Hartford bicycles. Columbia chainless $50 to $75, also a few more of the Models 45 and 49 at $40, while they last. A big lot of Tires and Sundries at prices that will suit you. Repairing of every description solicited.

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If you contemplate Laying one any time soon it will pay you to do so now as this is the chance of a life time. A large and attractive line to select from.

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We have in a large shipment Beautiful Kalamazoo Celery and it is fine.

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Nuts, Raisins and Figs, in fact everything Nice and Fresh for Xmas.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS !

And a Happy and Prosperous New Year

To our many friends and customers for their very liberal patronage for 1899, and trusting to receive a share of your business for 1900. I am very gratefully yours,

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'Phone 89. 77 Broad Street.