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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 cession 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, Daman 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 anyone 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 sedition exits 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. 16.—The Daily News has received the following dispatch from South Africa:

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 20.—It is learned from Afrikander Bund sources 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 Forestier-Walker reports from Cape Town, under date of December 23, that General Methuen was then well intrenched 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 35 miles east of Sterkstroom, 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 Chevrley, six miles from Colenso.

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

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 Committeemen.

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 Filipinos. Mr. Morgan's resolution is in line with the views of the Administration, and were it 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."

COTTON MARKET.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Jan. cotton	7 23	7.33	7.22	7.33
May. cotton	7.47	7.47	7.43	7.46

CHICAGO MARKETS.

WHEAT—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May	69¼	69¾	69¼	69¾
CORN—				
May	33	33	32¾	32¾
COTTON—				
March	6.00	6.10	6.00	6.10
No. R'y Pfd	52¾			52¾
S. R. T.	69¼			69¼
C. & O	29¼			29¼
Reading	47¾			49
Cont. Tob. Pref.				69¼

Receipts at cotton ports were 35,000 bales.

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.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at New Bern, Craven county, N. C., Dec. 25th 1899.

MEN'S LISTS.

B—U F Bender, W T H Bottom, John K Brown, George Blount, Cornelius Bryant.

C—W Clark.

D—Lawrence Davis, W A Dameron, W T Dougherty.

H—James Hardison, H M Hill.

J—Geo W Johnson, George Johnson.

L—D L Lancaster, W W Lewis.

P—James Patton.

R—Peter Richardson.

S—F B Saul, Isaac M Shipp, B F Simmons, Lonnie Skinner, Harmon Smith.

T—William Taylor, Claudius Thomas.

W—Jane Washington, Alfred Ward, Waving Machine House.

WOMEN'S LIST.

B—Mamie Biggs, Sarah Blount, Ino A Bogart, Mary J Bryant.

C—Susan Chatman.

D—Harriett Davis.

G—Mary Garrett, Callone Grady.

H—Sudie Harris, Sophia Hill, Mariah Hines.

J—Julia Jackson, Caroline Jones, Martha Jones.

K—Maria Kennedy.

M—Jennie Mackey, Hannah Mayo, Joshey Moore.

P—Annis B Perry, E B Powels.

S—Rebecca Saunders, Annie Salter, Hittie Sheppard Iola Shipp (2) Margaret Sutton, Rosie Smith.

V—Mary Vass.

W—Annie Wallace, Hannah Washington, Tena West, Bertie Williams, Mag Williams, Cassie Williams.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised and give date of list.

The regulations now require that one (1) cent shall be collected on the delivery of each advertised letter.

S. W. HANCOCK, P. M.

The Pinnacle Rock Falls.

CUMBERLAND GAP, Tenn., December 26.—The celebrated Pinnacle rock which overhung 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.