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GREETING !

We thank our many patrons for their trade during the past year and hope for a continuance of the same.
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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 Fusileers 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 Magersfontein 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 intrenching 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 Winsor Castle and induced 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.

If 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 Rosebery as Foreign Secretary, Asquith as Colonial Secretary and Fowler as War Secretary. The last two are Imperialist. 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 crossing 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 the 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.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Dunottar Castle, having on board General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, arrived here in charge of the British troops in South Africa, anchored here yesterday morning. Gen. Lord Kitchener, who came from Egypt, is now General Roberts' principal staff officer. It is expected the troops will land here and march across the country to Cape Town.

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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 of France across the Isthmus of Panama. The authorized capital stock is 20,000,000. 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 De 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.

Filipinos Routed.

MANILA, December 27—Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2,600, including artillery, this morning attacked a strong force of Filipinos intrenched 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 gondoliers' 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 gondola.

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 $50,000 below the lowest British offer.

Extent Of India's Famine.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, telegraphs from Calcutta that there has been no increase of rain and that 2,451,000 natives suffering from famine are now receiving relief.

Not His Destination.

A steamer was stopped in the mouth of the river owing to a dense sea fog. An old lady inquired of the captain the cause of the delay.

"Can't see up the river," replied the captain.

"But I can see the stars overhead," continued the old lady.

"Yes; but until the boilers bust we ain't a going that way."—World's Comic.

Happiness.

Human happiness, according to the most received notions, seems to consist of three ingredients, action, pleasure and indolence. And though these ingredients ought to be mixed in different proportions, according to the particular disposition of the person, yet no one ingredient can be entirely wanting without destroying in some measure the relish of the whole composition.

Habit.

Habit has so vast a prevalence over the human mind that there is scarcely anything too strange or too strong to be asserted of it. The story of the miser who, from being long accustomed to cheat others, came at last to cheat himself and with great delight and triumph placed his own pocket of a guinea to convey to his board is not improbable or impossible.

Business troubles, when meeting in a new home, kindle the fire on the hearth with coal brought from the old residence.

It is strange, but true, that today pill be yesterday insurance.—Chicago News.

"Great Dakota Nation, 1897. Sept. 7. Traill Greenwalt, Cuba. Sir: I received your Cure and taking 1 more make it the good work goes on. Indeed was only lame in a manner not expected. G. W. Duffy."

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Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
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STATE DEBT.

Six And A Half Millians. 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 $6,501,770, of which $3,720,000 is in 6 per cents; the remainder in 4 per cents. The annual interest charge is $305,178. The State owns stock in the N. C., and the A. & N. C. Railroads, aggregating $4,266,800, and holds its own bonds to the amount of $136,750. These holdings have a market value of $5,206,000. The income from these is $235,815, 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 5,622 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.

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 S Duffy.

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	7.51	7.57	7.49	7.57

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
WHEAT:—				
May	69⅜	69⅞	69⅛	69⅛
CORN:—				
May	32⅜	32⅜	32⅛	32⅜
COTTON:—				
March	6.00	6 00	6 15	6.15
So. R'y Pfd	58⅜			53⅜
B. R. T.	68⅛			71⅜
C. & O	29⅛			29⅛
Reading	48⅜			49⅛
Cont. Tob. Pref.				84⅜

Receipts at cotton ports were 32,000 bales.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS !
And a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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J. R. PARKER, JR., GROCER,
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