# THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

# **THREE SHARP FIGHTS**

Engagements With De Wet and Botha Reported.

### BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY.

#### The Battles Occurred on Three Successive Days at Widely Divergent Points In Orange River and Transvaal Colonies.

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- Lord Kitchener h a dispatch from Johannesburg mads reports of sharp fighting in the Grange River and Transvaal colonies. The engagements occurred Dec. 18, 19. and 20 at points widely spart. The casualties, so far as known, aggrerate 150, equally divided, but heavy British losses, the totals of which have not yet been reported, have occurred in the Trunsvaal.

Lord Kitchener reports that during General De Wet's attack on the British force commanded by Generals Dartnell and Campbell at Langberg Dec. 18 the Boers charged bravely and fought desperately for several hours. De Wet was driven off with the loss of twenty men. There were twelve casualties on the side of the British.

On Dec. 20 Botha, with 800 Boers, surprised Colonel Damant's advance guard at Tafelkop, Orange River Colony. The Boers rushed a kopje commanding the main body and the guns. but Dumant rallied his men and drove. the Boers from the kopje.

The British ensualties were heavy. Damant was dangerously wounded, two officers and twenty men were killed, and three officers and seventeen men were wounded. The Boers left six dead on the field and dispersed.

The British pursued the enemy and captured a number of prisoners, ineluding Commandant Keyter. Later the Boers, under a flag of truce, asked permission to remove their dead. They admitted having buried twenty-seven men

In the fight at Tafelkop the Boers, dressed as British yeomen, engaged in a splendid race with the British in the attempt to be first in gaining the crest of the kopje. The Boers gained the commit first and opened a heavy fire on the single troop of Damant's horse which took part in the race for the kople.

These troopers took advantage of all the small amount of cover available immediately below the Boers and fought until all but four of them were killed or wounded. By that time reenforcements of Damant's horse came up and charged and captured the kople.

In the eastern part of the Transvaal Colony Colonel Mackenzie attacked Commandant Smit's force of Boers at Lake Banagher Dec. 20 and killed six and captured sixteen of the enemy. Commandant Smit escaped.

A force of Boers during the night of Dec. 19 attacked the British post at Elandspruit, but the burghers were driven off, leaving eight men killed, including Commandant Krieze. Field Cornet Mahon, who was wounded, and three other men were also left on the teld. Other wounded Boers were carried off in blankets. The British casunities were seven men killed and six officers and eighteen men wounded.

-Ribbon will be much and bows this sen-bells, soft girdles and corsage bows this sen-Ribbon will be much used for collars son. The pouch-front corsage is frequently trimmed with a large, full rosette of ribbon placed a little to the left or in the centre, or with a bow of several loops and ends of lengthwise effects that is worn on the side

of the bodice. A plain alabatross or silk waist may be trimmed with strippings of narrow velvet ribbon and finished with a rosette on the left side. This is an excellent way to retrim an old bodice.-December "Ladies' Home Journal."

# The New Year McClure's.

A splendid New Year's number is the January Mcclure's, making good, right at the start, the promises of the editors for the coming year. To a dog story is given the post of honor, and "Army Jack," by W. J. Carney and Chauncey Thomas, goes straight to the spot by virtue of its soldierly frank-ness and sincerity. "Jack" is an old white sulldog, "sergeant-major of Troop A," and the veteran of the troop. He was bred and lived and fought and died with the army, and he is buried by his comrades with mar-tial honors. "Jack" is illustrated to the life tial honors. by W R. Leigh' Along the "Army Jack" iners' slang and "rough house" created by rother bear

A good many people will, doubtless, open this numler to the page with lonephine Dodge Daskam's name at the top, and they will not be disappointed. "Edgar, the Choir Boy Uncelestial," is, perhaps, the most unregenerated and irresistible of all Mies Daskam's young scamps. He is freckled, pug-noses, a great scrapper and the possessor of an angelic voice. It is easy to imagin what Miss Daskam's humor will to with a youngster like this to work on.

A very notable paper, the first of a series, is Mr. George Washburn Smalley's personal recollections of "English Statesmen and Rulers." Mr. Smalley was for many years the chief American correspondent abroad, and knew well most of the great men and women of his day. In this paper he writer of Roseberry, Aithur Balfour, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, H. H. Asquith, and Sir Edward Grey, discussing not their poliics, but their personal qualities and social

charm. "The Forest Runners," Stewart Edward White's vigorous novelette of the Michigan forests, is continued in this number.

"Telegraph Talks and Talkers," by L. C. Hall, is a fascinating revelation of some of the mysteries of the Morse language of dots and dashes, by an old telegrapher, chock full of all sorts of apt anecdotes of the wire, unquestionably a great "find" for any magazine. Cyrus Townsend Brady writes a splendid account of David Crockett and the immortal defence of the Alamo; Cleveland Moffett tells of his explorations "In and Around the all payable in cash each Wednesday direct Great Pyramid:" Robert Barr recounts another adventure of his captivating hero, James V. of Scotland, and James Barnes has a rattling story of the Boer War. Two short poems, "Individualism," by William H. Hayne, and "Magic of the Past," by

Paul Kester, complete the number.

## RAILBOAD NOTES.

### LACKAWANNA RAILROAD.

NEW SUMEER BOOK - The Lackawann Railroad is about to issue a Summer Book for the coming season, in which each town along the line will be attractively written up For the information of those desiring summer homes it has been decided to admit a limited number of advertisements of hotels and boarding houses, and these advertisements will be placed immediately following the reading master relative to the town in which they are located.

The demand for such advertisements has been so great that the Company has decided to modify the policy established a year ago and permit a brief number to appear. It is believed that the change will be a gratifying one to those who are anxious to secure some

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IT KEEPS THE FEST WARM AND DEV .-Ask to-day for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures chilblains, swollen, sweating, sore, aching, damp feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 230. 12 5d4t

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Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for children, successfully used by other Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure feverishness, bad stomach, teething disorders, move and regulate the bowels and goes "The Demon in the Canon," a bear story by Henry Wallace Phillips, author of the "Red Heated Cupid," aproarious with Sample FKEE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y. 12 504

> A blase Buckhorn youth says he wouldn't give a fig for a date with a peach.

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NO HEART TOO BAD TO BE CURED .- Tesmony could be piled high in commendation of the wonderful cures wrought by Dr. Ag-new's Cure for the Heart. No case stands against this great remedy where it did not elieve the most acute heart sufferings inside of thirty minutes. It attacks the disease in an instant after being taken - 66 Sold by C. A. Kieim

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Even the kleptomaniac doesn't like to take an insult.

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# Even the man who sings bass may be

high-toned.

SOME FOOLISH PROFILE allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent ef- will be able to identify the signatures that it will be passed. after taking the first dose. Price, 25

#### To the Pyramids By Trolley.

#### The Ride from Cairo Through a Rich Farm Land, Not, as Popularly Supposed, Over a Burning Desert.

I fear geographies and picturebooks have half-spoiled the pyramids for many of us by making them seem commonplace, just as children's readers have spoiled some good English poetry. Then Mark Twain has set the fashion of being funny about these venerable piles, and, between the two influences, first impressions are apt to be disturbed. There are tourists who arrive with a flippant "Hello, Cheops, old boy!" There are others who give only tolerant interest, as if they had seen it all before. Yet many of both classes go away finally in reverent silence, wishing people had taught them less-or more-about the pyramids. For one thing, take the matter of dust and heat, in which the picturebook makers have surely misled us, for do they not represent the pyramihs as standing out on a burning waste, with only a naked palm tree every mile or so to keep the glare off, and individuals in queer hats gasping about, halt smothered in the sandstorm? As a watter of fact, the seven-mile drive from Cairo to Cheops comes off as pleasantly as a carriage ride out of Long Branch, and is over as good a road. The whole avenue. acacias not a whit less inviting than those of the famous Bois de Boulogne. As an adjunct to a Christmas dinner the and so cool a breeze blows down them that you scarcely feel the sun. As you roll along behind two Arab grays (what horses they have, to be sure, in this wonderful city of Cairol), your eye is gladdened by tropical gardens, beyond which spread the varying greens of the rich Nile valley, for the old river covers this whole verdant plain in July and August, and all but laps the base of Cheops. In the whole world there are no richer fields than these that reach beyond the pyramids, fields giving three or four crops (one in this county required) to represent a year-wheat. Indian corn, grass, and advertise old established wealthy busi- whatever the Arab husbandman puts whatever the Arab husbandman puts down. Desert there is, no doubt, to the west and south, the Libyan Desert and the Great Sahara; but certainly none as you come from Cairo .- CLEVELAND MOFFETT in Mc-Clure's.

#### Good News for Moser Heirs.

#### Three Witnesses, Nine'y Years of Age, Who Knew Burkhart Moser.

eral of whom reside in Montour 6. With the treaty out of the way county, are very much encouraged by the bills providing for the construction senior counsel for the plaintiffs, states to documents recently found which

# WASHINGTON.

rom our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Dec. 21, 1901.

As was to be expected the House of Representatives passed the Philippine Tariff bill as reported by the Ways and Means Committee, despite the protestations of the Democrats who pointed out that it was a meritricious measure from every point of view, and of a small number of Republicans who were unwilling to blindly submit to the fiat of the party leaders. The fact, however, that Representative McCall, Republican member of the Ways and Means Committee, and a small number of followers had the courage to oppose the imperialistic measure, is taken by the Democrats to be a good sign and it is hoped that before this session of Congress has come to a close Mr. McCall may have succeeded in organizing a considerable taction that will stand by the Democrats in their opposition to the extreme and unwar ranted subversion of American principles which will be the object of the tee on Naval Affairs, Republican leaders.

Almost simultaneously with the expression of these principles in Congress that body has received an appeal to confer on the Taft Commission greatly increased power. Not satisfied with their already autocratic prerogatives, the gentlemen of this scheme and that Senator Hanna is Commission have made recommendations at which even the Republicans stand aghast. The Commission desires that it be authorized to issue from Ohio is permiting it to be known bonds with which to purchase the lands owned by the religious com- by the House. any irrigation bill munities in the islands, to expend the which is sent up by the lower body sum of \$4,000,000 on the water and will be inextricably lost in the laby drainage systems of Manila, that it rinths of the Senate committee rooms, for suffrage as would exclude the large majority of the inhabitants and numerous other powers more appropriate to a despotic monarch than to the representatives of a Republican government. What will be done with

be empowered to grant charters to There are a large number of Western railroads, award land grants to the representatives who are committed to same and even guarantee the interest the irrigation policy and whose conon the investments. It desires to be stituents expect them to accomplish allowed to make such qualifications irrigation legislation. It is believed, therefore, that the little scheme which Senator Frye has so skillfully hatched will safeguard the ship subsidy hill through the House where it has many enemies. Married by Proxy. A Rich Uncle's Will Provided For a Wedding on Short Nutice and the Bridegroom Was Sick in the West.

> To save an estate a peculiar wedding was solemnized at Williamsport when Miss Mina Harris was married by proxy to Carleton Wells, of Dekalb, Ill., a picture being used to represent the bridegroom. Wells is a prosperous young farmer of Dekalb county and a second cousin of Miss Harris. The young people were engaged to be married Christmas, but recently an uncle of the bride died, and it was found that he had left a large part of the estate to Miss Harris on condition that she marry Wells within thirty days. The wedding accordingly was set for last Monday, but Wells was taken ill of pneumonia on his way east and could not attend. As the thirty days expired Saturday it was arranged that Willis Johnson, 1 friend of the groom, should act as proxy. The bride had a large photograph of the groom, on a table in front of which the ceremony was performed and beside which stood Johnson and answered the questions addressed to the photograph. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Rev. Mr. Clements pronounced Mina Harris and Carleton Wells, represented by the photograph, husband and wife.

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and providing that he shall receive

full pay instead of that of a retired

admiral. Admiral Schley has written

to Secretary Long asking that he he

given time in which to prepare a pro-test against the ratification of the

finding of the Court and Secretary

Long has granted his request. It a

not likely, however, that the Secretary

will do otherwise than approve the

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to be so permeated with the views d

Crowninshield and the other member

of the Bureau of Navigation that is

regards the decision as just and that

Admiral Dewey's minority report a

It is said that Admiral Schley will

make no effort to secure a congress.

ional investigation of his affair or of

the affairs of the Navy Department,

but that he will immediately prose

are, however, some members of Con.

gress who propose to have such an investigation, even if it has to be

There is a rumor current in the

Capitol, and it appears to be well

founded, that Senators Frye and Han-

na are playing a very shrewd game of

politics in order to secure the passage

of the ship subsidy bill. It is said

that Senator Frye is the father of the

doing the work which the former can

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these recommendations remains to be seen, but it seems incredible that they will be granted. It would seem more probable that Congress will ask for more specific recommendations and reserve to itself the power to enact

the important legislation necessary. The Senate has ratified the Hay The heirs of Burkhart Moser, sev- Pauncefote treaty by a vote of 72 to

a sensational turn taken by the case of a canal will be the next considerapending in the Schuylkill county tion. In the Senate, the bill pro court. W. G. Stanton, of Buffalo, posed by Senator Morgan has been posed by Senator Morgan has been favorably reported by the Committee that three witnesses have been dis- on Interoceanic Canals, of which he covered who were personally ac- is the chairman. In the House the quainted with Burkhart Moser, the Hepburn bill will probably be taken alleged owner of the vast estate in up soon after Congress reassembles litigation, and that these witnesses and there is every reason to believe

### S. P. IMPROVEMENTS.

me Important Changes Contemplated by Railroad's Management. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25. - J. Kruttschnitt, general manager and assistant to the president of the Southern Pacific company, has returned from his conference with President E. H. Harriman in New York and brings news of contemplated improvements. In an interview he said:

"The double tracking of the coast line to San Francisco will be rushed through to completion as quickly as possible, and at the same time we will get ready to begin work on the buildng of the Bay Shore cutoff.

"As for the reconstruction work on he line of the Central Pacific, it is the gresent plan of the company to begin at Reno and work eastward until the attre work is completed. These contruction plans embrace eighteen differat surveys for as many different pieces d work.

"The building of a cutoff from Lucin o Ogden for the shortening of the line and the cutting down of grades is emtraced in the general scheme of immovement."

#### Noted Authoress Dead,

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Mrs. "Jennie ame" Croly, journalist and organizer I women's clubs, died yesterday in ais city from heart failure. Mrs. Croly, rho was seventy-two years old, was sorn in England. She became a newssuper writer in this city under the nom ie plume of "Jennie June" in 1855 and schleved a wide reputation. She organzed Sorosis over thirty years ago, and prough her efforts the Federation of Nomen's Clubs in this country was formed. At the time of her death Mrs. froly was president of the New York Women's Press club.

Gerst's Resignation Accepted. BUFFALO, Dec. 25 .- The board of idermen has accepted the resignation of City Treasurer Philip Gerst, whose accounts are now undergoing an uvestigation. Gerst has publicly admitted a shortage in his accounts of ver \$50,000, but claims it has been ande good.

Tarkey Bars Scaled Letters, LONDON, Dec. 24 .-- A dispatch from Constantinople states that the Turkish postoffice there has issued a notice that henceforth no closed letters will be accepted for distribution and that all correspondence within the precincts of the elty must be conducted by means of post cards.

patronage along the line. and 50c. Trial size, free. At all druggists. The local ticket agent has been supplied show with specimen pages from this book,

steamers for Cuba via

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The January Lippincott's Magazine. ing rates for advertising and other details in connection with it. Copies of these may be obtained upon application. Matter for in-

John Luther Long's new novel, "Naughty Nan," is published entire in the January number of Lappincott's Magazine. After awhile it will be brought out in book form, costing four or five times the price of the Magazine form. In this tale Mr. Long proves that he is a master hand at love-making in other lands than Japan, and in picturing the tender passion of a wilful New York girl he excels himself. Nan's aunt calls upon a favorite nephew to save Nan from a flock of matrimonially inclined men, so that the girl may "remember Cawdor," theological student to whom her aunt has allotted her. Cawdor writes "lady-like letters" from accross the sea, which fill his sweetheast with a desire to give him a severe shock. The comedy that follows is delic-

iously witty yet is tender throughout, while the title of the closing chapter sums it all up days, Thursdays and Saturdays, commencing a the words "And my arms opened-and osed upon-Nan."

Lippincout's short stories all deal with ome specially human subject of the times. Louis Zangwill writes about a woman whose husband has deserted her and their child After a struggle the woman makes a secure place for her son, who believes his father to be dead. Whether this woman should have taken a different course when the husband reappears is a nice question for the reader to answer. It is called "The Mother." "A Fair Exchange," by Will N. Harben, is the story of a would-be suicide in Paris. "The Seal of Silence," a brief tale of much dramatic power, is by Albert Payson Techune. With rumors of the Pope's declining health, people look forward to what will happen when the Church shall be called upon to accept a successor in the chair of St. Peter. The paper, entitled "The Pass-ing of the Pope," contributed by Mrs. Belloc Lowndes to Lippincott's Magazina, tells in a

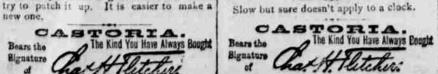
tickets not offered via any other line, good either via Richmond or Portsmouth over Seavivid yet reverent way just how a new Pope will be elected and crowned. Good from Washington and between all

There is an important posthumous paper by Sidney Lanier, entitled "Music of Shakespeare's time," in the January Lippincott's. This is published in two parts, and deals with a scholoarly subject in a conversational

The verse of the month is contributed by Paul Laurence Dunbar, "A Roadway," Florence Earle Coates, "Rouen: In the Prison of Joan of Arc;" William Roscoe Thayer, "Doubt, the Revealer," Edmand Vance Cooke, "The Tempter;" and John B.

Tang, "Outlines." The "Walouts and Wine" department well fulfils its purpose to amuse, in offering humor from the following pens : J. L. Harbour, Fred V. Fletcher, Charles Battell Loomis, Charles Mollvaine, Amos K. Wells. Caroline Lockhart, and others.

Slow but sure doesn't apply to a clack.



establishes the claim of the plaintiff. The new witnesses, all of whom are over 90 years of age, are Mr. and not survive until the next term of court it was ordered that their depositions be taken.

If the Moser heirs win they will find themselves the owners of over a thousand homes in Tamaqua, and six large collieries, now operated by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. There are some ten millions of dollars involved.



guests are gone the smile slips from the face of the hostess and she gives up to the pain which racks her body. Many a woman entertains and wears a smile while her back aches and her nerves quiver with pain. Surely any medicine which offers relief to women would be worth a trial under such conditions. But when the woman's medicine, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, is offered with the proof of efficacy in thousands of well attested cures, what excuse can then be offered for suffering longer? Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

makes weak women strong and sick women well. It dries enfeebling drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

"It is with the greatest pleasure I write you the benefit my mother has received from your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' "says Miss Carrie Johnson, of Lowes-ville, Amherat Co. Va. "She suffered untold misory with uterine discase and nervousness, and had a constant roaring and ringing noise in her head. After taking six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Med-ical Discovery,' she wa5 entirely cured."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets stimulate the liver.

There has been an effort made in the Senate to replace Senator Morgan by Senator Hanna, as chairman of the Mrs. John Belice, of Easton, and Committee on Interoceanic Canals, Mr. and Mrs. William Dean, of but the better judgment of the Re-Pottstown. For fear that they might publicans has prevailed and confidence in Senator Morgan's extensive knowl edge of the subject together with an appreciation of his long devotion to the cause of an isthmian canal have won for him anew that important chairmanship even at the hands of an overwhelming majority. There has been some criticism of the promptness, not to say precipitancy, with

which Senator Morgan has accepted the recommendations of Admiral Walker in favor of the Panama route, but it is more than likely that there is method in the Senator's madness, which will develop later on. It is worthy of note that in both the Morgan and Hepburn bills the President is authorized, but not "directed" as is usually the case, to proceed with the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal.

The change in the Cabinet, which the President announced after the Either make a loan of the entire set, Tuesday Cabinet meeting is a source of much speculation. It is not sur- sult it in your home .- December Laprising that Postmaster General Smith, dies' Home Journal. after having served both Mr. McKinley and Mr. Roosevelt long enough to win the respect and gratitude of both. should wish to return to the more active and remunerative field of journalism, but what led Mr. Roosevelt to select Mr. Henry C. Payne for the vacated portfolio? That is the question that is puzzling many people in Washington. Was it merely the fact that Mr. Payne was vice-chairman of the republican national com-

mittee? Is it with an eye to the next national convention that an astute western politician was called to the presidential council table? These are the questions which everybody is asking.

The decision of the Schley Court has left the question of the Admiral's vindication still a matter to be sought after and it seems probable that Congress will pass a resolution thanking Admiral Schley for the services he rendered to the country at Santiago

#### Mrs. Sangster's Advice on Book Bortowing

One need have no delicacy in asking a person to return a borrowed book. Books are property, and when borrowed they should be carefully protected from injury and promptly returned to their owners. I doubt propriety of borrowing a book if one is near a lending library. We do not borrow shoes or gloves or furniture, and why should we make an exception of books? I think the owner of a set should hesitate to let a single volume go out of her possession. or give your friend permission to con-

A solid cubic foot of anthracite weighs in round numbers 100 pounds.

