

DEFEAT OF THE BRITISH The Artillery Saved Gen. Gatacre's Forces. DETAILS OF THE DISASTER

Boers' Fire Demoralized the Men. Batteries Drew a Portion of It and Enabled them to Retire in Order. Surghers 6,000 Strong. Instead of 2,500, as Spies Reported—English Soldiers Set an Impossible Task. Humiliation in London—Price of Consols Lower Than for Many Years—Effect on Cape Colony Feared.

SWINDLING SCHEME BROKEN UP REVENUE OFFICERS ARREST OSMER W. ROPER.

Charge That He Has Been Using the United States Mails for Swindling. A Bold Scheme to Wring Money from Credulous Investors—Method of Breaking the News to a Victim.

MOLINEUX TRIAL. Mamie Melando Gives Some Interesting Testimony.

New York, Dec. 11.—Roland R. Molineux, on trial for the murder of Katherine J. Adams, was visibly perturbed this morning when the prosecution took to the witness chair Mamie Melando, formerly a workmate in the Knickerbocker saloon.

GERMANY'S NAVY TO BE IMPROVED ESTIMATES FOR DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF WARSHIPS.

Federated Governments Decide That Present Naval Force Is Insufficient—Empire's Interests in All Parts of the World Must Be Protected—No Desire to Interfere with Any Foreign Power—Count von Buelow's Views—Speeches in the Reichstag.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING Weather Indications Today: RAIN.

General—Anti-Quay Men Address the People. British Defeat Nearly a Rout. Swindling Scheme Broken Up. General—Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. Local—Poor Board Act Is Constitutional. Editorial. The Water Question. General—Interesting Career of Senator Hanna.

ANTI-QUAY MEN MEET Result of the Conference Recently Held. ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE

The Undersigned Republicans Re-affirm Their Devotion to the Principles and Traditions of the Party of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley, and Bewail the Condition of Politics in the Keystone State—They Ask All True Republicans to Support Them in the Effort for the Abrogation of the Rules Adopted by the Last Republican State Convention, and for the Retirement of M. S. Quay.

TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF. Frank Miller, of 525 Pine Street, Was Discovered Just in Time by Barkeeper of Conway Hotel.

About 6 o'clock last evening Frank Miller, of 525 Pine street, tried to hang himself in the Conway hotel, at Pine street and Washington avenue.

OPENING DEBATE ON THE CURRENCY

Mr. Dolliver, of Iowa, Makes a Humorous Speech—Appeal by Mr. Mason for Sympathy for Boers.

CAPTURE OF OLANGAPO BY THE AMERICANS

Taken with Little Trouble by the Army—The Baltimore and Oregon Arrive on the Scene too Late to Take Part in the Capture.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING. Outsiders Attending City Schools Without Paying Tuition.

At last evening's regular meeting of the board of control only routine business was transacted.

MAYOR TALLON'S ASSERTION. Thinks America Is Opposed to the Transvaal War.

Dublin, Dec. 11.—The lord mayor of Dublin, Daniel Tallon, presided at a meeting of the corporation this morning.

MINE INSPECTOR'S REPORT. Hazleton, Dec. 11.—The annual report of Mine Inspector William Davies, for the year ending June 30, 1899, is being printed.

O'NEILL WANTS A PARDON. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 11.—Governor Stone and Attorney General Elkin have written to Governor Voorhees recommending the pardon of Barney O'Neill, the Philadelphia colman, serving twenty years in the New Jersey state prison, for a robbery and assault and battery at Atlantic City three or four years ago.

SUPERIOR COURT DECISIONS. Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Among decisions handed down by the superior court today were the following: The Potteryville Bank case (O. P. Northumberland), the order discharging the rule to show cause why the proceedings should not be set aside, etc., is affirmed, and the appeal dismissed at the cost of the appellant, in re: corporation of Swopkoff, borough (Q. S. Luzerne), decree affirmed and appeal dismissed at costs of appellant.

VICTORY FOR GANS. Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—Joe Gans, of Baltimore, defeated Kid Ashe, colored, in a five-round fight here tonight before the People's Athletic club.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 11.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: East—warm; West—fair, cooler; Wind—strong from the north; Temperature—high 50, low 30.

GEN. GATACRE DENOUNCED.

Lord Durham Says He Is Unfit to Command Troops.

WOODSON SHOT A BAD MAN.

Altoona, Dec. 11.—Thomas Scott, negro laborer, employed on railroad work at Spruce Creek, was shot by another laborer named Woodson Saturday evening.

COMPLAINTS OF LONG RUNS.

New York, Dec. 11.—Complaints of long runs made by Lackawanna railway employees were laid before President Truesdale of the road in New York city today.

GLASS COMPANY INCORPORATED.

Dover, Del., Dec. 11.—The Star Sand company, of Reynoldsville, Pa., capital \$200,000, was incorporated here today.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—These corporations were chartered today by the state department: Watsonson Door and Sash company, Westmoreland, capital \$50,000; Philadelphia Steam Heating company, Philadelphia, capital \$15,000; The Automatic Fan and Motor company, Kennerly Square, capital \$50,000; The Scranton Steam Pump company, Scranton, capital \$10,000.

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