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LATEST FROM AFRICAN

The Boers Replace One Gun Taken by the British.

LADYSMITH OPERATIONS

Garrison Cheerful and Able to Hold Out-Pretoria Report That Burghers Have Built a Railroad Around Beleaguered Town-Transvaal Capital Hears Also That One of Methuen's Naval Guns Had Exploded. New Gold Tax-Matt Steyn, Brother of the Orange Free State President, Said to Have Denounced the War and Returned Home with 800 Burghers-Little Fear of Uprising Among Dutch Farmers in Cape Colony.

Pietermaritzburg, Wednesday, Det. 27.—A despatch from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 22, says:

howitzer on Surprise Hill, replacing the gun captured in the sortie of the Rifle brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out, but we have plenty of provisions. The total casualties since the slege are seventy men killed and 236 wounded."

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 25.-General Schalkburger reports, under date of Dec. 23, that trains are running to Colense, indicating that the Boers have built a connection around Ladysmith. General Cronje reports from the Modder River, Dec. 24, that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman on Dec. 17.

It is reported that General Methuen's big naval gun has exploded. The Transvaal government has promulzated a new gold tax law, by which individuals and companies working their own mines are taxed 30 per cent. of the output, while mines worked by the government will pay 50 per cent. Suspended mines will pay 30 per cent. on their probable output, calculated

on three months' workings. Reducing

works will pay 30 per cent, of their not profits. The law is retroactive to London, Dec. 29. - Despatches from all parts of couth Africa confirm the reports of the enthusiasm among the troops and public occasioned by the appointment of General Roberts and Kitchener. The announcement that the former will have supreme command and that the latter will be chief of staff has largely dispelled the de-

cheaper heer. Fighting at Kimberley.

pression in Cape Colony caused by the

recent reverses, while the solliers an-

ticipate everything from the presence

Advices from Cape Town, dated December 24, say an investigation shows that the reported disaffection among the Dutch in the Victoria West district has been overdrawn. farmers, it is pointed out, are mostly land owners, and will not risk the loss of their farms by rising.

A disputch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated December 28, says a curlous report is current, emanating from Beer sources, that Matt Stevn, brother of the president of the Orange Free State, lilton. At all times his lefts and rights 800 Free Staters have definitely refused to continue the war. Matt Steyn, acting as spokesman of the party, is reported to have told the president that he was only authorized to intervene in the interest of peace. and that the burghers did not feel they were bound by his "unwarrantable conduct." especially as they ran the risk of the confiscation of their property, and they simply desired to be permitted to farm in peace, and proposed to immediately return to

Kimberley, Friday, Dec. 22, via Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Before dawn today a detachment of the mounted force, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction. Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Oites Konje, Kim-

berly, fort replying with twenty shells, The British force reconnollered outposts along Lazaretto ridge, the Boer patrols retreating.

Having accomplished this and having discovered Boer reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon ridge, Colonel Chamier, with the Royal artillery, exchanged a dozen shells as soon as the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British dually retiring with the loss of one horse,

The movement showed that the Boers were still keeping their guns in th Sixty-first Indiana regiment, was killed vicinity of Kimberley and are able to this afternoon, together with his Cuban summon reinforcements rapidly. It boy, Francisco Sousa, three miles from summen reinforcements rapidly. It also showed their purpose to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing force.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26 .- (By way of Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, Dec. 28)-Commandant Snyman reports as

follows from Molopeko: "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, Maxims and an armored train and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported at

The other commandoes report "all quiet" with the exception of the usual combardment of Ladysmith. General Lucas Meyer has recovered

and returned to the front. Ladysmith, Sunday, Doc. 24, via Pletermaritzburg.-General White has ing in all the rounds

had a slight attack of fever, but he is

now convalescent.

The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed fourteen horses, Another just missed the Fifth Lancers' lines, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to Gen-

eral White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another It is reported that General Joubert is again in command of the Boers here,

The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent. Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large num-

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26.-By way of Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, Dec. 8.-Commandant Swart reports from the laager at Alowyns Kop, near Zeorust, that he had an engagement on Friday, December 22, with Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Derderpoort, The Kaffers occupied a strongly fortified ridge and were well prepared for emer-

After heavy fighting the burghers captured the Kaffir position, losing three killed and five wounded. London, Dec. 29. - The Marsellles correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing the substance of an interview

with the Russian general, Gourke, eld-

tow about to start for Pretoria, says

that the Russian officer made the following statement: "I have been offered the command a Boer army corps. In my own mind I am absolutely confident of the success of the Boers. You may take my word for it that thousands of Rus-

Joubert."

GENERAL BULLER'S PLANS.

sians are now fighting under General

The Baers have mounted another It Is Believed That He Intends Making Another Attack.

London, Dec. 30, 5 a. m .- The latest special despatches from Chieveley camp hint darkly at some important movement as imminent. This is interpreted, with some misglyings, to mean that General Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Lady-

It is reported by the same despatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their aagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of putting further pressure on the garrison, which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment.

It is difficult, however, to conceive that General Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere.

The Boer movement northward from the Tugela is quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Genmay, however, be animated by a desire to accomplish something before the arrival of Lord Roberts, thus to satisfy the keenness of his men to retrieve their defeat.

The reported engagement with Kaffirs is very vague and cannot be explained pending the arrival of later de-

BROAD DEFEATS HAMILTON.

of "Eobs," from success in battle to Interesting Contest at the Broadway Athletic Club.

New York, Dec. 26.-Kid Broad got a well-earned decision over Jack Hamilton, of Troy, through the latter's foul tactics at the Broadway Athletic club tonight. Broad was always on the aggressive and Hamilton made a more than good defense. Round after round. from the first to the fifth, Hamilton gave and took with equal fervor, but in the sixth he was knowled flat on his back and the gong saved him from being put out. From this to the end of the bout Broad spread it over Hamwere in evidence and he kept the Trojan on the defensive. Jack was thoroughly game, but it was evident from the end of the seventeenth round that, he could not withstand the onslaughts of his adversary, and from that point to the conclusion of the bout Memilton never had a chance of retrieving

In the twenty-first round Hamilton, seeing that the odds were against him, tried foul tactics, but evaded the referee's stigma. It came in the following ound, however, when he deliberately butted twice and the referee stopped the bout, disqualifying Hamilton and declaring on favor of Broad.

Reply of Kentuckiens.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 29.-The address of the Republican leaders in reply to the re-cent address of the Goebel leaders, inorsing the contesting candidates on the Democratic state ticket, was given out It replies specifically to the Democratic charges of fraud and makes a number of counter charges. It is signed by Governor Taylor, Chairman Bar-nett, Senator Deboc, Congressman Pugh and others, including all members of the state central committee.

Killed by a Train.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.-Dr. Wickliffe Smith, surgeon of the Ore Hundred and Delph, by a Wabash train. On account of the cold weather they were bundled up so they did not hear the train. Both were instantly killed.

Asaph Light Appointed.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 29 .- Asaph Light ex-postmaster of Lebanon, and former ly editor of the Lebanon Courter, has appointed chief deputy collof internal revenue for the Ninth district. He succeeds Pierce Leaher. Mr. Light is a brother-in-law of Judge Weiss, of Dauphin county.

Danny Gets the Decision. Chicago, Dec. 29.-Danny McMahon, of Detroit, was given the decision over "Turjey Point" Bill Smith, of Philadelphia, in a six-round go before the Fort Dearborn Athletic club tonight. Ma-Mahon had much the better of the milt-

INTERESTING POINT IN MOLINEUX TRIAL

IT OCCURS DURING HEARING OF EVIDENCE OF CORNISH.

The Court Interferes with the Dumb Show in Giving the Testimony. Very Few New Facts Are Elicited.

New York, Dec. 29.-The most interesting incident today in the trial of Roland B. Molineux, charged with the murder of Katharine J. Adams, occurred during the cross-examination of Harry Cornish by Bartow S. Weeks, defendant's counsel.

Mr. Weeks asked the witness to step from the stand, sit down at the end of the table occupied by the attorneys for the state, go through the performance of opening the bottle of bromo-seltzer, the glass, how he poured the water from one glass to another, being careful to get approximately the same amount of water that he used in the preparation of the fatal dose on the morning of the murder of Mrs. Adams, Cornish complied with the request and st son of the famous Gourke who is proceeded to demonstrate about how much he drank of the mixture, also about how much Mrs. Adams took of the poison. It was not until Mr. Weeks asked the witness to drink the water In this pantomimic reproduction of the scene on the morning of the murder that the recorder interfered. Mr. Weeks assured Cornish that the water would not hurt him, but the court remarked: "This dumb show has gone far enough.

Assistant District Attorney Osborne good-naturedly told the witness to go ahead and drink the water, and the witness picked up the glass, with the remark, "Well, I will drink it." At this point Recorder Goff again in-

terfered with the statement that he would not permit anything of the sort to take place in the court mom. Mr. Osborne said, that while Cornish did not like the tactics adopted by the attorney for the defendant, he had no cipally by the wall paper factory of objection to drinking the water if al- William Campbell & Co., were delowed to do so by the court. To this, stroyed by fire tonight. The loss is however, the recorder would not con-

Two of the most important witnesses for the prosecution were on the stand during the day. They were John D. Adams, ex-secretary of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, and Cornish. Mr. Adams was the first witness called. The most interesting point in connection with his testimony today was his positive identification of the handwriting on the poison package as that of Molineux.

The testimony of Cornish consisted largely of detailed descriptions of the scenes on the morning of the murder at the Adams flat. Recorder Goff refused to allow Mr. Weeks to ask any questions as to the present where-abouts of Mrs. Cornish, the wife of the witness, and why Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, the latter the daughter of Mes eral Builer, but the belief is that his had separated. Few new facts were forces even then will be too weak. He elicited in the attempts to trace the poison package from the Knickerbocker Athletic club to the Adams flat. It was, however, discovered that Cornish deposited the bronin-selizer bottle in his desk at the club in the presence of P. S. Fi-nerman, that he lest his key to the desk and that it was afterwards found on the floor of the Adams flat after the death of Mrs. Adams; that just before the murder it was necessary for the engineer at the club to break open the desk for the purpose of removing various articles, and that the desk was repaired in a makeshift fashion. Cornish also testified that he was mistaken in his statements to the newspapers immediately after the musder as to the time when he brought the poison package from the club to his room at the Adams apartments at 1 that he had refreshed his memory by talking with Mrs. Rogers concerning the matter.

Adjournment was taken until next

TERRIFIC BLIZZARD.

Storm Raging in the Northwest. Railroads Suffer.

Corry, Pa., Dec. 29,- A terrific bliz-

zard, the worst in years, has been raging in Northwestern Dennsylvania for the past twenty-four hours and still continues. About eight en inches of snow has fallen and with that on the ground it makes the depth on the level four feet. Many villages are cut off from the outside world. All the blocked, the stages which carry the mails from Kating and Findley lake being snowed in

All the railroads are suffering vania through trains between Pittsburg and Buttalo were hours behind time. The Eric and the Pennsylvania are faring a little better, although all the trains are late. On all roads huge snow plows, such as are used in the west, are running, but fail to keep the tracks clear. No loss of life is reported. The ther-

mometer registers about zero. Mr. Boutelle's Condition. Poston, Dec. 29.-To all those who inquired after the condition of Congressman Pontelle at the McLean asylum tothe only reply given was that he was getting along nicely and was improving in strength. Dr. Daniel A. Robertson, the physician who came thanger to attend him after he stricken with sickness at Youngs' hotel, says that while the congressman may recover his physical health and vigor, it is possible that he may never be the same again mentally.

Glass Conference.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—The result of the conference totween representatives of the United States Glass company, the National Glass and Jobbers in glass tableware, was announced tonight, Com-mencing Jan. I next, prices on all staples will be advanced five per cent and prices on specials and other lines have been equally adjusted. The trade is reported

Revolt in Venezuela.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 29.—The Hernandez revolution can be said to be ended. Hernandez is fleeing with 200 men to the Columbian boundary. The government troops and the min-ister of war, General Pulldo, are buck

DAWES OUTLINES A POLICY.

His Speech at the Republican Love Feast at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.-Charles G Dawes, comptroller of the currency made a speech at the Republican state love feast in the assembly hall today which was regarded by many as outlining the policy of the administration on two points, the l'hilippine policy and the attitude of the Republican party toward trusts.

Speaking on trusts, he said, was the duty of the Republican party to conserve public Interests. trusts proved themselves inimical to the public welfare they must be restrained and controlled, and if necessary laws passed that would so much encourage active competition as is bring about the disintegration of the

"Rather than have in the hands of hands of any corporation the power to absolutely fix the price of a necessity of life at an arbitrary figure the people show how he knocked the contents into of the United States will eventually and rightfully do one of two things, said Mr. Dawes. "They will enact legislation for the absolute protection of the people from extersion by governmental regulation more or less extended as public necessity may require or they will enact legislation for the enforced greation of connetition by the disintegration of trusts. With nothing less than one of these two things will

Mr. Dawes spoke at some length on the Philippine situation, asserting that encouragement received from antiimperialists had much to do with the prolongation of the war. He said that President McKinley would not be turned from his course in regard to the Philippines by the protests of antiimperialists.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Two Seven-Story Buildings Are Consumed by the Flames.

New York, Dec. 29,-The two seven buildings at 425 to 425 East story Twenty-fourth street, occupied prinfully \$500,000.

The plant of the New York Hygela, Ice company, which occupied the base ment of No. 125, and that of the Manhattan Electric Light company, on the first and second floors of the same building, were totally destroyed. large portion of the east side gets its lights from that company and was on account of the fire east into com-

At midnight one section of the walls fell, almost burying a number of firemen, whose escaps was miraculous, and injuring several of the men. The falling walls crushes in the roof of the water supply house, adjoining, and the

city's loss will be heavy. The cause of the fire is unknown. It is impossible to ascertain the individual loss. The properties of all three firms are distroyed beyond hope of saving a dollar's worth. are partly covered by insurance.

FATALLY BURNED.

Terrible Death of Miss Bridget Ellen Kerwin, of Pittston.

Special to The Serenton Trionne Pittston, Dec. 29.—A most distressing fatality was that which befell Miss Bridget Elen Kerwin, aged about 20 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kerwin, of Searle street, this city, last evening. For the past month the young lady had been staying at the home of her brother on Washington terrace. About 5 o'clock she had oversion to go into the collar and took a outside cellur steps the lamp globe the globe she naturally drew the lamp | dismissed the prisoner. lose to her, and her clothing instantly ignited just above the waist. She was soon enveloped in flames, and after the night by the wife and that he making a fruitless effort to quench the choked her to death to save his own fire she ran screaming into the house and from there into the yard. Her brother seized a place of carpst and

quenched the flames, A physician was harrily summoned and found that the young lady had been frightfully burned about the body from the knees up. Her face als: had been terribly burned and her bair was burnt off. It was not though: that the injuries would result fatally and every effect was made to relieve her suffering, but all to no avail, and reads leading into this city are she passed away about 2.30 o'clock this morning.

STRIKE AT PITTSBURG.

The Western New York and Pennsyl- The Seven Daily Papers Not Affected

by Action of the Men. Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—The printers' strike in Pittsourg has not affected the seven daily papers. All are issued on time and in just as good shape as before the strike. The stereotypers refused to go out when ordered to by the International Tpyographical Union. The circular of President Donnelly, of the 1. T. U., declaring all machinists (200,000 in number) to be rats has enlisted that body in favor of the publishers and their circular letter, under the seal of their organization, is being distributed among the other labor organizations. The public recognize that this is a struggle between labor organizations and denounce the printers for violation of contract. Every paper affected by the strike is in good shape. Typographical union No. no voice in the ordering of the strike seems to be waiting orders from In ternational headquarters at Indianapo-Meanwhile, their positions are being rapidly filled. The allied printing Trades and Glassworkers' union have refused to countenance the strike The boycott efforts of the printer: have fallen flat, both in the circulation and advertising departments.

Decision for White.

Sloux City, Iowa, Dec. 29 .- The bout beween Temmy White and Dick Green, ld in the Grand Opera house here to night, resulted in a decision for White leorge Siler was referee. The men wen the full fifteen rourds and although it the second Green scored a clean kn cut, it was not a fast fight. W White

GERMAN LINER ON THE ROCKS

BIG MAIL STEAMER GOES AGROUND.

The Position of the Strange Vessel Is Very Serious-Heavy Seas Are Breaking Over the Ship and Life Boats Are Unable to Reach Her. Signals of Distress Out.

London, Dec. 29 -- A large German mail steamer, whose name has not yet been ascertained, has gone aground during a terrific gate in East Hay, about a quarter of a mile from Dungesse, the southern extremity of Kent, Heavy seas are breaking over the

reach her. Fears are entertained for the safety of the passengers. It is believed the steamer is one of the Hamburg-

vessel and the life boats are unable to

American liners. It is reported that the position of the liner is very serious. Tugs and life DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE boats were urgently regulationed from or should the people of this country Dover and Folkestone, but they had the utmost difficulty in getting off, owing to the gale.

> The signals of distress were observed from the Sandhead light ship.

THOMAS MACKELLAR DEAD. The Well Known Type Founder Passes Away.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.-Thomas Mac-Keilar, senior member of the firm of his home in Germantown.

Mr. MacKellar, who was a printer. poet and author, was born in New since 1881. J. & J. Harper. In 1833 he came

hymns, his most successful venture in Printer," a treatise on practical print-

ers' Association of the United States, cumulated stocks in mills and markets a member of numerous other

LIVINGSTON RELEASED.

Evidence Shows That the Wife Murderer Acted in Self-Defense.

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—Franklin B. Liv-Christmas night strangled his wife, Dora Livingston and on the following day paid a man a dollar to lead him ofterwards, the industry is now proto the police station, was discharged court on a writ of habeas corpus. His attorney asked that he be released, on the ground that the coroner's jury had decided that the murder was committed in self-defense, and that the comlamp with her. As she descended the mitment of the coroner charging Livingston with murder was defective. tipped over and in an effort to eatch | Judge Stockbridge took this view and

The evidence showed that Livingston had been attacked in the middle of life. Witnesses testified that they had heard Mrs. Livingston threaten to kill her husband and a revolver was found in her room when the police searched the place.

HE HOPES FOR PEACE.

President Mitchell, of United Mine Workers Tired of Strikes.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.-John Mitchell president of the United Mine Workers,

"The coming convention will demand twenty-two last year. and the delegates fully expect to receive a substantial advance in wages for coal mining. There is every assurance that we shall have our demands granted by the operators." Discussing the report of a strike in the Central Pennsylvania district, ne

"I hope there will be no trouble there. Tiega county there has peen a in wages, with the understanding that letto foreigners have felt secure trouble will not come. It is all over

Tim Pleased the Crowd. Detroit, Dec. 29.-Referee Tim Hurst

Wages."

cased 1,509 spectators tonight when Le gave Curley Supples, of Buffalo, the de-cision over Emil Sanchez, the "Cuban at the end of their ten-round the local organization, having had bout before the Cadillac Athletic club. Another Kid Put Out.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 29.-Arthur Jones of Washington, put out Kid Goulette, of Rochester, in the first round of what wes to have been a ten-round bout in

sity, tonight, with a right swing on the

State Treasury Reports. Harrisburg, Dec. 29.—The state treas try reports that at the close of busi-ness for December there was \$1,805. 568.58 in the general fund. During the month the honoring of many school warrants reduced the fund materially

Contribution of the Prince.

London, Dec. 29.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colonecy of the imperial yeomanry and has con-tributed £150 for the use of the organ-

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Teday:

FAIR AND COLD.

- General-Americans Carry a Filipino South African War News.
- Evidence at the Molineux Trial. Big Germar Steamer on the Rocks.
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania,
- Financial and Commercia
- Local-The Buchelers' Balt.
- 4 Editorial. News and Comment.
- Local-Social and Personal. "Pennsy's" Washington Letter.
- 6 Local-Luplinski Not Guilty of Lar-
- ceny by Bailce. Meeting of Armory Trustees.
- Lackawanna Cui-Rate Lawyers. 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban,
- 9 Round About the County.
- 10 Lecal—Religious News of the Week. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow
- 11 Story-"Brandon's Daughter." 12 Local-Live Industrial News.

Collapse in Copper Stock Swells the List of Failures-Commercial Lia-

bilities Small. New York, Dec. 29.-R. G. Dun & 'o.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say

No correct report of failures in 1839 can be made until the year has closed. A collapse of speculation in copper stocks has swelled the aggregate at Boston alone over \$18,000,000 within a few days, and might yet add to the MacKellar, Smith & Jordan, type record. The failures thus far reported ounders, died to lay of pneumonia at are fewer in number than in any year since 1892, and smaller in amount of commercial liabilities than in any year

York, Aug. 12, 1812. At the age of 14 | The week has been exciting only at years he evinced an adaptability for Boston, where the failures growing out the printers' craft and was given em- of speculation and the efforts to replayment in the office of the New York establish banks and firms suspended Spy and later in the publishing house have not given the week a holiday character. Yet general business is to this city and secured employment thoroughly safe and prosperous, and as proof reader in the type and stereo- no important firms have tailed save type foundry of Johnson & Smith. In some which were individually connect-1845 he was taken into the business ed with concerns involved by speculaas a partner, on the death of Mr. tion. Wheat and cotton specultaion Johnson a new firm was formed under has taken a holiday, prices scarcely the title of MacKellar, Smith & Jor- varying, and the movement of both is curprisingly small. Atlantic exports Mr. MacKellar received the degree of of wheat, flour include, have in four doctor of philosophy from the Univer- weeks only been 8,278,618 bushels, sity of Wooster, Ohio. He was the au- | against 19,874.587 last year, and Pacific ther of numerous books, poems and exports 3,314.271 bushels, against 3,856,-868 last year. The corn exports conthe literary line being "The American tinue about as large as last year, but cofton exports this month have been less than half last year's, with some He was president of the Type Found- | decrease in takings of spinners. Acboth here and above there is no haste to pay the prices evidence of Filipino soldiers being in

The industries are closing the most extraordinary year of their history. The increase in demand for iron and steel products is the great feature of the year. With 415,732 rone unsold and 243,516 tors produced weekly January ingston, the blind man who late on I last, hindered by severe weather so that the output March 1 dropped 15,999 tons, but expanding in every month ducing about 206,000 tons weekly and from custody today by Judge Stock. unsold stock are reduced to 122,923 tons, bridge. Livingston was brought into and yet orders untilled will require six to nine months' work from most establishments. Prices have not change! difficulties of General Young's troops the past week, though demand for some products improved a little. The average of prices closes 119.5 per cent. higher than January 1 for pig and

102.8 per cent. higher for products Industries which depended on individual consumption have gained less, though more than population. Consumption of cotton has been larger than ever, with an average advance of per cent Wool has been raised by speculation 35 per cent., but has been largely consumed, with great demand for goods, which have advanced but 17 per cent. Of boots and shoes east has shipped 400,000 cases, or 5 per cent, more than last year, and 27% per cent, more than in 1892, but prices have advanced about 11 per cept, since Janadvanced about 11 per cept, since January 1. In all these products trads shows a continuing strong demand, although quiet in the holicity week, Fall- the had been suffering for a few days tires for the week have been 221 in the United States, against 252 last year, and twenty-five in Canada, against

SAMOANS BECOMING HOSTILE. Englishman Murdered and Many

Foreign Residents Threatened. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.-Details of the murder of Frank Cornwall, the richest British planter in the Samoan group, in his Samoan home, Novemstrike involving 12,000 men for a good | ber 12 last, were brought by the steamwhile and the operators were given ship Aorangi. Cornwall was murdered until Dec. 28 to grant certain advances by natives while he was asleep. Hithfailure to do so would involve a Samoa in times of peace, because the general strike and the calling out of Samoans have looked on foreign lives 40,000 miners in the district, of which as sucred and would never approach a Clearfield is the center, I hope this white man with the deliberate purpose of harming him, no matter what aggravation he might have caused them, But that feeling towards foreigners has changed, and although young Cornwall was generally popular he is only one of a number of prominent

foreigners whose lives have been threatened. Harrichurg Charters.

Harrisburg, Dec. 29.-Charters were Harrisburg, Dec. 22.—Charters were issued at the state department today as follows: Eric Lithographing and Printing company, capital \$200,000; Unagitated Water Freezing company, of Philadelphia, capital \$10,000; Kaul & Hall Lumber company, of St. Marys, Ph. South St. 200,000 Elk county, capital \$200,000.

Reland Reed's Condition.

New York, Dec. 29.—It was said at mid-ight at St. Luke's hospital that the condition of Roland Reed, the was practically unchanged from yesterday.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 29.-Cleared: Maaslam, for Rotterdam; Campania, for liverpool Hamburg—Arrived; Pala-*********** tia, from New York,

CAPTURE OF A REBEL FORT

Americans Carry a Filipino Stronghold by Assault.

COL. LOCKETT'S VICTORY

Local-Big Increase in Capital Stock | Large Number of Insurgents Killed, Several Taken Prisoners-One Cannon, Forty Rifles and 20,000 Rounds of Ammunition Captured. Casualties Among United States Troops Slight.

> Washington, Dec. 29 .- The adjutant general received a cable message from leneral Otis this morning, telling of the capture of a mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo, formerly supposed to be impregnable, and the capture of several prisoners and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The dispatch is as follows:

"Manila, Dec. 29, 1899. 'Adjutant General, War Department,

Washington: "Colonel Lockett, with regiment, two battalions Forty-sixth (Colonel Schuyler), one Forty-fifth (Colonel Dorst) and company Twenty-seventh infantry,two guns, Captain Van Dusen, attacked enemy 600 strong on mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast San Large number killed and wounded; twenty-four taken prisoners. Lockett captured one cannon, forty rifles, 20,000 rounds ammunition, 500 pounds powder, arsenal, fortifications, all food supplies and considerable other property. This captured point located on mountain trail, and formerly supposed to be impregnable, Our casualties: Lieutenant Enslow, Eleventh cavalry, and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slight; Private Mat-

gon, Forty-fifth infantry, drowned." Terrorizing Natives.

Manila, Dec. 29, 10.10 p. m .- The insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Dagupan and Vigan, fleeing to the mountains before the advancing Americans, are returning in small bands to the towns the Americans do not occupy, terrorizing the natives and Chinamen who showed friendship for the Americans. natives and Chinamen are seeking the protection of the American garrisons. Colonel Wessels cavalry, while scotting in the vicinity of Trinidad, found

that vicinity, but it was impossible to bring about an engagement. The recent increase in the garrison at Namaepacan against a threatened rebel attack on Christmas day, averted trouble. Colonel Luther R. Hare, of the Thirty-third infantry, who has been following a party of American prisoners, lost track for three days about sec. 2s of such signs and evi-

dences of their passages that they customarily left behind them. It is thought the prisoners were separated and conveyed to remote parts of the mountains, thus increasing the

General Wheeler, who was recently in Manila requesting an appointment south in the line of the expected cam-

paign, is now at Panique.

DEATHS OF A DAY. Towanda, Pa., Dec. 29 .- J. Perry Vansheriff of Bradford county, died at his home here this evening, aged 69 years. Consumption was the cause of death, In 1869 Mr. Vantleet was elected sheriff and served three years. Previous to that he was county treasurer for two

St. Paul, Dec. 29.-E. V. Smalley, edifrom nervous dyspesia. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.-Ludwig C.

years. His wife survives.

Nenningen, editor and proprietor of Deutscher Zeitung of Auburn, N. Y., was found dend in a room in Curtin's notel today. The cause of death is un-New York, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Florence Mansfield Worth, wife of Brigadier General William S. Worth, U. S. A.,

retired, died yesterday at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. Negro Rousters Drowned.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 29.—The steamer Linda, of Shreveport, burned to the water's edge and sank off Vanceville. on the Red river, today. The officers and erew were compelled to take to the water and swim for shore, as it wast impossible to run the heat ashere when the fire was discovered. rousters from Shreveport were either burned to death or drowned. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Lieutenant Taylor Dead.

Washington, Dec. 29.—General Otis at Manila cabled the war department oday that First Lieutenant Edward R. Taylor, Twelfth infantry, was run over by a train crossing the Agno river, near Bautista, on the 26th inst. and died in a few hours. Lieutenant Tayfor was born in Hilmols and was ap-June, 1889,

Pennsylvania Postmasters. Washington, Dec. 29.—Postmasters

or offices of the fourth class in Pennsylvania were appointed today as follows: William Thompson, Be Creek, Wyoming county: E. O. Eimer Slaughenhaupt, Schultzville, Lackawanna county.

++++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington Dec. 29.-Forecast for Saturday and Sunday-Eastern + Pennsylvania-Fair; continued cold + Saturday and Sunday; fresh west +