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GOEBEL WILL CONTEST.

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CANADIAN **TROOPS ARE** VICTORIOUS

They Score a Brilliant Success with the Boers.

DIFFICULT RAID CONDUCTED

Colonial Troops Under Colonel Pilcher Make a Brilliant Dash Against the Enemy and Capture Forty Prisoners-British Casualties Two Men Killed-Account of the Capture of Colesburg.

Belmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 2 .- A dispatch from the Associated Press representative at Dover farm, dated January 1, says:

Canad ans, of the Toronto company, and 200 Queenslanders, commanded by Colonel Rickards, two guns and horse battery under Major De Rougemont. forty mounted infantry under Lieutenant Ryan, and 200 Cornwall light infantry, the whole commanded by Colonel Pilcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering twenty miles before sunset. The force encamped at Cook's farm, where the troops were welcomed enthuslastically. At 6 o'clock this morning the force approached a spot where a laager of the Poers was reported. Colonel Pilcher, on approaching the posttion, which was a line of strong kopjes, detached Major De Rougemont with the guns, Torontos and mounted infantry, to work towards the right. making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders towards the south position. The manouver was a complete success. The British shells were the first indication of the presence of the troops. The Boers left their larger and opened fire, but the Queenslanders, completing the movement, the laager was captured with forty prisoners. The British casualties were two killed, three wounded and one missing. The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed be-longed to the Queensland contingent." Another despatch from the front, dated Jan. 1. says:

The colonial troops, who have been longing to be allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportu-nity to do so and scored a brilliant

quired by hellograph today: "Why is Roberts coming? What has Buller The British replied: "How did you like our lyddite in the late battle?" The Boers signalled in response: "Rats." HOW GENERAL FRENCH WON. British Commander's Report on Boer Defeat at Colesburg. London, Jan. 2 .- The success of General French's column has been confirmed officially. The war office this afternoon published a despatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, Jan. 1. It was as follows: "French reports at 2 p. m. today from Coleskop, by heliograph, as follows: 'Leaving at Rensburg, holding the enemy in front, half of the First Suffolks and a section of the Royal Horse Artillery, I started thence at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Dec. 31, taking with me five squadrons of cavalry, half of the Second Berks and eighty mounted infantry, carried in wagons, and ten guns. I halted for four hours at Maidor's Farm, and at 3.30 o'clock this morning occupied the kopje over-"A m anted force consisting of 100 looking and westward of Colesburg, The enemy's outposts were taken completely by surprise. "'At daylight we shelled the laager and enfiladed the right of the enemy's position. The artillery fire in reply was very hot from a fifteen-pounder using Royal Laboratory ammunition and other guns. We silenced the guns on the enemy's right flank, demonstrating with cavalry and guns to the north of Colesberg, toward the junction, where a strong laager of the enemy was holding a hill, and a position southeast of Colesberg, as far as the junction. Our positions cuts the

were forced to retreat, the Boers hold-

ing the position. The loss of the Brit-ish is not known, but it is reported to

have been heavy. The Boers conside

Fun with Signals.

the British forces.

line of retreat via the road and bridge. Some thousands of Boers with two zero. guns are reported to be retiring toward Norval's Pont. "'All Remington's scouts proceeded toward Achterland yesterday morning. Slight casualties. About three killed and a few wounded. Details later."" Brief independent messages from Rensburg, filed the evening of Jan. 1, supplement General French's despatch but slightly. According to them the British were still shelling the Boer position at five o'clock Monday evening, and it was expected that they would enter Colesburg today. The British losses were three men killed and seven wounded. No officers were killed or wounded. The Boers, it is supposed, suffered heavily from the accuracy of the British artillery fire,

It a great compliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts should have been BIG STORMS IN NORTHWESTERN selected to the supreme command of PENNSYLVANIA. Frere Camp, Jan, 1.-The Boers in-Much Suffering Ar ig Farmers at Corry-Railroad 's affic Blocked. Howling Tempest at Chautauqua.

ARE RAGING

WILD BLIZZARDS

Snow Six - eet Deep on the Level Near Dunkirk. Corry, Pa., Jan. 2 .- With unabated fury tonight the blizzard which has raged unceasingly in Northwestern

Pennsylvania for the past ten days, continues. Since last midnight about eighteen inches of snow has fallen, the roads leading into this city being impassable. It is feared that there is much suffering among the farmers. In this city

snow plows and shovelers have been working all day keeping the sidewalks clear, but with little success. Only business that cannot be neglected is being transacted. The through Pittsburg express No. 2, on the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad, due here at 11.50 o clock this morning, has not yet arrived toright. The express is stalled in a huge drift near Silver Creek. There are large drifts between this city and Maysville also, No. 1, bound north, arrived nearly on time, but did not proceed, but remained in the yards here. Tonight she left for Buffalo via the Pennsylvania to Erie, and the Lake Shore to Buffalo. It is not known when the trains will

be running regularly again, as it is impossible to keep the tracks clear while the fall of snow continues. The Lake Shore, Erie, Nickel Plate and Pennsylvania, while having considerable trouble, are moving some trains. A peculiar sight even in this country is to see a train of three cars and two engines moving at a snail's pace, but such is the case when the train encounters a drift. No deaths have been reported to the police as yet. The temperature remains stationary at Dunkirk, N. Y., Jan, 2 .- A blizzard is raging in Chautauqua county today.

No trains have reached Dunkirk on the Western New York and Pennsylvania road, as the drifts between Mayville and Silver Creek are ten feet deep. Trains on the Nickel Plate road are using the tracks of the Lake Shore between Brockton and Buffalo, Lake Shore trains are getting through, but are late about two hours. Traffle over several stage routes is blocked. In many places the snow is six feet deep

on a level. CASE OF BRIGHAM ROBERTS.

Mr. Roberts for his argument. A vote

the week and the chairman will prob-

ably be authorized to draw the re-

port and present it to the house. Mr.

Exceed 865,000.

likely to follow the latter part of

Committee Will Probably Vote to Exclude the Candidate. General French's statement that the

Washington, Jan. 2.-The report of Boers were using a fifteen-pounder the committee of the house of represenand Woolwich ammunition evidently tives which is investigating the case

THE SEIZURE OF Nine Different Grounds of Objection Are Embraced in Formal Notice. Frankfort, Ky., Jan, 2 .- The notice of contest by Senator Goebel and J. V. W. Beckham against Governor Taylor and Lieutenaat Governor Marshall were served late tonight. Nine dif-

ferent grounds are embraced in the notice. The notice avers that any of the grounds of the contest are sufficent to change the result of the election

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 2 .- County Attorney Polsgrove and Sheriff Sutter came here from Frankfort today with subpoenas for President Loring and Vault Cierk Speed, of the Louisville

Trust company, to appear before Judge Cantrill, of the Franklin county circuit court, with the box in which Senator S. B. Harrell and John H. Whallen, according to the former's story, placed \$4,500, the price which Harrell says was agreed upon for his vote against Goebel. The officers of the trust company, on advice of counsel, refused to comply with the order or to go to Frankfort until compelled by attachment proceedings to do so. Mr. Speed stated he had no right to produce"the box. He said he considered the box under the exclusive control of other persons and that, under a private and written agreement made by the "renter" with "other persons" at the time box 559 was rented, it was not to be opened except by mutual consent and in each other's presence. As vault keeper, he contended that he simply nad the custody of the boxes in the vaults and had no right to open the cases. box.

At the request of the Franklin county officers of the Louisville police have kept a watch on the box since a late hour last night.

BLACKBURN AT THE FRONT. Selected at Democratic Caucus to

Succeed Senator Lindsay.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 2 .- After four Joseph Clay Styles Blackburn was chosen tonight by a joint caucus of the Democratic members of the legislature as the successor of Senator Wil-

liam Lindsay in the United States senate. The caucus was called to order by Senator Goebel, chairman of the joint caucus. There was a wild demonstration in the galleries when Goebel came into the hall before calling the caucus to order, the cheering continuing several minutes. Senators Alexander and Hayes, Democrats, and McConnell, Populist, stayed out of the caucus. Blackburn was placed in nomination by Senator Goebel and the nomination was seconded by Senator Farris.

Senator Thomas asked that the roll be called so that every Democratic member might have an opportunity to to on record for Blackburn. Senators Alexander and Hayes failed to respond to their names; otherwise the vote was unanimous.

Senator McConnell, Populist, who did not participate with the Democrats tonight, will vote for Blackburn and charge of stealing a gunning skiff from with his vote, Blackburn, according to the showing of tonight's caucus, will have \$2 votes, as against 54 Republicans, or 56 Republicans and anti-Blackburn Democrats combined. be not permitted under his credentials



Shipped on British and German Vessels Were Not Liable to Seizure-The Department Promises to Protect All American Rights of Trade.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- The state department today received from United States Ambassador Choate at London by cable a statement of the facts he had developed in connection with the seizure by British warships of American goods on the three merchant vessels, Beatrice, Mashona and Maria. The goods comprised not only flour, but miscellaneous articles of commot trade and while they were shipped for Lorenzo Marques in British and German vessels, yet the contention of our officials is that they were not subject to seizure. They could not lodge representations on the subject until they were possessed of a knowledge of the facts, but as soon as air. Choate's statement came to hand today an instruction was cabled to him to inform the British government that we could not admit the right of seizure in these

This is the preliminary step usually taken in such negotiations. Next in order will be a report to our consular representative at Lorenzo Marques regarding the present condition of the seized and detained goods. The state department is not yet fully informed on these points, though they will be necessary to the further presentation of the cases. It will be the duty of our consular agent at Lorenzo Mar-

rears of retirement former Senator ques to ascertain and report these facts and he is now engaged in doing this under the original instructions of the state department.

While the department is acting, as it promised in the beginning to firmly protect all American rights of trade, it is showing no unseemly haste in the presentation of the cases. The instruction to Mr. Choate was not made for the release of the goods nor for indemnity, but rather a precautionary notice to the British government to save all our rights in the case. It will be sufficient to inaugurate the settlement of the matter by negotiating and the state department has not slightest doubt but England will make full amends to the owners of the goods when the facts are laid before it.

EYRE MURDER MYSTERY.

James Pierce Arrested for Stealing a Boat.

Chester, Jan. 2 .- James Pierce, of

CHAPELLE Weather Indications Today: FAIR; WESTERLY WINDS. General-Canadian Troops Victorious In South Africa. The Papal Delegate Arrives at Manila. Bilizzard in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Scizure of American Goods Will Be Investigated. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. Local-Court Proceedings. Trial List for Next Week's Superior Court. Editorial.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

News and Commert. Story-"Tatters." 6 Local-County Commissioners Double Their Office Help.

- Viaduct Ordinance and Councils. Local-Thomas Ludden Charged with, Wilful Murder. Knights of Malta Confer Red Cross Degree.
- Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County.
- 10 Local-Live Industrial News,

HANNA THE MAN.

Will Be Chairman of Next Republican Committee.

Cleveland, Jan. 2 .- According to the leveland Leader information received by it from a source second only to next Republican national committee, national convention. This statement of President McKinley, and he being the only candidate the delegates will bain, who was also a passenger on the cheerfully acquiesce. The statement Sherman. It is said that the friars are is made that the only question which has ever existed is to the continuation for the purpose of procuring better of Mr. Hanna's leadership in the com- protection for individual interests. ing convention was that regarding his

willigness to undertake the new task next year, and the president's wish in that respect is to be gratified. The same source of information is authority for the statement that the delegates at large from Ohio to the Republican national convention will be Senator. Hanna and Foraker, Governor Nash and General Dick, chairman of the state executive committee.

THE MOLINEUX TRIAL.

Prospects That the Defense Will

Away.

He was the first to discover that vio-

lins made of American wood were su-

instruments of foreign woods

the Welsh castle of the diva.

perior in tone and quality to any such

Among his patrons was Ole Bull, the

famous Maestro, Madame Adelina Pat-

ti, and Signor Nicolini also purchased

their string instruments from Albert.

Invalid Woman Cremated

Fatal Waterback Explosion.

ange to atoms and wrecking the kitchen

A baby asleep in a cradle was instantly

in the home of William Bennett, last

Wagner Owners Complain.

Hamburg, Jan. 2.- The Hamburger Cor-

Wounded at Mafeking.

who were taken at Malagro, say

Tillie Holgate, who was terribly

Bridgeton, N. J., Jan. 2.-The water

and some of them are still in use in

Soon Be Heard. New York, Jan. 2-In the trial of

Roland B. Molineux, charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. the defense today gave an intimation

IN MANILA Arrival of the Papal Delegate to the Philippincs.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S MISSION

Rivalry of the Brotherhoods to Obtain His Favor-Important Questions to Be Decided by Him-Effect of His Presence on the Attitude of Filipinos-Tagologs Embittered Against the Church-Colonel Pettit's Experience,

Manila, Jan. 2 .- Archbishop Chapelle, the papal delegate to the Philippines, arrived here today on the United States transport Sherman, which salled from San Francisco on December S. He will lodge in the house formerly Pacsident McKinley and Senator Han-na, is to the effect that not only will Philippine advisory commission. That Senator Hanna be the chairman of the action on the part of Mgr. Chapelle settles the contest between the various but he will be both temporary and friar brotherhoods in Manila, who, seppermanent chairman of the Republican (arately, have been using their inituence to obtain the privilege of entertaining may, perhaps, be explained upon the the archbishop and the Rev Father fact that such is the expressed wish McKinnon, late of the California volunteers, and now a regular army chapstriving to obtain Mgr. Chapel'e's car

The arrival of the panal delegate health. He has now announced his directs attention to the question of the church and the brotherhoods in the Philippines, including the matter of deciding the brotherhoods' cialms to real estate and other property; of the church receiving state support, and of the re-establishment of Spanish curates in native parishes. By the appointment of Mgr. Chapelle as Archbishop Nozoleda's successor the Fillpinos and Spaniards feel that steps will be taken in these momentous matters which may bring infinite good or evil to the islands. Consequently, Mgr. Chapelle's action will be watched closely and discussed fully. All classes of the brotherhoods are anxious to send representatives to the parishes and provinces recently occupied by the Americans. That matter is to be brought to Mgr. Chapelle's attention of its plan. Harry Cornish, who adsoon, and his aid in that connection ministered the poison to Mrs. Adams, is to be solicited. Inasmuch as the this place, was arrested today on the was cross-examined by Attorney We ks question of the expulsion of the brothwhose questions were framed so as to erhood's from the Islands and the free suggest that Cornish mailed the bromo dom of the people form the alleged injustice of members of the order has alnot drink from the poison glass, and ways been declared to be the principal that he was not taken sick at the same cause of the revolt of the Fillpines time as Mrs. Adams. Cornish's relaagainst Spain's sovereignty, long-time tions with women, and especially a residents of the islands declare that if Mrs. Patterson, who died in Chicago, the friars are returned to their former were discussed and discrepancies in his parishes the natives, seeing them retestimony at different times were turn under American administration, brought to the attention of the jury. will surely attack and kill them and The prosecution took advantage of otherwise cause disorders, an opening made by Attorney Weeks Revolutionists having started the rein cross-examining Coroner's Physician port that Mgr. Chapelle intends even-Weston, and was able to elicit testitually to appoint Father McKinnon as mony as to the death by mercurial archbishop of the Philippines, the latpoisoning of Henry C. Barnet, of the ter's defense of the brotherhoods in Knickerbocker Athletic club. The dethe American newspapers has been fense protested vigorously but was translated and circulated among the natives for the purpose, it is declared, of showing that Father McKinnon will JOHN ALBERT DEAD. support the brotherhoods if he is elected. Such statements as those create uneasiness among the natives, which is increased by recent news received from Spain to the effect that Mgr. Philadelphia, Jan. 2 .-- John Albert, Chapelle will support the brotherhoods. famous throughout the country for his The Tagologs, it is said, have become skill in the manufacture of violins, more embittered against the church is dead at his residence in this city, since Archbishop Nozaleda excommu aged 91 years. Mr. Albert was born in nicated an insurgent priest. It is addthe duchy of Baden, Germany, and ed that the number of Protestant marthere learned the trade of making vioriages among the natives increases lins. He came to this country, and continually. continued to make these instruments.

success. The raid conducted by Colonet Pilcher was very difficult, owing to the fact that the movements of the troops were immediately communicated to the Boers by natives. In order to prevent this Colonel Pilcher in making his forced march from Belmont, left a British trooper at every farm house, with instructions not to allow the natives to leave their huts, the patrols calling the names of the natives hourly to prevent their escape.

"In the manoeuver at Cooks' farm Colonel Pilcher sent mounted patrols east. One of these, consisting of four men, commanded by Lieutenant Adie, suddenly encountered fourteen Boers, who opened fire. The lieutenant was severely wounded and Private Putloe gave up his horse in order to carry the lleutenant out of range."

Another private, whose horse had bolted, pluckily returned to render azsis ance. He was wounded in the leg and his horse was killed.

The Enemy Surprised.

Meanwhile Lieutenant Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported the yeldt on the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major De Rougemont ordered the guns to a trot. They arrived within 1,509 yards of the laager, unlimbered and planted five shells in as many minutes, within the laager.

Immediately the enemy could be seen stre ming over the kopje. They were completely surprised, but quickly opened a well directed fire.

A representative of the Associated Press had the privilege of carrying an order to the Toronto company at double quick action. The order was received with great satisfaction. The company rushed forward until within a thous nd yards of the enemy's nosition, when it opened a hot fire upon ple the kopje and completely subdued the Boer fire

The British artillery shelled the position with wonderful accuracy, while Lieutenant Rvan, with mounted infantry, worked round and completely uncovered the tire of the Boers, who had been enseenced in the bushes.

Meanwhile Colonel Pilcher, with the Queenslanders, taking advant ge of every cover, made a direct attack, the Australians moving slowly but surely, and only shooting when they saw the enemy retiring under their steady fire. The Queenslanders behaved with gre t coolness, laughing and chaffing even at the moment of greatest peril. Douglas, Cape Colony, Jan. 2 .- Colonel Pilcher has occupied Douglas, without opposition, and has been received with enthusiasm by the log lists.

Surrender of Boers.

During the advance the Boor fire suddenly ceased. Thirty-five Boers hoisted a white flag and surrendered. A portion of the Torontos moved across the front of the guns and entered the laager. The Poers fled. Fourteen tents, three wagons, a great store of rifles. ammunition, forage, saddles and camp equipage and numerous incrim expenditures amounting to \$263,766,560, which leaves a surplus for the haif year inating papers were captured. The of \$21,026,934 as against a deficit for Boers lost six killed and twelve wounded. The Torontos stood the gall-719, 122, ing fire with admirable patience, never asting a shot.

Pretoria, Jan 1 .-- Last night (Sunday.)--The British in great force at-tacked Commandant Schoeman's command in the Colesberg district and tried to storm the position. They made repeated attacks but | survivor broke his arm

refers to one of the British guns capof Mr. Roberts, of Utah, will be made tured at Stormberg. The Boer strength soon after congress re-assembles, and the engagement with General there is reason to believe the majority French was estimated at from 5,000 to report will recommend that Roberts be 7.000 men. excluded from the house and that he

EFFECT OF FRENCH'S VICTORY. to exercise any prima facie right of being sworn in. Whether the report

Boers May Be Caught Between His will be unanimous is open to doubt, as three of the members of the commit-Forces and Gatacre's.

tee are not counted on as positively London, Jan. 2 .- While the afternoon favorable to the course indicated, and newspapers are disposed to overrate this may result in the submission of a the brilliancy of General French's sucminority report. The minority view, if cess, it will doubtless have a good submitted, will probably deal with the moral effect, and, it is added, if promptprima facie right to be sworn in on ly followed up, as seems likely from credentials which are regular and will the fact that Remington's guides are recommend that Roberts be sworn in already advancing on Achterlang, it and thereafter expelled. may result in securing Norval's Pont The committee will resume its hearbridge, an important strategic point, ings on Thursday at 11 o'clock. The whence General French will probably testimony is closed, however, Chairman be able to threaten Bethulle bridge, Tayler (Ohio) having heard that the the main line of retreat for the Boers remaining witnesses from Utah will facing General Gatacre. not come on. It is expected, there-Other official despatches, dated Jan. fore, that Thursday will be given to

1, say General Methuen's position is unchanged, POLICE SEIZE A RAILBOAD.

Contest That May Result in Forfeit-

Tayler and McPherson, of the commiture of a Franchise. tee, were in conference today examining law books and precedents, prepara-Chicago, Jan. 2-The police today

tory to drawing up the report. took entire possession of the whole linof the new Northwestern Elevated railroad in this city. The police acted under orders of the commissioner of HERSHEY'S SHORTAGE.

public works, former Congressman It Is Now Thought That It Will Lawrence E. McGann. On the outcome of the remarkable contest between the city authorities and the railway com-Lancaster, Jan. .-- Ex-County Treaspany is involved the possible forfeiture urer Hershey's shortage, it is now of the company's franchise as well as feared, will greatly exceed \$65,000, the the sum of \$100,000 posted by the railsum announced yesterday. Today it way company to guarantee the comwas discovered that he had failed to tion of the road by Jan. 1. credit at least one tax collector with Tonight, besides stopping the work \$65 and if he has followed this prac-

in progress at various points of the tice to any extent the defalcation will structure, the police have erected a be much greater. Until experts go barrier of ties and rails at the junc-ture of the Nothwestern Elevated over the books the amount appropriated in this manner must be purely a with those of the Union Loop matter of conjecture. at Fifth avenue and Lake street, and County Solicitor Hasler this eventhe regular crow of the company's one ing returned from a trip to Philadeltemporary train is under arrest. phia, whither he went this morning af-

The arrests are the result of the reter a conference with the county comfusal of the railway officials to commissioners in regard to the case of ply with an order from the commis-Emaunel H. Hershey, the absconding sioner of public works to cease train county treasurer. He refused to make running, Mr. McGann claiming that statement but it is understood that the company's structure was unsafe in he consulted with the Pinkerton detecits present alleged incomplete state, tive agency with a view of placing the and that it did not come within the case in their hands. Nothing has yet requirements of the ordinance that it been heard from Hershey and his be completed for operation by Jan. 1. whereabouts are still unknown. Because of the discovery today that

Receipts and Expenditures. Washington, Jan. 2.-The comparative

erresponding period of last year of \$53.

Schooner Puritan Ashore.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 2 .- The schoone

county tax collectors it is believed his defalcations will amount to more than statement of government receipts and the sixty-five thousand dollars at first expenditures shows that for the month of December, 1855, the receipts were \$15, 759,104 as against \$41,404,783 for December disclosed.

1898. The expenditures during last month were \$39,145,559, as against \$11,554,850 for DEATHS OF A DAY. December, 1899, which leaves a surplus for last month of \$7,612,545, as against a Wilmington, Del., Jan. 2 .- Charles J. Harrington, register of wills, for Kent leficit of \$400,014 for December, 1898. The county, and speaker of the Delaware senate at the session of 1879, died at his receipts from all sources during the last six months amount to \$281,750,494, with

nome in Farmington this morning, aged 55 years. Bethlehem, Jan. 2.-Joseph Johnston, master mechanic of the Bethlehem Steel company since 1865, : d one of the most prominent Masons of the state, died at his home here last night after two days' illness of pneumonia in the seventy-third

he failed to record some returns from

rear of his age. Puritan was driven ashore on Cabot isl Charters Granted. and in a heavy gale yesterday and eight out of her crew of nine were lost. Six were married men with families. The

Harrisburg, Jan. 2.-Charters granted: Webster Coal and Coke company. Scranon, capital \$600.000.

SENATOR ALLEN'S DENIAL.

Would Not Accept a Nomination for Presidency.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- Senator Allen, of Nebraska, in an interview tonight authorized an absolute denial of reports that he would be the candidate play in connection with the disappearfor the presidency of a part of the fusion for president. He said: "I would not accept the nomination

if it were unanimously tendered me. Mr. Bryan undoubtedly will be the candidate of the Democratic, Populist and Free Silver parties for the presidency. Nebraska will give him a united, active delegation to all three of the conventions."

DEAD IN JAIL.

Samuel Johnson, a Negro Murderer, Found in His Cell.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2 .- Samuel Johnson, a negro who was serving a life sentence in the eastern penitentiary for the brutal murder of John Sharpless, near Chester, Delaware county, Pa., some years ago, was found dead in his cell yesterday. Warden Cassidy notified the coroner.

The murder was committed on Sunday, Nov. 22, 1885, in Mr. Sharpless' barn. After being convicted of the crime and sentenced to be hanged, Johnson was repeatedly respited and in May, 1899, the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment,

Rod Makers Demand More Wages.

Cleveland, Jan. 2 .- The National Association of Rod Mill Workers has just made a demand on the American Steel and Wire company for an increase in wages of from 3 to 21% per cent. The men ask for the restoration of the wages. of 1893 and a uniform scale. The company has twelve mills, five of which are n Cleveland. The workers do not expect a strike. The company is given until January 15 to answer.

Fleming Indicted for Murder.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.-Oscar J. Fleming, the Princess Anne county magistrate, who shot and killed Clarence L. Snyder, of this city, a few weeks ago, because the latter was hunting on his property was today indicted for murder. His ball was increased from \$1,000 to \$10,000 bits, his trial set for the first Monday in Febincreased from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and runry.

Military Precautions at Dublin.

Dublin, Jan. 3 .- Extra precautions have seen adopted by the military authoritie here. The constabulary has been fully armed. The sentries, from sundown norning, have been increased at the barracks. Petrols march around and all caves of absence are suspended.

Killed by the Cars.

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 2.-8, B. Bubb, aged 21 years, a clerk in the scale office of the Pennsylvania railroad at this place, while crossing the tracks was struck by a draft of cars today and in tantly killed. He leaves a wife and child.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Jan. 2-Cleared: Kensing-ton, for Antwerp; New York for Souththe Alpha boat house. The arrest is said to be the result of an investiga- | seltzer bottle to himself; that he did tion following the mysterious disappearance twelve days ago of George B. Eyre, a prominent citizen and sportsman of Chester. On Dec. 21 Mr. Eyre, who was a

member of the Alpha Boat club, went duck-hunting. That was the last seen of him. A few days later a skiff belonging to Bonshill G. Landomus was found drifting in the Delaware river some distance below Chester. There had been a strong suspicion of foul ance of Mr. Eyre and the authorities have been pursuing a rigid investigation, dragging the Delaware river for overruled.

miles and searching the meadows on both sides of the river. The warrant on which Pierce was arrested was sworn out by a special The Famous Violin Maker Passes officer and charges him with "for Sbly entering the Alpha Boat club house on

or about Dec. 14 and taking a gunning skiff belonging to Bonsall from the Landomus." Pierce was later in the day released

in \$500 bail. Pierce confessed this evening to

Chief of Police Berry that he stole the skiff. He emphatically denies that the robbery had anything to do with the George Eyre mystery and says he has no knowledge of the disappearance of the gunner. The robbery, he says, was committed a week before the disappearance of Eyre and he contends that the talk about murder has no foundation whatever. Pierce will have a hearing on the charge of robbery on

PATERSON WRECK CASES.

Du Bois, Jan. 2.-Mrs. Claude Miller, of Ridgway, an invalid, and unable to Judge Dixon Says That Snedeker move from her bed was burned to death ast night. She was alone in the house

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 2 .- Judge Jonawhen the fire broke out and though desthan Dixon, in opening the January perate efforts were made to rescue the term of court today, charged the grand unfortunate woman, the flames had jury to thoroughly investigate the gained such headway that entrance to wreck on the Delaware, Lackawanna the building was impossible. and Western road on Thunksgiving night. As a result of the collision between the two trains seven persons back in the home of Samuel Cosaboon, exploded about neon today blowing the lost their lives.

court that William Snedeker, the rear brakeman of the Buffalo express which had stopped, and Engineer John be indicted for manslaughter. They are now under bonds awaiting the action of the grand jury.

the seizure of the company's steamer Bundesrath, by the British cruiser Macicienne, December 29, off Delagoa bay on the ground that she had contraband of war on board.

Washington, Jan. 2.-Pensions: Origi-nal-John S. Patterson, Williamsport, 38, Killed His Young Wife. Reissue-Charles H. Phelps, East Smith Hartville, Mo., Jan. 2.-James L. Moore, ged 65 years, shot and killed his wife,

aged 22 years, near Manes, then blew his Respite for Brennan. Harrisburg, Jan. 2.-Governor Stone this morning respited Thomas Brennan

head off. Mrs. Moore was the daughter of John Hunter, who recently killed C. C. Winningham. She was Moore's sec-ond wife and had left home after a quarthe Schuylkill county murderer from Jan uary 18 to February 15.

from Mafeking.

Pettit's Experience.

Manila, Jan. 2.-6.45 p. m.-Colonel Pettit, commanding the Thirty-first infantry, and Lieutenant Colonel Hayes, who commanded the three companies of that regiment on board the transport Manauense, which arrived here Nov. 28 and reported terrible experiences at sea, the steamer being classed as unseaworthy, undermanned and short of provisions, have filed official reports corroborating in every detail the exclusive story of the Associated Press at the time, describing the hardships of the soldiers. The colonel's report, which is particularly vigorous, recommends a claim against the ship owners for the uniforms of the whole battalion which were ruined during the passage.

MORE CIRLS ESCAPE.

Two Inmates of Industrial School Tramp Through the Snow.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 2 .- Two more girls escaped from the State Industrial School for Girls last night. The girls made their escape at midnight and tramped through the snow to Pennington, where they were captured in the morning and brought back to the school.

Neither the girls names nor any of the details of the escape could be learned at the school tonight.

Killed by an Express.

Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 2 .- The Pennsylvania express struck a covered te a wagon on a crossing at Montandon this afternoon, instantly killing John Wendel, Samuel Whitmeyer and Molte Wolf, all of that place. Harvey Wendel, a prominent hotel keeper, of Montandon, was also on the wagon, but escaped injury by jumping.



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respondenz announces that the German bark, Hans Wagner, of Hamburg, was seized by the British at Delagoa bay on December 21 and that her owners edged a complaint with the British foreign office. Pretoria, Jan. 1.-Three British pris-

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killed. Riordan, of the Philipsburg local, which crashed into the rear of the exinured by an explosion of a water night, is dying. press, were both negligent and should

field, Bradford, \$24.

Will Investigate Magicienne Affair. Hamburg, Jan. 2.- The papers here announce that the German foreign office has summoned the managing directors the German Fast African line, Herr Woermann, to Berlin, in connection with

that Captain Gordon Chester Wilson, husband of Lady Sarah Wilson, and five other officers whose names they refuse to give, were wounded in a recent sortie

Pennsylvania Pensions.