

THE OFFICIAL NEW YEAR.

My Precedes the Navy at the President's Reception.
Wgton, Jan. 2.—Beneath a sky as that above Cuba and a cold as the Arctic, over 2,000 people in line at the White House yesterday waiting to pay respects to the president of the United States, after the brilliant occasion which ushered in the new year in Washington.

GEN. FRENCH.

His Forces Captured a Successful Victory.

After a Night's Fighting, the Boers Suffered a Disastrous Defeat—Many of Their Stores Destroyed.

London, Jan. 2.—Rensberg, Cape Colony, reports that the Boers have been defeated on the north bank of the Orange river, giving them no time to stand, and who were within striking distance of the enemy. Sunday night the Boers were utterly defeated in a battle which was fought in wagons to increase their mobility started upon the right. The battle was successful. The infantry immediately took upon the Boers this was proceeding light artillery got to the enemy's right flank. The Boers were utterly defeated in their retreat in disorder to the eastward. The enemy's position was broken up and their artillery captured. The Boers were surprised, but replied vigorously. A Boer big gun was captured and the other Boers were withdrawn to the northward. We have captured many considerable quantities of...

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losses are quite slight, but the must have suffered heavily. The Standard's correspondent writes from Rensberg: General Charles Warren's division is nearly complete. Its headquarters are at Estcourt. It is rumored that the guns which were captured from General Buller at Colenso have been mounted in the hills commanding the drift over the Tugela river at Springfield. The Boers, it appears, captured 620 rounds of shrapnel which they took the guns. General Buller's difficulties have been immeasurably increased by the enforced delay of the last engagement. He now has before him a series of walled and fortified hills, running 16 miles along the line of the Tugela. These present a serious obstacle to the advance of the British with guns, while the river is in full flood. The coming of the winter certainly has been the stiffest and the most momentous of the campaign.

the shipping loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches. It is supposed that the insurgents were those who were driven out of San Mateo on the day General Lawton was killed. They numbered probably a thousand.

POPE LEO'S SUCCESSOR.

His Holiness Names Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti as the Next Pope. Rome, Jan. 1.—It is asserted that the pope, after the recent ceremony of opening the holy door at St. Peter's cathedral, addressed his intimate entourage, and said: "I thank divine providence for granting me the grace of being able to celebrate this great function, and I wish for my successor grandeur and a long reign, to the greater glory of God. My successor will be young, as compared with my own age, and will have time to see many glories of the papacy and the church."

Later Leo clearly designated Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti, prefect of the congregation of indulgences and sacred relics, as his successor. Cardinal Gotti, the famous Genoese monk, is a man of great piety and modesty. Now about 64 years of age, he has always lived a life of an ascetic, and, despite the dignity of a prince of the church, he always sleeps in a cell and on a hard mattress.

Ex-Congressman Osborne Dead. Washington, Jan. 2.—General Edwin S. Osborne, an ex-representative from Pennsylvania in the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth and Fifty-first congresses, died here last night of heart disease. He was a veteran of the civil war and for six years was brigadier general of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. At the conclusion of the war General Osborne was appointed judge advocate to investigate charges of cruelty to federal prisoners brought against Captain Wirtz, Confederate superintendent of the Andersonville prison, the result of which was the hanging of Wirtz. General Osborne was elected to congress from the state of Pennsylvania at large twice, and once from the Wilkesbarre district.

To Reorganize the Army in Cuba. Washington, Jan. 2.—It is probable that the present month will be marked by a complete reorganization of the military commands in Cuba. The impression prevails that here is to be a heavy reduction in these commands, and it is intimated that the outcome will be the creation of two departments instead of the six which originally comprised Cuba, and the four into which the island is now divided. General Wilson, who commands the combined departments of Matanzas and Santa Clara, has been ordered to Washington, and it is not the present intention that he shall return to Cuba.

Torn to Pieces by Lions. Vienna, Jan. 2.—One of the animal keepers at the Vienna zoological gardens entered the cage of lions yesterday in a spirit of bravado and six lions rushed upon him and tore him to pieces. The attendants sought in vain to rescue him, and the lions were finally driven from the cage by the use of gas.

Carnegie's Gift to Cooper Union. New York, Jan. 2.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$300,000 to Cooper Union for the establishment of a day school, similar in scope to the present night school, and the object of which will be to give such practical instruction as shall enable young men to become first class and skilled workmen.

Senator Gallinger's Victory. Concord, N. H., Jan. 2.—The grand jury reported to Judge Aldrich yesterday. No indictment was found against Senator Gallinger, charged with violating the civil service laws in soliciting subscriptions for campaign purposes from federal officeholders.

Family Burned to Death. Barboursville, W. Va., Jan. 2.—William Ellis, wife and two children were burned to death in their home near here early yesterday. No one knows the cause of the fire.

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A New Line to Europe. New York, Dec. 29.—Arrangements have been completed by Frederick Leyland & Co., limited, of Liverpool, for the establishment of a weekly passenger steamship service between New York and Liverpool. This new idea, which will constitute the most important addition to transatlantic service in recent years, will have in operation within two months six big vessels, and will conduct a weekly service similar in methods to those of the Atlantic Transport line, now running between this port and London.

Gas Explosion Destroys Church. Stromberg, Neb., Jan. 2.—Eden Baptist church was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, and two people seriously injured. The fire was caused by an explosion of acetylene gas, with which the church was lighted. A New Year's watch meeting was being held, and a large number of people were present, but most of them had just left the building when the explosion occurred. Mrs. J. L. Johnson and her daughter Pearl were seriously injured.

Proposed Zinc Combine. Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Record says: Information reached Chicago yesterday of the proposed formation of a combination to control the zinc output of the United States. Work on the scheme has been begun and the initial steps are being taken in Kansas City. According to one of the best known zinc operators, who was in Chicago yesterday, the plan includes not only the control of the mines, but of the smelting plants as well.

The New Cuban Cabinet. Havana, Jan. 1.—The names of the members of General Wood's cabinet, and the assignment of portfolios was issued yesterday. The list is as follows: Secretary of state and government, Diego Tamayo; secretary of justice, Luis Estevez; secretary of education, Juan Bautista Hendander; secretary of finance, Enrique Varona; secretary of public works, Jose Ramon Villalon; secretary of agriculture, industry and commerce, General Rius Rivera.

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Victory For the Goebelites. Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 2.—All doubt as to the ability of the Goebel Democrats to organize both houses of the legislature was dispelled by the attendance in the Democratic caucus last night. Senator Goebel was nominated for president pro tem. of the senate and the entire Goebel slate went through. In the house caucus all of the 58 Democrats answered to roll call and participated. In the senate four Democrats remained out. They were Senators Alexander, Hayes, Gillespie and Roberts. Senator Hill was sick and absent, but it not classed with the dissenters.

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Pittsburg, Jan. 2.—An explosion of sewer gas at Knoxville, a thriving borough near here, about midnight, wrecked a large number of houses and stables and tore up several streets for hundreds of feet. Fortunately no one was injured. The houses wrecked are 12 frame dwellings owned by John Young, fronting in Rochelle street and occupied by as many families. They are practically destroyed. A dozen other dwellings are partly destroyed. A stable owned by Edward Jackson Long alley and a block of five houses owned by Mrs. L. C. Snyder are complete wrecks. The damage will reach many thousands of dollars.

Pittsburg, Jan. 2.—The Monongahela river above the city limits of Pittsburg was ice locked yesterday and the large manufacturing plants along the river were compelled to receive their enormous tonnage of coal by rail. Almost all depend for their supply upon towboats that they either own or control through contracts. The promise of continued cold gives no hope of immediate relief and railroad yards, that have been taxed to their capacity for some time with the movement of freight, will be compelled to add one more burden. In some places the ice is reported to be from 7 to 12 inches.

Lock Haven, Pa., Dec. 30.—Grant Bathurst, assistant postmaster at Rote, this county, was killed and two other persons were injured yesterday by an explosion of dynamite in the weighmaster's office of the Bellefonte Limestone company, at Salona, eight miles from this city. One of the men in the office raked the fire in the stove with a poker, and while it was still hot hung the poker on a nail. It slipped from the nail and fell into a bucket filled with dynamite fuses, and a terrific explosion followed. The building was blown to pieces. Bathurst had an arm and a leg torn from his body, and two other men were injured by flying debris. Bathurst was 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and one child.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 2.—A freight train running between Gallitzin and Cresson yesterday afternoon broke in two places. The last section, composed of about 25 cars, started backward down the grade to Cresson, gathering velocity at every wheel turn. It was running wild, there being no trainmen on it. At Cresson the cars were piled and fell against the Glen Campbell commodation, about ready to be crushed. The accommodation was made up of two coaches, and 18 passengers were already aboard. The coaches were upset and rolled over an embankment feet high. They were set on fire, and also the debris of the freight cars. All the passengers were injured, none fatally. Miss Annie Streine Conemaugh, had an arm and leg broken.

British Consul to Be Naturalized. Kansas City, Jan. 1.—Phillip Rough, who has been British consul in Kansas City for several years, is to be naturalized.

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