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HIT COLONIAL OFFICE

Damaging Letters and Telegrams About Jameson Raid Published.

CHAMBERLAIN NOT DIRECT[illegible]

Proved Conclusively His Brother Richard Was in Touch with Rhodes.

SUPPRESS CERTAIN CABLE DISPATCHES

Parliamentary Committee Made Up So as Not to Expose Scheme.

RHODES AND CHAMBERLAIN UNDER COVER

Claim Colonial Secretary Knew and Encouraged Work of Rhodes and Jameson in Johannesburg Revolt.

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LONDON, Jan. 5.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Independence Belge published yesterday the letters and telegrams that passed between Hawksley, solicitor for Cecil Rhodes and the Chartered Company, and Edward Fairfield of the British colonial office, anent the Jameson raid.

The letters are telegraphed to London and reprinted in the Morning Leader. While they do not show directly the complicity of the British colonial office before the raid they do prove conclusively that Edward Fairfield and Joseph Chamberlain's brother, Richard, since dead, were in communication with Hawksley when the Parliamentary investigation was ordered and that there was some sort of a collusion between the colonial office, which should have appeared as the prosecutor in the case, and Rhodes and Hawksley, the solicitor in London of the Chartered Company.

The letters show between the lines that both the prosecution and the defense before the Parliamentary committee were acting together to suppress certain cable dispatches, and make arrangements so that the Parliamentary committee should be made up and handled in a way that would not expose the whole scheme and would leave both Chamberlain and Rhodes under cover.

They purport to show that Chamberlain knew and encouraged the work of Rhodes and Jameson in the Johannesburg revolt and also that Chamberlain charged Fairfield to secure an acquittal of Jameson and Rhodes by a select committee from the House of Commons.

The Independence Belge guarantees the authenticity of the letters, which fill two columns of the Morning Leader and are certain to make a sensation.

DYING MAN LEADS BRITISH

Stricken Captain Conducts an Assault Until He Falls on the Height.

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MAFEKING, Dec. 26.—(By runner to Mochudi, Dec. 31.)—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Early today two squadrons of the Protectorate cavalry delivered an attack on Game Tree fort, held by the Boers, 2,500 yards from this town. The attack was supported by an armored train and guns. The Boers had been, however, treacherously forewarned of the movement and the rails were blown up so that the train was unable to act efficiently.

The fort was found to have been so strengthened that it was impregnable to infantry and the attack failed, with a loss to our side of Captains Vernon and Sanford, Lieutenant Patton and twenty-one rank and file killed and Captain Clarence and twenty-two rank and file wounded. Most of the officers and men killed were shot in the ditch endeavoring to scale the height on which the fort stands. Captain Vernon, already wounded, persevered until shot dead. His example was emulated by all the officers and men engaged and the troops when forced to retire did so sullenly and slowly, facing about and firing deliberately during the retreat. No troops could have behaved more magnificently.

The general situation here is unchanged. Our men are in good spirits. Great kindness was shown by the Boers toward the wounded and they were with few exceptions most humane. The attacking force consisted of 100 and the Boers outnumbered us four to one.

Associated Press Story.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The war office has received, through General Forestier-Walker at Capetown, the following dispatch from Colonel Baden-Powell, dated Mafeking, December 26:

"We attacked one of the enemy's works this morning, endeavoring to push back the cordon northward. Our force consisted of three guns, two squadrons of the Protectorate regiment, one of the Bechuanaland Rifles, armored train, etc.

"The enemy had strengthened his works during the night and doubled the garrison since yesterday's reconnaissance. Nevertheless our attack was carried out and pressed home with the greatest possible gallantry and steadiness under a very hot fire, but all efforts to gain the interior by escalade failed, the fort being practically impregnable. Our attack only withdrew after six of our officers and a large number of men had been hit. Nothing could have exceeded the courage and dash displayed. The general situation remains unchanged, and the health and spirits of the garrison are very satisfactory.

"I regret to report the following casualties:

"Killed: Captain R. J. Vernon, Captain H. C. Sanford, Lieutenant H. C. Paton, eighteen noncommissioned officers and troopers. Wounded: Captain Fitzclarence, twenty-nine noncommissioned officers and troopers. Prisoners: Three troopers."

General Forestier-Walker points out that while the dispatch gives all the names it fails to show that six officers were hit.

FIRE ON A RED BRICK HUT

Naval Guns Dislodge Boer Pickets, Starting a General Exchange Along Firing Line.

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FRERE CAMP, Jan. 4.—5:30 p. m.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—A heavy bombardment by the British has been under way at Chieveley, the fire from the Boer trenches being drawn by naval guns. During the morning there was incessant firing by outposts. At 11 o'clock a small party of Boers shifted pickets from a red brick platelayers' hut on the railway one mile from Colenso. The naval guns thereupon shelled the hut while Sir Bryan Leighton with a troop of South African light horse galloped forward endeavoring to intercept the Boers, who, however, escaped. The troop came under fire of the enemy holding Fort Wylie and a ripple of musketry ran along the whole northern front of the outpost line, but there were no casualties on our side owing to the long range.

Scouts have reported numerous parties of Boers toward Springfield and Langan's Hill, but the opposite side of the railway seems less strongly occupied than three days ago and it is possible the Boers have extended their lines further westward, drawing in their left, apparently desiring to guard their right. CHURCHILL.

LAWTON SUBSCRIPTION FUND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27, 1899.—To the Editor of The Bee: The committee having in charge the raising of a fund for the benefit of the widow and four young children of the late Major General Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in action at San Mateo, Luzon, P. I., December 19, request you to solicit and receive contributions and [illegible] for and represent the committee in your [illegible] vicinity. It is promised to keep the [illegible] lists open until the evening of [illegible] of January. General Lawton's services [illegible] sacrifices for his country's flag and his expressed concern for the care of his family are the most fetching appeal that can be made.

H. C. CORBIN,
Adjutant General, for the Committee.

Pursuant to this dispatch The Bee asks subscriptions to the Lawton fund from public spirited citizens in Nebraska, Iowa and surrounding states who feel able to assist in recognizing in this way the invaluable services rendered the country by the late General Lawton. Make checks payable to the Merchants' National bank, Omaha. Receipt of same will be acknowledged by the editor of The Bee in these columns as well as by the committee at Washington.

E. Rosewater	$50.00
H. G. Burt	50.00
Frank Murphy	50.00
First National bank	30.00
John C. Wharton	25.00
Omaha Evening News	10.00
Frank E. Moores	10.00
Williams-Hayward Shoe company	10.00
Commercial National bank	10.00
Carpenter Paper company	10.00
Rector-Wilhelmy Hardware company	10.00
Thompson, Belden & Co.	10.00
An army comrade	10.00
Bemis Bag company	10.00
G. W. H.	10.00
Julius Pepperburg, Plattsmouth	5.00
Browning, King & Co.	5.00
Nebraska Clothing Co.	5.00
F. P. Kirkendall	5.00
Avery Manufacturing Co.	5.00
W. M. Alden, Hyannis, Neb.	2.00
W. Misko, Ord	1.00

TITLED WOMEN ASK ALMS

Contributions Invited from America for Capetown Hospital—Marlborough Ready to Start.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The duchess of Marlborough, the countess of Essex, Lady Georgiana Curzon, Madame Van Andree and the leading members of the Imperial Yeomanry hospital fund appeal through the Associated Press to the people of the United States and Canada in behalf of their efforts to equip and maintain a hospital with a base at Capetown. The duchess of Marlborough said to a representative of the Associated Press this evening:

"The duke of Marlborough is certainly going to South Africa at the earliest opportunity, though his appointment is not yet announced and his exact capacity is not decided. We are all naturally interested in the war, and especially in the success of the imperial yeomanry.

"The hospital scheme has the sanction of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wantage. We have already secured £10,000 and need £30,000 to provide 150 beds for the duration of the war. It has occurred to the ladies of the committee that we may properly count on the assistance of the American and Canadian people in our efforts to establish a hospital at Capetown and as the matter has not yet been presented to their notice, we believe they only need to know our wants to grant us generous aid."

Lady Essex (formerly Miss Adele Beech Grant of New York), said tonight: "It only needs £5 to equip and maintain a bed in the Imperial hospital. Each individual, city or corporation contributing such an amount will have a bed named in his honor. This forms a definite, tangible object for contributions and we can assure the people of America that every dollar contributed will reach the object the donor desires. Certainly, then, scores of American and Canadian cities will be glad to have a hospital bed named for them by contributing such a sum. We trust this appeal will meet with the hearty approval of the American people."

The duke of Marlborough is in town, making arrangements for his departure for South Africa. He takes with him four horses, four mules and a cart.

BOER CAPE COLONY INVASION

Steyn Replies to Schreiner—Justified as Measure of Defense Against British Aggression.

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LONDON, Jan. 5.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Dr. Leyds, the South African republic's representative in Europe, has transmitted a copy of the dispatch sent by President Steyn of the Orange Free State to Premier Schreiner of Cape Colony, in reply to the latter's protest against the Boer invasion of Cape Colony. Copies were also sent by President Steyn to the European powers and to the government at Washington.

After justifying the invasion as a necessary measure of defense for the republics against British aggression, Steyn bitterly denounces the campaign of slander conducted by the English press and politicians, adding:

"That the deceit, misrepresentation and lying which preceded and mainly caused the war—which is an unjust and cruel proceeding, forcing us against our will to fight in defense of our rights—should not cease even now during the war we quite expected. We were not surprised therefore to notice frequently repeated and maliciously false charges against the republics of atrocities, abuse of the white flag and what not besides. We now avail ourselves of this opportunity to protest against the reported abuse by British troops of the white flag, in order to escape from unsafe or to take up stronger positions, also against the arming and employment against us of natives even against the will of the latter, as at Mafeking."

BOTH WANT TO BE ATTACKED

Reinforcements Must Arrive Before Another Battle at Modder River—Newspapers Attack Ministry.

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LONDON, Jan. 5.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Post military expert discusses the details of French's and Gatacre's skirmishes and operations, and declares both need reinforcements. He says:

"The armies on each side of the Modder river want to be attacked, but neither cares to attack, in consequence there is likely to be a pause until the arrival of reinforcements. These will come first to the Boers, who, in case of a second success at

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AMERICAN PRISONERS FREE

Colonels Hare and Howse Succeed in Difficult Undertaking.

BRING THEM ALL SAFELY INTO VIGAN

Dispatch from Manila Mentions No Names Except Gillmore, but Says "All" Captured Americans Liberated.

MANILA, Jan. 5.—5 p. m.—Colonel Luther R. Hare of the Thirty-third infantry, and Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Howse of the Thirty-fourth infantry, with all the American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gillmore, have arrived at Vigan, province of South Ilocos.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—After a silence of several days General Otis is able to notify the War department of the important success of the military operations in northwest Luzon, the main object of which was the rescue of the American prisoners, which the insurgents took with them in their flight. Although General Otis does not specify Lieutenant Gillmore, U. S. N., by name the wording of his message is taken to mean that that officer was among the list of rescued prisoners.

General Otis' message is as follows:

"MANILA, Jan. 5.—Colonels Hare and Howse just arrived at Vigan, northwest Luzon, with all American prisoners. Their successful pursuit a remarkable achievement. Generals Schwan and Wheaton, now with separate columns in Cavite province. Affairs in Luzon, north of Manila, greatly improved. OTIS."

Names of Rescued Captives.

In the absence of a detailed statement from the admiral as to the personality of the prisoners the officials of the Navy department have prepared the following statement, which, although believed to be correct, is subject to amendment by Admiral Watson:

American naval prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos and rescued by Colonel Hare:

Captured from the Marivales: William Jurascka, boatswain's mate, first class, born in Germany, does not claim any next of kin.

Captured from the Urdanetta and believed to have been just released:

Benjamin J. Greene, coxswain, born in San Francisco; next of kin, B. J. Greene, father, Los Angeles, Cal.

Edward Burke, ordinary seaman, born in Boston; residence, New York; next of kin, Hannah Moore, aunt, Dorchester, Mass.

George Daniel Powers, apprentice, first-class, born Smartsville, Cal.; next of kin, Mrs. Betancue, mother, Oakland, Cal.

James Farley, fireman, first class, born Newark, N. J.; next of kin, Mrs. P. Farley, mother, Newark.

Captured from the Yorktown's boat and believed to have been released:

Lieutenant J. C. Gillmore.

William Walter, chief quartermaster, born Mannheim, Germany; no next of kin.

John Ellsworth, coxswain, born Portsmouth, N. H.; no next of kin.

Lyman Paul Edwards, landsman, born in Peru, Ind.; next of kin, L. B. Edwards, father, Mexico, Ind.

Paul Vandoit, sailmaker's mate, born in France; next of kin, P. Vandoit, father, San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Silvio Brisolez, landsman, born in San Francisco; next of kin, Licolo Brisolez, father, San Francisco.

Albert Peterson, apprentice, first class, born Oakland, Cal.; next of kin, Louis Peterson, Oakland, Cal.

Fred Anderson, landsman, born in Buffalo, N. Y.; next of kin, Christiana Anderson, mother, Buffalo, N. Y.

By this statement it appears that the following Yorktown men who were wounded were also released:

William H. Rinders, coxswain, born in Holland; next of kin, Mrs. M. H. Nyhous, cousin, San Francisco, Cal.

Orrison W. Woodbury, seaman, born Lynn, Mass.; next of kin, John G. Woodbury, father, Lynn, Mass.

Denzell G. Avenville, apprentice, second class, born Dudley, England; next of kin, E. Mash, Sellwood, Ore.

List of the Killed.

The statement thus makes it appear that the following American soldiers included in the Urdanetta and Yorktown parties were killed:

Of the Urdanetta—Cadet W. C. Wood; William Mitchell, seaman, born at Bucksville, S. C., residence, New York City, next of kin, George Mitchell, father, Bucksville, S. C.

Samuel Jones Tilden Herbert, ordinary seaman, born in Charles county, Maryland, residence, Baltimore, Md., next of kin, Richard O. Herbert, brother, Baltimore.

Arthur William Drummond, machinist, first-class, born in Canada, next of kin, Mrs. R. Davis, Bathell, Canada.

Thomas Gray, fireman, second-class, born at Buffalo, N. Y., next of kin, not given.

Samuel Stone, seaman, born at Vilna, Russia, residence, Fall River, Mass., next of kin, A. J. Stone, Fall River, Mass.

Of the Yorktown—John Dillon, landsman, born in Galway, Ireland, next of kin, George Cavener, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Charles Albert Morrissey, landsman, born at Columbus, Neb., next of kin, Mrs. J. C. Morrissey, Lincoln, Neb.

Ora B. McDonald, ordinary seaman, born at Carmel Valley, Cal., next of kin, P. McDonald, father, Monterey, Cal.

Edward J. Nygard, gunner's mate, third-class, born at Warsaw, Russia, next of kin, Sophia Nygard, wife, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ANOTHER ISLAND IS SEIZED

Flag Hoisted on Sibutu, Near Boundary Line of Philippine Group, Close to Borneo.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The United States navy has taken possession of another island in the east. The news of the seizure was contained in the following dispatch:

CAVITE, Jan. 5.—On December 21 Wentzbaugh, commanding the Albay (a little gunboat) hoisted the flag on Sibutu island and the chief dato provided and raised the pole. Natives and north Borneo authorities pleased. WATSON.

The island lies at the southwestern angle of the boundary line of the quadrangle enclosing the Philippine group. It is probably, but not positively, outside of the line and lies very near the coast of Borneo, commanding the principal channel between that island and the Philippines. The sultan of Jolo, whose group is close to the island, is believed likely to claim jurisdiction over it and, as his authority is recognized by the native tribes on the north coast of Borneo and vicinity, it is believed that his claim is well founded. It is probable that at his instance the naval officer commanding the gunboat moved.

Transports Arrive at Manila.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The War department has received a cable message from General Otis saying that the troop ship Logan and the animal transport Wyefield had arrived safely at Manila.

In answer to a cable inquiry as to the whereabouts of the freight steamer Victoria, which had not been heard from since its departure from San Francisco, October 16, Quartermaster General Ludington today received a cable message from Colonel Miller, quartermaster at Manila, as follows:

"Victoria with broken shaft left Guam for Manila December 25 towed by collier Brutus."

Casualty List from Otis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—General Otis' latest list of casualties is as follows:

MANILA, Jan. 5.—Killed in action: At Panique, December 31, Twelfth infantry, Company L, John Q. A. Carter. Engagement near Santa Rosa, October 8, Thirty-seventh infantry, Company H, George Lambkin; Twenty-second infantry, Company K, Harry H. Stone.

Wounded in action: At Montalbon, December 27, Forty-sixth infantry, Company I, William Patton, chest, mortal; Eleventh cavalry, Company D, Sergeant Joseph L. Hordenson, foot, slight; Company L, Harry Ross, thigh, slight; Company M, Sergeant Fred Stanley, leg, slight; action near San Mateo, December 19, Twentieth infantry, Company H, Peter Thompson, corporal, thigh, slight.

MONNETT WANTS NEW LAWS

Governor is Advised of Statutes Which Must Be Altered if Pools Are to Be Restricted.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—The report of Attorney General Monnett, filed with the governor this afternoon, is interesting because of its reference to the anti-trust litigation prosecuted by the department. Referring to the decision of the supreme court in the suits against the insurance commissions, the attorney general recommends that the laws of the state be amended so as to make it illegal for insurance agents as well as companies to make such pools. In regard to the alleged discriminations in freight rates by which great injury is inflicted upon shippers he recommends the enactment of what is known as the "commodity rate statute," now in operation in Illinois.

The failure of the supreme court to consider his alleged bribery information against officers of the Standard Oil company because it did not connect the officers of the defendant company with the alleged offers to the attorney general is recited and the suggestion made that there ought to be amendments to the laws of the state on contempt which would reach the agents and representatives of corporations that attempt to control the course of litigation against them by the corrupt use of money. He also suggested legislation against advertising in newspapers, which is likely to have influence on pending legislation.

The attorney general claims there is due from the Manhattan Oil company, connected with the Standard Oil company, the sum of $300,000 for oil taken from land owned by the state of Ohio.

USES SPECIAL TO CATCH WIFE

Manufacturer of Crane Elevators Left at Kansas City While Seeing a Man.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 5.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe sent a special train west this afternoon to overtake its fast California "flyer," which left here an hour before Mr. Crane of Buffalo, N. Y., the manufacturer of elevators, had come with his family on the "flyer" from Chicago, and stepping off the train at Kansas City for a moment, was left behind. He caught the next regular train and telegraphed ahead for a special. He said he must overtake his wife.

He reached here at 11:30 o'clock. His special train of an engine and one coach was waiting and in a few seconds he was speeding westward at the rate of sixty miles an hour. All eastbound trains had orders to give the special the right-of-way and it was expected it would overtake the special at Brighton, but a spring hanger broke at Peterton and delayed him thirty-five minutes. His train passed Florence at 2.09 o'clock, twenty-eight miles east of Newton. Meanwhile, Mrs. Crane was relieved of anxiety by telegrams thrown off at every station by her husband.

At Newton the "flyer" was held forty-five minutes, awaiting the arrival of the special. The run from Florence to Newton, twenty-eight miles, was made in thirty minutes.

DARING ROBBERY IN KANSAS

Four Men Stand Off Citizens of Neosho Falls While Two Pals Rob a Store.

YATES CENTER, Kan., Jan. 5.—Details of the robbery at Neosho Falls have reached here. Soon after midnight six men rode into the town of 700 population and dismounted in front of the store of J. Bishop. Four of the men posted themselves as sentries and the other two broke open the front door and proceeded to demolish the safe with explosives. Several citizens were aroused and hurried toward the store, but were stopped by the guards, who were armed with guns.

It took the robbers about forty minutes to finish the work. A crowd gathered and several citizens were armed, but nobody interfered with the robbery. The robbers rode away with $1,000 in cash and a large amount of other plunder. Not a shot was fired at them.

DOOMED CHINESE CONVERTED

Condemned Celestial Embraces Catholicism Before He Mounts the Scaffold.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Go See, a Chinese murderer, convicted of killing a countryman, was hanged today at San Quentin prison.

A remarkable feature connected with the case was Go See's conversion to the Roman Catholic faith by Albert Hoff, another murderer, who is to suffer the death penalty soon. Hoff worked assiduously with See and found the Chinaman exceedingly clever in the study of the Catholic religion. See protested his innocence and died bravely, though he passed a restless night, crying almost continuously.

Advance Price of Brooms.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—At the closing session of the Broom Manufacturers' association of the United States and Canada today resolutions were dapoted endorsing the action of the Union Broom Corn Supply company in advancing the cost of raw material. It was decided to advance all grades of brooms 25 cents peg dozen to bring the manufactured product on a par with the price of the raw material.

Helen Gould Aids Woman's Temple.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Miss Helen Gould has lent the strength of her name, backed by a substantial donation of $1,000, to the movement to retain the Woman's Temple.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Jan. 5.

At New York—Arrived—Burgundia, from Marseilles; Lucania, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

At Queenstown—Arrived—Campania, from New York for Liverpool and proceeded.

At Naples—Sailed—Auguste Victoria, from Genoa for New York.

At Glasgow—Arrived—State of Nebraska, from New York; Grecian, from Portland.

At Hamburg—Arrived—Patricia, from New York, via Plymouth.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Pennland, from Philadelphia.

At Havre—Arrived—La Bretagne, from New York.

MEIKLEJOHN MAKES REPLY

Refutes the Charge that He is Guilty of a Breach of Good Faith.

PROPOSES TO WORK FOR SUPPLY DEPOT

Repairs on Old Postoffice Building Will in No Wise Interfere with Its Location in the Gate City.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—In answer to the attack of the World-Herald of Wednesday on Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn, wherein he is charged with breach of faith in relation to an army supply depot at Omaha, Mr. Meiklejohn said:

"I presumed the people of Omaha and especially members of the Commercial club desired to have a supply depot located in a city where the headquarters of the Department of the Missouri are located. I have been impressed with the argument advanced by the Commercial club for such a depot and have done everything possible to further its location at Omaha. Repairs on the old postoffice building would in no wise interfere with the location of such a depot, and as I have said heretofore, I shall do all I can to aid the citizens of Omaha in securing a supply depot.

"I do not care for such attacks as the World-Herald indulges in. I take it that politics is playing no small figure in this matter and am perfectly content to leave the work I have done for Omaha and Nebraska to be judged by the people of my state and not by the organ of the opposition, which could hardly be expected to say anything praiseworthy of the present administration. It has been my observation that only those cities secure consideration in a commercial or any other sense that are united for their upbuilding."

The president's action Wednesday in filling the vacant brigadier generalships is of the greatest importance to the army. It disposes of several important questions which have been agitating the service for some time past and will have a far-reaching effect on future promotions.

The nominations made Wednesday not only fill all existing vacancies in the list of general officers, but also the prospective vacancy which will result from the retirement of Brigadier General Anderson on the 21st instant. In the ordinary course of events there will be no more appointments of general officers in the regular army until Major General Merritt retires for age in June next. There is no reason to suppose that the president will by that time change the policy adopted by him in the present instance.

Policy for Appointments.

The newly-appointed brigadier generals are to be retained in service and the appointments which will follow the retirement of General Merritt will undoubtedly be made on the same basis. That means that but one appointment will be made to each vacancy and that the former policy of advancing and retiring a number of officers prior to making a permanent appointment will not be again followed by this administration.

The appointment of General Ludlow is peculiar in that there will be no vacancy in the grade of brigadier general for him until General Anderson goes on the retired list on the 21st instant. The nomination was made thus far in advance in order to relieve the president of the pressure which has been steadily exerted by friends of the hosts of candidates for office. The vacancies filled by the appointment of General MacArthur and Young were originally created by the retirement of Brigadier General Shafter and the death of Brigadier General Henry.

General MacArthur was lieutenant colonel in the adjutant general's department. His transfer to the line will result in the promotion of Major Thomas B. Barry, who has been on duty in the Philippines with grade of lieutenant colonel, and will leave a vacancy in the grade of major and assistant adjutant general which will be filled by the transfer of some officer from the line. General Young will be succeeded as colonel of the Third cavalry by Lieutenant Colonel Wirt Davis of the Eighth cavalry. One other thing has been settled by the president's action which will take away much of the hard feeling shown against General Leonard Wood's elevation over older officers, and that is that should the president decide to make Wood a brigadier general in the regular army, he will be junior in rank to MacArthur, Young and Ludlow by reason of their appointment as brigadier generals.

MacArthur's Future.

Wednesday's action, however, establishes the fact that General MacArthur, in the course of events, will succeed to the command of the army on the retirement of General Wade in 1907, and will hold that important command for two years, as he does not retire for age until 1909. This state of things is possible by reason of the fact that all of General MacArthur's superiors now in the army have retired in the interval.

The city council of Lincoln has been urging upon John R. Webster, formerly city attorney of that city, now employed in the Department of the Interior, the importance of his presence in Lincoln at the time of trial of what are known as street car cases. Senator Thurston today made application to Senator Vandeventer on behalf of Mr. Webster for leave to go to Lincoln, and it is understood that leave will be granted.

Congressman Burkett is developing hustling qualities on a high order, his latest achievement being in securing a shipwright's position in the navy for John D. Robbins of Plattsmouth.

William R. Davison, lately of Logan, Ia., accompanied by his wife and children, has been visiting his father, Mr. Alpheus Davison, on Franklin street in Acosta. He has taken up his residence with his family near Sterling, Va.

John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs was in the city today en route to his home, after a visit to Virginia.

Miss Helen Hoagland, who is studying music in New York, and Paul Hoagland of Omaha are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ganett.

Congressman Stark has gone to Connecticut, suddenly called there by the death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rudge of Lincoln called upon Congressman and Mrs. Burkett today. Mr. and Mrs. Rudge are on a tour of eastern cities and expect to remain in Washington for a week. They are guests at the Portland.

PUERTO RICANS ARE COMING

Two Delegations Will Visit Washington—Represent Planters and Commercial Interests.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 5.—Seventy delegates representing the sugar, coffee, tobacco and agricultural interests of the island generally met in convention here today and pledged themselves to raise funds in their respective districts to pay the expenses of a delegation to Washington regarding the measures needed for the agricultural relief of Puerto Rico. Senors Lucas Amadeo and Eduardo Gonzales were chosen to present the case to the United States government. They will probably sail on January 1.

The San Juan chamber of commerce has chosen five delegates who will sail by the same steamer to advocate free trade and a loan of $6,000,000. The republicans and federals will probably send two delegates to represent each party.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—
Threatening; Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	34	1 p. m.	41
6 a. m.	34	2 p. m.	42
7 a. m.	30	3 p. m.	43
8 a. m.	30	4 p. m.	44
9 a. m.	34	5 p. m.	43
10 a. m.	32	6 p. m.	42
11 a. m.	33	7 p. m.	39
12 m.	37	8 p. m.	38
		9 p. m.	36

JOE SWARTZ SHOWS FIGHT

Alleged Diamond Swindler Does Not Propose to Be Taken Back to Council Bluffs.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—"Joe" Swartz, wanted in Council Bluffs for diamond swindling, was rearrested at noon today under a requisition granted by Governor Stephens. He had been released yesterday on the "fugitive" charge and on his rearrest today he showed fight. He was quickly subdued, however, but resisted search at the station and had to be clubbed. Nearly $4,000 worth of diamonds were found in his possession. Swartz retained attorneys and filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus in Judge Stover's court. The writ was issued returnable tomorrow, but before the writ could be served Swartz had been spirited away and placed on board a Burlington train at 4:25 o'clock this afternoon, and when Deputy Sheriff Corliss served the writ upon Chief Hayes, Swartz was speeding toward Iowa.

Attorney Alex New called up the law firm of Culver & Phillips of St. Joseph and dictated over the telephone an application for a writ of habeas corpus which was filed in a St. Joseph court. A writ was issued and when the train arrived at St. Joseph, the writ was served upon Officer Wier of Council Bluffs, who was taking Swartz back to Iowa. Swartz was turned over to the St. Joseph authorities and will fight the case to a finish.

When he was put in irons here preparatory to the trip, Swartz showed fight again and struck a policeman, who promptly gave him a jolt in the jaw that knocked all the fight out of him.

FIND MINE OFFICIALS GUILTY

Braznell Foreman and Fire Boss Responsible for Explosion—Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 5.—The coroner's jury in the Braznell mine horror, after three hours' deliberation, rendered the following verdict:

"We find from the evidence that the mine foreman of said mine was negligent in failing to see that the mine was in a safe condition before permitting workmen to enter it. We also believe that the fire boss of said mine was negligent in failing to make a daily verbal report to the mine foreman and we believe both the mine and the fire boss to be incompetent to perform their respective duties."

There has been no action taken as yet toward prosecuting the incriminated officials. This will be decided upon by a conference of the inspectors with Chief Inspector Roderick at an early date.

GENERAL ADVANCE IN WAGES

Steel Trust Increases Pay of Thirty Thousand Employes—Establishes Benefit Fund.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—The American Steel and Wire company today posted notices in all of its plants notifying its employes of a general advance in wages of 7½ per cent, to take effect from January 1. The advance affects 30,000 employes, 10,000 of whom are in the Pittsburg district, the balance being employed in the company's works in Chicago, Cleveland and Kokomo, Ind.

In addition to the 7½ per cent increase the company will establish a benefit fund into which will be paid for the benefit of the workers an amount equal to 2½ per cent of the payroll. This fund will be distributed in such manner as may be decided upon by the company at a later date.

TRUST COMPANY TO RESUME

New York Produce Exchange Company Reorganizes to Reopen Its Doors Next Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Trustees of the New York Produce Exchange Trust company have made all arangements for the resumption of business next Wednesday. General Samuel Thomas, vice president of the reorganized company, authorizes the statement that when the doors open again every depositor who may desire his money will be paid in full. He adds that he is unable to say at this time just what new interests will enter the board of trustees at the annual meeting, which will be held the day the company resumes business.

DO AWAY WITH COMPETITION

Important Railroad Conference—Big Trunk Lines Enter Into a Combination.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—An important railroad conference has been in progress at the Waldorf-Astoria during the last twenty-four hours, and according to the Tribune may result in the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Norfolk & Western joining the Baltimore & Ohio in the Pennsylvania-Central agreement.

It is asserted that the exact nature of the agreement is not known, but that it will undoubtedly do away with competition.

CALL FOR THE REPUBLICANS

State Central Committee to Meet February 7 to Fix Date for State Convention.

LINCOLN, Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Chairman Orlando Tefft has issued a call for a meeting of the republican state central committee in this city February 7, at 8 p. m., to select time and place for holding a state convention for the election of delegates to the national convention. The basis of representation from the various districts will also be discussed by the committee.

Short Horn Exhibition.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The directors of the American Hereford and Shorthorn associations held a meeting at the auditorium today and decided to give a joint exhibition at Kansas City, during the last two weeks in October. The premiums, aggregating $15,000, will be offered for the best products of each breed.

FUSION CONFERENCE

State Committees Agree Upon the Date for State Convention.

WILL BE HELD AT LINCOLN MARCH 19

Gathering Will Select Delegates to the National Convention.

LEE HERDMAN RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT

Omaha Popocrat Approved for Clerk of the Supreme Court.

EDMISTEN'S HOPES ARE RUDELY BLASTED

Two Hundred and Fifty Tickets Sold to the Bryan Banquet, with Only Twenty-Five Traveling Men Present.

LINCOLN, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The democratic, populist and free silver state conventions to select delegates to the national conventions will be held in this city March 19. The time and place was agreed upon by the conference committees appointed by the central committees of each of the three wings of the fusion party. A fight was made for the location of the conventions in behalf of Omaha, Hastings and Grand Island. The time and place for holding the conventions will be decided upon by the committees on the day the delegates are selected.

The three popocratic central committees were in session most of the day behind closed doors. The populist committee held a stormy session this morning and their meeting was not finally concluded until late this afternoon. The democrats met for the first time this afternoon and after a long debate, voted to indorse Lee Herdman of Omaha for clerk of the supreme court, instructing their chairman to use his best means to secure the removal of D. A. Campbell from that position. A vote was taken on the various democratic candidates for the position, showing a slight majority in favor of Herdman, with F. W. Brown of this city as the next favorite. A proposition to express indignation at the course pursued by England toward the Boers was vigorously opposed by several prominent democrats, who feared that the adoption of such a measure might arouse the anger of Englishmen in the United States, it being argued that it was necessary to get every vote possible.

Edmisten Turned Down.

No attempt was made in the populist meeting to endorse any candidate for the supreme court clerkship, Chairman J. H. Edmisten had planned to secure the united support of the committee, but when his scheme was discussed today the opposition manifested was so strong that no vote was taken. An effort has been made in behalf of W. J. Bryan to give the meeting a national color by the circulation of a report that at an unofficial meeting of the national populist committee he was declared to be the strongest candidate for the nomination for president and that it has pledged him its undivided support. It is true that several populist national committeemen attended the meeting here today and that they had a conference last night, but the latter was in no sense a national meeting. The only subject discussed was the location of the next national convention and it was decided after a short debate that for the sake of fusion the populists should accept the location decided upon by the democrats, who in Nebraska seem to prefer Kansas City.

The session of the free silver committee was short, the only action taken being the appointment of a conference committee on the date and place of the state convention. Not more than a dozen free silverites attended.

Few Traveling Men Present.

The traveling men were simply outnumbered at the Traveling Men's Bryan club banquet this evening, nearly all the guests being politicians or officeholders. About 250 tickets were sold at $3 apiece, but not more than twenty-five of them went to the traveling men. Deputy Attorney General Oldham acted as toastmaster. J. A. Reed of Kansas City, ex-Governor Hogg of Texas and Clarence A. Darrow of Chicago were not present to respond to the toasts assigned them. The list of toasts on the program included the following: "Traveling Men," Ed Smith; "Nebraska," Governor Poynter; "Trusts," Fred Shephard; "Missouri," James A. Reed; "Government by Injunction," T. J. Doyle; "Currency Bill," Governor Thomas; "McKinley's Message," Cato Sells. W. J. Bryan wound up the list.

Sings the Same Old Song.

Bryan said in part: "We are now near enough to the national convention to feel that there will be no considerable opposition to the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. The late elections destroyed the last hope of those who sought to modify or subtract from the creed enunciated at Chicago in 1896. The republican party has been driven under the lash of the financiers to the open espousal of the gold standard, and, spurred on by the national bank corporations, it has avowed its purpose to drive the greenbacks out of circulation and substitute a bank note issued and controlled by the national banks. The democratic party still contends for the restoration of bimetallism at the ratio of 16 to 1, the only ratio advocated by those who believe in the double standard. It also contends for the greenback as against the bank note.

"The members of this club were opposed to the money trust in 1896, and they are not surprised that the vicious trust principle has been extended to industrial combinations which have in three years thrown out of employment large numbers of commercial travelers. The democratic party will deal with the trust question, not in glittering generalities, but in specific terms, and will invite the support of all those who are opposed to the domination of private monopolies."

On the subject of imperialism, he said: "Commercial travelers who sought the extension of trade by peaceful and legitimate means will not lend their support to the imperialistic methods employed in the furtherance of conquest. The commercial traveler has been eminently successful as a persuader. He will not substitute violence for reason. The questions now before the people are but different manifestations of a vicious principle which pervades all republican policies, namely, that the dollar is all-important, and that struggling humanity deserves no consideration."

Mexican Murderers Are Hanged.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 5.—Geronimo Parra and Antonio Flores, Mexicans, were hanged here at 1 o'clock this afternoon for murder. Both men met death with fortitude. Parra,