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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Augusta, Ga., is planning for a magnificent \$125,000 modern hotel and a winter resort.

Thomas P. Deane, a wealthy planter, near Sparta, Fla., was killed by a runaway Sunday night.

Poor Commissioner Louis H. Beck of Detroit, who recently attempted self-destruction, is recovering.

The British transport Montezuma, which left New Orleans, La., with mules for South Africa, has returned to New Orleans for another consignment.

On arriving at Southampton General Roberts was heartily cheered by thousands of people. As he boarded the Duocitar Castle between a guard of marines and blue jackets there was a renewed outburst of applause.

At a meeting of the United Irish societies in Chicago \$5,000 was pledged toward paying for an ambulance service to be sent to the Boers. It is expected \$100,000 will ultimately be realized in Chicago and vicinity.

Oscar Wilde, who has for some time been living in Paris, may have to fight a duel. According to the Echo de Paris, he became involved in an altercation in a restaurant Sunday evening with M. Richey, the explorer, and as a result cards were exchanged.

Thirty-five recruits for the Boer army were examined at Cincinnati. Those who passed will be forwarded soon. It is believed Dr. Leyds, the European representative of the Transvaal, is furnishing the means. The recruits will go from here to New York and expect thence to go via Antwerp to Delagoa bay.

A special from Vandalla, Ill., says: Arthur Pryor, aged 19, is charged in a warrant issued with the murder of his father, Lafayette Pryor, who was killed December 16 while asleep in bed. A warrant has also been drawn for the arrest of the dead man's widow, Mrs. Lydia Pryor. It is charged that she was an accessory after the fact.

Andrew Perto Schuller, alias J. F. Klutchnski, who last February robbed a private bank of Wilno Kedy, Russia, and fled to Montana, where he was arrested, was shipped to Copenhagen. He said before going aboard that he would make short work of himself at sea, and the Russian police would be disappointed when the vessel arrives at Copenhagen.

A plum pudding craze has broken out in London. One firm has sold 600,000 pounds of pudding three weeks before Christmas. Surprises are now enclosed in these, ranging from buttons to gold sovereigns and half sovereigns, gold thimbles and diamond rings. One pudding ordered had in it a diamond and opal brooch worth \$50, enclosed in a silver box.

General John S. Kountz, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, started a movement in Toledo to aid a fund which General Alger is raising for the relief of the family of General Lawton. At a public meeting \$1,500 was pledged and a committee was named to prosecute the work here in the city of General Lawton's nativity, and at his boyhood home, Maumee.

The state election committee met at Frankfort, Ky. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Chairman Pryor will probably be filled immediately by the election of John A. Fulton. Commissioner Ellis will resign and Commissioners Poyntz and Pryor will elect a successor to Ellis. Republicans claim that Governor Taylor has the right to make these appointments, and will probably undertake to enjoin the new commissioners from being sworn in.

Governor Steunenberg and Representative Wilson of Idaho and Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, had a conference with the president as to the reimbursement of states which had paid the expenses of rejected volunteers for the Spanish war. Many volunteers journeyed to the rendezvous in their states, and home again after being rejected for various reasons by the medical examining boards.

Following his custom of many years, General Russell A. Alger made a Christmas present to the newboys of Detroit. His gift was \$250 to the Newboys' Association. At the boys' weekly Sunday night meeting the general made a patriotic address and the boys showed enthusiastic appreciation.

Roland Reed, the actor, is seriously ill at St. Luke's hospital, New York city, suffering from appendicitis and his road engagements for the holiday week have been cancelled.

Interest in the speed contest between the New Orleans and the Brooklyn on the voyage out of Manila has not yet subsided among naval officers. A calculation made at the navigation bureau shows that, deducting the stops made along the route, the actual steaming time of the two vessels was forty-eight days for the New Orleans and forty-six for the Brooklyn. In other words, the Brooklyn covered the 16,000 miles out to Manila in two days less steaming time than the New Orleans.

Michigan has extended the \$185,000 allowed by the legislature for the relief of the Spanish war volunteers.

Amiral Watson has cabled the navy department that investigation shows the officers of the Charleston are not blameable for the wreck of that cruiser.

George Petway, a well known man about town, was shot and killed in Waggoner's hotel at Nashville, Tenn., by Constable John Irwin. A few minutes later Irwin fell and expired almost instantly from a pistol wound inflicted by Petway. The tragedy is the outcome of former trouble between the two men.

ARE MORE ENCOURAGED

Rank and File of the Army Have Faith in Roberts and Kitchiner.

EXTENT OF THE DUTCH UPRISING

Brother of President of the Free State Heads a Faction Opposed to War—Ask to Return to the Farm—Menacing Forces Closely Watching Each Other.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Dispatches from all parts of South Africa emphasize the great enthusiasm among the troops and public occasioned by the appointment of Generals 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 depression in Cape Colony caused by the recent reverses while the soldiers anticipate everything from the presence of "Bobs" from success in battle to caper beer.

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

A dispatch from Lourenzo Marquez, dated December 23, says a curious story is current, emanating from Boer sources, that Matt Steyn, brother of the president of the Orange Free State and 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 that they were bound by his "unwarrantable conduct," especially as they ran the risk of confiscation of their property, and they simply desired to be permitted to farm in peace and proposed to immediately return to their farms.

Sir Charles Howard Vincent, member of Parliament for the central division of Sheffield and colonel of the Queen's Westminster volunteers, has been appointed to command the infantry division of the City of London Imperial regiment.

The text of Colonel Baden-Powell's proclamation to the burghers besieging Mafeking the gist of which has already been cabled comes from Lourenzo Marquez today. After asserting that the republicans cannot hope for foreign intervention, and pretending to relate the exact attitude of all the European powers, including Emperor William, who, the colonel said, "fully sympathizes with England," Baden-Powell makes the extraordinary statement that "the American government has warned others of its intention to side with England should any of them interfere."

STORY AN IMPROBABLE ONE.

Ministry Which Disposed of Colonies Could Not Live for a Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Luis A. M. P. A. Taveira, Portuguese consul general, said that he had no knowledge of any agreement regarding the sale of Delagoa bay, "but," added Senor Taveira, "this does not mean that such an agreement may not have been made. I would not be likely to hear of it before the general public. It would not be surprising if a treaty had been made or is going to be made."

The Portuguese charge d'affaires in the United States, Ignacio de Costa Duarte, is at present in this city. He declared in an interview that, in his opinion, it would be well for Portugal to dispose of Delagoa bay and the East Africa possessions. They had always been a source of trouble and were likely to remain so. But it is not credible, said Senor Duarte, "that any treaty has been made by which Portugal has parted with all its colonial possessions. Any ministry that agreed to such a treaty would not remain in power a minute. If a treaty such as described in the German newspapers had been consummated, there would have been some hints of it published in Portugal to prepare the public mind."

AGENTS OF BOERS IN KANSAS CITY

Discovered by British Vice Consul Through Agents in Washington.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—The British vice consul here, Mr. Burrough, made the statement today that agents of the Boers are at work in Kansas City getting recruits for the South African war under promise of free transportation, free lands and honorable citizenship after the war is over. The plan, he states, is to forward such recruits to Philadelphia, which he says is the rendezvous of the British recruits. It is his belief, however, that not very many men have been sent from here to Philadelphia. The British consul secured the names of the Boers' recruiting agents here by having someone write to the Boer agents in Washington asking for authority to recruit a force in this city, with the result that the applicant was put in communication with the Boer agents here.

Consul Burrough states that scores of men have applied at his office for enlistment in the British army.

Defense for French Coast.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The government will submit to the chamber of deputies at the beginning of January a bill providing for the defense of the French coasts and colonies and to increase the strength of the fleet. This does not involve an increase in the expenditure. The cost of the defense of the coasts and colonies is estimated at 120,000,000 francs, spread over two and a half years. This sum will be provided for by 50,000,000 francs annually set aside to pay off certain bonds and which become free this year by final repayment.

FLYER RUNS INTO A LOCAL.

Bad Accident on the Cheyenne Line of the Union Pacific.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—The Cheyenne flyer on the Union Pacific railroad crashed into the Boulder Valley train at Brighton, Colo., at 6 o'clock this morning. One man was killed and fourteen persons were injured as far as known, as follows: Killed: WINFIELD RANDLEMAN, express messenger, Denver, body burned to a crisp.

Passengers injured: H. S. Hooker, Olin, I., head badly cut. Mrs. Margaret Young, Mansfield, Mo., forehead cut.

S. G. Hurst, banker, Brighton, badly cut and bruised.

E. V. Davis, traveling salesman, Denver, head badly cut, back injured, ribs broken.

W. G. Tompkins, traveling salesman for Bradley, Alderson & Co., Kansas City, head badly cut, back injured.

C. H. Payne, Laramie, Wyo., head badly cut, right hand smashed.

Mrs. McCanna, Laramie, bruised.

Trainmen and section men injured: Fred Laws, brakeman, Denver, right leg cut off.

Michael Regan, section foreman, Denver, head badly cut.

Thomas McGovern, section foreman, Denver, head badly cut.

John Kennedy, Denver, badly cut and bruised.

John Carrington, Denver, head cut. Frank Sloan, Denver, cut and bruised.

Jerry Flannery, Denver, back hurt. Conductor McAllister of the Boulder Valley train was crazed by the accident. He attempted to jump into the burning wreckage and had to be forcibly restrained.

The Boulder Valley train left Denver a little late this morning, and, as usual, stopped at Brighton, which is the junction for the Boulder Valley line from the main line to Cheyenne. It was here that Banker Hurst of Brighton got on the train, just before the collision. The Cheyenne flyer, Union Pacific train No. 3, also left Denver late and in coming into Brighton in the early morning dusk ran into the rear end of the Boulder train, re-escaping two or three cars and derauling the passenger locomotive.

The section gangs from the Denver yards and a half dozen passengers occupied the Boulder train. Two cars on the flyer were burned.

Mrs. Young was in the chair car with six children. None of the children were hurt.

Superintendent Deuel went out on a special train from Denver with Drs. Lemon and Taylor. They also took a lot of stretchers and other supplies. They found all the wounded at the Brighton hotel, being cared for by the citizens. The Brighton hose company was pouring water on the blazing baggage car and had discovered the remains of the dead baggage man.

Superintendent Deuel says he cannot understand why the Boulder train was not on the sidetrack. It had twenty minutes to clear the Cheyenne flyer. The Boulder train consisted of fourteen loaded freight cars and a heavy caboose. Engine No. 815, the big machine hauling the flyer, lies out on the prairie, a total wreck, as evidence how hard the crash was.

The wounded were brought to Denver about noon and taken to hospitals.

ABLE TO CONTROL THE PLAGUE.

Honolulu Authorities Take Prompt Action—Not Seriously Alarmed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Mail advices from Honolulu to the Associated Press regarding the bubonic plague situation say: President Dole, while realizing the seriousness of the situation, does not believe there is much cause for alarm. The president thinks there is no danger to those whose houses, persons and food are clean. He has unbounded confidence in the ability of the board of health to quickly stamp out the disease.

Some physicians say that the disease is not black plague. Public opinion is divided also. Many believe that if the plague were present in Honolulu the inhabitants of Chinatown would be carried off by the hundreds on account of the filthy condition of the district. Another interesting phase of the case is the fact that no Japanese have been attacked. They live in large numbers in the quarantined district.

The council of state met in extraordinary session on December 12 and appropriated \$25,000 for immediate use of the board of health in combating the plague.

All of the district outside of Honolulu are in a clean condition and there is little danger that the plague will gain a foothold in the other islands.

Roland Reed Not Expected to Live.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Roland Reed, the actor, who was operated on Tuesday last at St. Luke's hospital, was reported to be resting quietly last night with little change in his condition for better or worse.

There is some doubt as to whether or not he was operated upon for cancer, as reported. His trouble was originally announced as appendicitis and later as cancer of the stomach and it was said that half of his stomach was removed.

His daughter has arrived and is constantly at his bedside with her mother. Many flowers and messages of sympathy arrive daily, but all but a few of the flowers are kept away from the sick room. It is feared that if the messages were read to him they might alarm him. While he is not expected to live everything possible is being done for him.

Trial of the Torpedo Boat.

FORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—The torpedo boat destroyer Goldborough which the Wolf & Zwickler Iron works of this city have completed, was given her first contractors' trial today on the Columbia river. Her performance today was considered remarkable by the naval officers on board. She steamed sixty miles at half speed without the slightest accident to her machinery. The Goldborough, on her official trial, will be required to make thirty knots per hour.

DROGGED A MILE BY RUNAWAY.

Bachelor Farmer's Mangled Body Found and Inquest Held.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., Dec. 30.—The mangled body of a man was found five miles southwest of Eustis, Dr. E. S. Chase, the coroner of Frontier county, was notified and impounded a body consisting of H. A. Bennett, J. W. Franklin, S. P. Connor, I. M. Adams, C. C. Stumbaugh and Nelson Ballant.

Thirteen witnesses were examined and it developed that the man was Gus Leuz, a German bachelor about 40 years of age, living alone on his farm southwest of Eustis. He left Eustis about midnight Saturday. His body was found off the main road near his house. Several bloody tracks were found in the road, one wagon wheel being covered with blood. The horse evidently ran away, catching Leuz in the wheel of the cart, by which he was dragged three-quarters of a mile. His face was badly torn, his nose broken, apparently by a kick of the horse, and his scalp torn entirely loose from the neck to the top of the head.

The jury returned a verdict that the death was accidental, resulting from injuries to the head and neck from the runaway.

ONE RANCHMAN SHOTS ANOTHER.

Joseph Kime Inflicts a Mortal Wound Upon C. E. Clough.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 30.—Joseph Kime and C. E. Clough, two prominent ranchmen living not far from this place, had a quarrel and as a result Clough lies in a precarious condition with a wound in his neck freed from a revolver in the hands of Kime. Kime has been placed under arrest. Details of the tragedy are difficult to obtain, but it is known that the two men came to words over some ranch affairs and that during the altercation Kime drew his gun and fired, the bullet taking effect in Clough's neck, inflicting a mortal wound. Clough fell to the ground and was taken later to his home, where everything possible was done to relieve him. He cannot recover. Both Kime and Clough are prominent in this locality and are over 60 years of age.

Capital City Notes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 30.—Attorney General Smyth is considering the right of Auditor Cornell to the insurance appropriations and an opinion is promised within the next few days.

Governor Poynter has appointed John Zeller of Omaha to the position of state inspector of grains to take the place of James Jones, resigned.

Wilbur P. Bryant submitted to Governor Poynter his report of insurance business transacted in accordance with the provisions of the Weaver act. It shows that 863 certificates were issued by his department. During the same period the state auditor issued 431 certificates.

The trades unions of South Omaha have filed a protest with the adjutant general against the location of a militia company at that place. It is urged that the Omaha Guards furnish sufficient protection.

Ex-Gov. Furnas Married.

BROWNVILLE, Neb., Dec. 30.—Mr. Robert W. Furnas and Mrs. Susannah E. Jameson were united in marriage at high noon Christmas. The wedding, which was a very quiet one, took place at the home of the bride, Rev. James M. Darby of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city officiating. Only a few relatives of the contracting parties were present, among whom were Paul Jameson of Fort Worth, Tex.; John S. Furnas and wife and Mrs. Edward E. Lowman and husband, son and daughter of the groom.

The wedding services were short but impressive, after which the party drove to the residence of the groom, where his daughter, Mr. Lowman, served a his daughter, Mrs. Lowman, served a

N. Nebraska & Gulf Promoters.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 30.—The organization and preparation for the Nebraska & Gulf railroad is progressing rapidly. Twenty miles of right of way has been purchased or donated and surveyors are already at work. Stock to the amount of \$25,000 has been sold. The temporary officers of the company are: President, R. A. Beatty; vice president, J. S. Fremant; general manager, C. J. Rundell; treasurer and secretary, E. B. Hutton; general solicitor, J. B. Cessna. The directors are J. B. Keedle, T. D. Mines, J. B. Cessna, C. J. Rundell, C. W. Stewart, R. A. Beatty and H. S. Duncan.

To Determine Thompson's Sanity.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 30.—H. C. Thompson, the agent of the Missouri Pacific at Talmage, who disappeared a few days ago and later was found in Omaha, was brought here by Sheriff Brown. The railroad company brought suit in attachment against Thompson and the Bank of Talmage to recover \$200. Thompson was placed in the county jail and will be given a hearing before the Board of Insanity Commissioners.

Panic at an Entertainment.

BERTRAND, Neb., Dec. 30.—A panic occurred at a hall just at the close of an entertainment given by a medicine show, caused by the upsetting of a lamp on the stage. The hall was packed, and men, women and children rushed for the door. Luckily the flames were quickly extinguished and no one was seriously injured.

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

BRUNING, Neb., Dec. 30.—There has just occurred here the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Grone, sr., a venerable and highly respected couple of this place. Nearly 200 invited guests assembled at Bowman's hall, and when Mr. and Mrs. Grone, who had been to Hebron, returned they were induced to appear there, where many costly presents were made them and a banquet served later on. The occasion is considered by all to have been a fitting testimonial to these estimable old people.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE.

Omaha, Chicago and New York Market Quotations.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK. SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Cows and heifers seemed to be in pretty fair demand and the market on desirable hinds was reasonably active and a little stronger than at the close of last week. The offerings for the most part changed hands in a very short time after the market opened. Feeders of good quality were in active demand at very strong prices. Best steers, \$4.00 to \$5.00; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.00; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.50; stags, \$2.50 to \$3.50. HOGS—Buyers all seemed anxious for hogs and were out early looking for supplies, with the result that under the influence of the very good demand and the favorable advices from other points the market at this point was 50 to 100 higher. The trade was active at the advance noted and the most of the hogs on sale changed hands in a very short time. The popular range was \$4.00 to \$4.25. SHEEP—Quotations: Good to choice fed yearlings, \$4.00 to \$4.25; good to choice heavy wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; good to choice feeder wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; fair to good fed western lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; fair to good fed western lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; feeder wethers, \$3.75 to \$3.90; feeder yearlings, \$4.00 to \$4.25; good to choice feeder lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; good feeding lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; feeder ewes, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Good to choice steers and Texans steady and other good; cow market and canners low; higher; good to choice, \$4.00 to \$4.25; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$3.75; mixed stockers, \$3.00 to \$3.25; selected feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; good to choice cows, \$2.50 to \$3.00; red western, \$2.50 to \$3.00; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.00. HOGS—Active and mostly 10c higher; good clearance; mixed and cutters, \$4.00 to \$4.25; good to choice heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.25; rough heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.25; light, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bulk of sales, \$4.00 to \$4.25. SHEEP—Active and 10 to 15c higher; native wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; western wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; western lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—All grades of killing steers lower; butcher cows and stockers and feeders steady; heavy native steers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.50; butchers cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.00; red western, \$2.50 to \$3.00; western feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Texan, \$3.00 to \$3.50. HOGS—Prices ruled 50 to 10c higher; heavy and mixed, \$4.00 to \$4.25; light, \$3.50 to \$4.00. SHEEP—Light supply disposed of readily at unchanged prices; lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; mixed, \$3.50 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.50; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—The close was easy at 94 1/2c net decline; March, 74 1/2c; closed at 74 1/2c; May, 14 1/2c; 10c; closed at 14 1/2c; July, 14 1/2c; 10c; closed at 14 1/2c; December, 12 1/2c; 10c; closed at 12 1/2c.

CORN—Spot firm; No. 2, 60c f. o. b. at port, and 58c elevator. Options quiet and firm at 1/2c advance in sympathy with the west and on a liberal decrease on passage in face of favorable home weather news. Mild firmly all day, with heavy receipts, and closed very steady at 54 1/2c net advance. May, 30c; closed at 29 1/2c; December, closed at 29c.

GRAIN—Spot quiet; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 30c; track mixed western, 25c to 30c; track white, 31c; Options dull and featureless.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 60 1/2c; No. 2 red, 63 1/2c; No. 2 white, 64 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, 64 1/2c. RYE—No. 2, 23 1/2c; No. 2 white, 24 1/2c; No. 2, 25c. BARLEY—No. 2, 26 1/2c. HAY—No. 1, 14 1/2c; No. 2, 14c; clover, contract grade, \$3.00 to \$3.50. PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$8.75 to \$9.15; lard, per 100 lbs., \$3.15 to \$3.20. Short ribs sides (loose), \$3.15 to \$3.40. Dried salted shoulders (boxed), \$3.75 to \$3.85. Short clear sides (boxed), \$3.45 to \$3.55.

REGULAR STARS FOR BRAVE.

Several Officers to Be Made Brigadiers in the Standing Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—General Gilbert S. Carpenter, who was recently confirmed as brigadier general in the regular army, has been placed on the retired list on his own application after thirty years' active service. His last service was in command of the Eighteenth infantry in the Philippines. He has been detached from further service in the field and ordered home. His retirement leaves two vacancies in the lists of brigadier generals and results in promotions in every grade of the line, including the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel J. M. J. Sanno of the Fourth infantry, to be colonel of the Eighteenth infantry.

The two vacancies in the list of brigadier generals will be filled on the re-assembling of congress by the promotion and retirement of several officers who have distinguished themselves in action in the recent war. It is popularly supposed that Generals MacArthur, Wilson, Lee, Wheeler, Bates, Young, Ludlow and Wheaton, all of whom hold commands, are to be made brigadier generals in the regular and all but two of the number immediately retired. General MacArthur will undoubtedly be retained in active service, but there is less certainty as to the identity of the other general officer to be retained. The death of General Lawton left a vacancy in the list of major generals which will be filled by the promotion of either General Bates, General Young or General Wheaton, all of whom are on duty in the Philippines. This appointment will be made early next week.

French Hope for a Break.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: "The demands that are being made in certain quarters in England for immediate action to prevent the transport of supplies to the Boers by way of Delagoa bay have quickened French interest in the rumored possibility of trouble between the United States and Great Britain in consequence of the alleged seizure by British cruisers of American flour off Lourenzo Marquez."

White Sends Casualty List.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: A belated Christmas message from Lady Smith was posted in the war office Tuesday. It was a three days' casualty list, with four deaths from fever and dysentery, three men wounded, apparently from shell fire, and on a separate entry ten killed and sixteen wounded in what looked like a sortie or reconnaissance last Friday, in which were engaged the Fifth Lancers, who fought so well at Elengabang, and the remnants of the Gloucester regiment and the Tenth mountain battery, which were entrapped at Nicholson's Nek.

DRESSING PARISIAN DOGS.

One Hardly Knows Whether to Feel Pity or Disgust More.

There seem to be some 5,000 or 6,000 persons in Paris who are determined to make the canine race go to the dogs as speedily as unreasonable pampering can send them there. This number of so-called lovers of dogs is, according to an article in Good Words, inscribed on the books of the Parisian dog-tailors. One of the tailors took the writer of the article in his confidence, saying: "For the most part our clients belong to the higher classes of society—people who can afford to pay high prices and who pay ready cash. The business is, therefore, a very profitable one, because the materials used do not cost very much, and we sell them at a large profit. For instance, I recently had a very remunerative order from the daughter of a diplomat in Paris. She was about to be married, and I made a set of gala-clothes for her dogs to match the liveries of the lackeys in her father's household. As the bride entered the residence after the ceremony her three dogs were awaiting her at the top of the grand staircase dressed in these costumes with bouquets of orange blossoms attached to their collars, and held by a silken leash by one of the footmen. The effect was marvelous! Then, again, the daughter of a rich banker, recently married, had another idea. I made to measure for each of her dogs—she had half a dozen—regular bridesmaids' costumes of white fallé embroidered with lace and garlanded with orange blossoms, while on their feet they wore small slippers of white satin, also specially made to measure! One does not quite know whether pity for the dogs thus tortured or contempt for the owners who bend their minds to such doings, is the predominant feeling aroused by these facts. The waterproof for rainy days, the dust-cloak for journeys, the mantle for cold weather and the gray linen suit for seaside wear are all articles with which a French society dog has long become familiar. But this year, Mr. Waller tells us, the poor creatures' owners 'have gone one step further in rendering the sublime handiwork of the Creator ridiculous by providing their pets with sets of fine linen. No society dog which really respects itself would think of possessing less than a dozen undergarments of lawn if it be in good health, or of silk or surah if it should be subject to colds or nervous complaints! Then if the 'poor darling' should be troubled with watery eyes, a dozen embroidered cambric handkerchiefs become an absolute necessity. And this is not all. His delicate little feet must be kept dry by boots, made to measure, of leather or India rubber, to suit his particular temperament." This, together with bracelets and tie pins, with perfumes and fancy soaps, with ivory combs and brushes and a good many other things, makes up a dog's toilet necessities, and if the Parisian pet dog could speak he would certainly explain that his "friends" lead him the life of a dog, in the worst interpretation of that saying.

Horse Killed by Bee Stings.

From the Chestertown (Md.) Transcript: A fine young driving mare of Dr. J. T. Twilley was stung to death by honey bees in Kent county. The animal was turned into a lot to graze in which was a bench of eight hives of bees. One of the hives was knocked over, and in an instant the mare was covered by the bees. She became entangled in vines in such a way that she could not extricate herself, and began to roll to free herself of the bees, which swarmed on her body. This only made matters worse, and resulted in overturning the entire bunch of eight hives, the bees from which completely covered the helpless animal. She lived about eight hours and died in great agony. Handfuls of beatings were combed from her hair and pulled from about the nose, mouth and eyes—in short, there was scarcely a square inch of the animal's body which had escaped a wound from the bees.

No Misunderstanding.

Rochester Post-Express: Soon after the Central bank was opened for business one morning a prominent manufacturer walked down the steps and toward Exchange street, bearing a small satchel containing the money with which he was to pay off a large force of employes. As he turned into Exchange street a warm personal friend, unseen by him, rushed up from behind and pulled vigorously at the handle of the satchel. With lightning-like rapidity the manufacturer's arm was raised and descended full in the face of the practical joker, sending him reeling toward the curb. The next instant the manufacturer recognized his friend, and hurrying over to him, steadied him until he had recovered full consciousness, and then said: "I understand the situation better than I can explain it." "I do, too," remarked the other, as they shook hands and proceeded on their ways.

Never Satisfied.