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And perhaps no feature of it was so

the chief executive of the republic as

forms, had gathered in the state din-

Promptly at 11 o'clock the bugles

sounded the aproach of the presiden-

tial party, and, led by Colonel Bing-

Major McCauley of the Marine corps, the president and Mrs. McKinley de-

Mrs. McKinley bestowed her gra-

roses and tossed them to the children.

First in the line came the ambassa-

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master of ceremonies, and

Theodore L. Poole, United States marshal for the northern district, and a former member of congress, died at Syracuse, N. Y., of apoplexy,

Rev. Christian Keller, pastor of the German Lutheran church in Racine, Wis., was found dead in bed. He retired in apparently good health. Apoplexy is supposed to be the cause of death.

Lieutenant Parker, manager of the patent department of the American Bicycle company, is dead at the home of his mother in South Lancaster, Mass. He was 43 years of age and graduated from Annapolis in 1882.

Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior department is spending the holidays with relatives in St. Louis. He says he is not going to resign from the cabinet and, as far as he knows, only Attorney General Griggs contemplates loaving the cabinet.

"Russia offers Roumania a loan of 16,000,000," says the Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Express, "to assist her in the financial crisis, but the offer was declined because there were conditions attached undermining Roumanian independence."

John Riley Chamberlain, a veteran of the civil war, died at Cincinnati, O., of pneumonia, aged 72. He has been engaged in newspaper work in Cincinnati for thirty-five years and most of that time with the Associated Press.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Sonora, Ky., Deposit bank. The would-be robbers were evidently frightened away before they succeeded in forcing an entrance to the safe. They left all their tools lying near the vault. The bank officials were unable to open the vaults and business was suspended.

Mayor-elect John F. Hurley of Sakm. Mass., intends to give his salary, \$2,500 a year, to the poor of the city. He will rule after January 1. He will not intrust the money to charitable institutions to distribute. He will dis-burse the funds himself. Every case of deserving poor is known to him, and he will personaly aid them.

Louis Lombardo undertook to serenade Josep de Parlo in Brooklyn, N. Y. The gari's father ordered him away, but Lombarod persisted in singing a love song, playing an accompaniment on a guitar. At the conclusion of the song and while his sweetheart was at her window, Lombardo drew a revolver and with it shot himself in the head.

At East Braintree, Mass., the tor-pedo boat destroyer Mac Donough was launched at the works of the Fore River Iron company amid the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles. Mrs. Lucy Charlotte MacDonough Reade of Philadelphia christened the vessel with champagne. The new boat was taken down the river to the Quincy works of the company.

At Houston, Texas, government in



Conditions Have Been Experienced.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- Dun's Review, in its summary, reviewing the busines of the year just closed, says regarding the leading markets: Conditions in iron and steel during 1900 were much more sound than in the preceding year, when speculation was rife and prices inflated far beyond the bounds of reason. Statistics of the weekly capacity of

ment to the Occasion-Marine Band furnaces in blast show that the highest Compliments Mrs. McKinley by Playpoint on record was reached on February 1, while there was little diminution during the next few months. But with the collapse of speculation during WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.-In the long line of New Year's receptions the spring and realization of the fact that operations had been overdone, at the White House which each year inaugurate the social season at the national capital, none, perhaps, was more brilliant than the one which tothere came a steady reduction in output. From 296 furnaces in blast on February 1, there folowed a continual shutting down until but 201 were in operation on November 1, and the weekly production decreased \$2,710 tons. Even at this rapid rate of deuniverstally gratifying to the distin-guished throng which came to extend the greetings of the new year to clining output stocks accumulated with startling rapidity and on October the fact that the mistress of the the top was reached, 670,531 tons. White House was able to participate Business conditions were satisfactory, in the happy occasion and, with the however, and demand expanded, while president, receive the felicitations and exports of finished products grew when prices reached a level that made The members of the cabinet and competition possible with British and their wives, together with the ladies German producers. In two months, of the receiving party, were the first to arrive. They laid aside their ending December 1, furnace stocks of pig iron decreased 113,895 tons and the wraps in the state dining room and demand was so improved that many ascended to the private apartments of furnaces resumed.

the president, where they exchanged Manufactured articles have moved greetings with Mr. and Mrs. McKinalong similar lines. Quotations of iron and steel products at the begin-The ladies of the receiving party ning of the year were little below the entered the red and blue parlors and level prevailing thirteen years ago took their places behind the line. and in the fall was almost uninter-Meantime, the ambassadors and minrupted until October, when the averisters of foreign countries, with the age was but 63,68 per cent of the figattaches of the legations, in their ure prevailing January 1, 1887. gorgeous and resplendent court uni-

It is difficult to select any one branch of this industry as being pushed harder than another. Railway supplies of all kinds have sold very freely and the market is flooded with urgent orders for freight cars. Structural material, particularly for bridges and ships, has been in much better demand than supply. Steel rails were reduced from last year's price of \$35. scended the main staircase, followed by the members of the cabinet and to \$26, but it was an open secret that the former figure had only been nomthe inal for months prior to the official throng, and when three sweet-faced change in September. Contracts for children near the front chirped a 1,000,000 tons, deliverable during 1901, "Happy New Year" to the first lady of have been placed at \$26, and numerous the land, she took a handful of buds export orders also suggest the prohafrom her exquisite bouquet of white billity that the list will be maintained. Tin bounded up from 251/4 cents at The party passed into the blue parlor the opening to 35 cents in July, and and took their places, while the full Marine band burst forth with the the gradually lost all the gain. But during the last week there was a recovery to 27% cents. Copper has done nothing startling, variations remaining within the range of % cent. Opendors and ministers from foreign ing at 161/2 cents, there were sales as courts, accompanied by their full low as 16%, and the close was at the top, 17 cents. Trade has been active At their head was the venerable and domestic production pushed. One and dignified Lord Pauncefote, Britauthority places the American yield ish ambassador and dean of the dipwell in advance of any other country. lomatic corps, in the full uniform of Lead fell from \$4.70 at the start to his high diolomatic rank. With him were Lady Pauncefote and the Misses \$3.75, and recovered to \$4.37, where it has been maintained by the smelting' Psuncefote and the ambassadorial staff. Following came Baron Pava, company for many months.

# MILES WILL NOT SPEAK.

Declines to Add Comment on Alger's

# BULLET IS NOW THREATENED.

Kidnapers Grow More Brutal Toward the Cudaby Family.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 31 .- E. A. Cudaby, the millionaire packer, having thought better o his resolution of Sunday that he would not reveal to the

public the contents o the second leftter he received from the bandits, The Bee is now permitted to publish a ver-batim copy of that communication.

Here is the letter: "Cudhy: If you value the boy's life at the price of a bulet you will withdraw the reward at once and let well

anough alone. If you don't do this we will finish the job with a bulet. "If any man whether gilty or ino-cent is ever arested a bulet will close the boy's mouth. You will think of this warning when it is to late." The letter, which was unsigned, was sent through the mails, and was ad-

dressed as iollows: "E. D. Cudhy, 517 South 37th street,

It was postmarked "Omaha, Dec. 22, 8 a. m.," and was delivered at the Cudahy home at 11 a. m. by a postman.

The paper used was ordinary white note paper, and the matter was printed in capital letters with black ink. The second letter received by Mr. Cudahy from the kidnapers, published in the Sunday Morning Bee, re-newed interest in the case and was the principal topic of conversation yesterday on street cars, in shops and wherever people congregated. An impression generally expressed was that he bandits have become foolhardy. Flushed with success they have gloat-ed over the gase with which they evade arrest and could no longer restrain the impulse to taunt the police and further impress Mr. Cudahy with sense of his helplessness in their hands.

Others held directly the oppositethat the kidnapers were so close pressed by the detectives that they were fearful of being caught and that the second letter comes as a cry of distress. They want the reward withdrawn in order that manhunting may be less profitable and zealous.

There is no means of learning how the chief of police construes this letter, as he refuses to discuss it. All agree, however, that the cutlaws manifest a co'd-blooded brutality, which is most revolting, and many a mother with children of tender years has shuddered at the thought of her own dear ones in the hands of these thugs. Mrs. Cudahy has the sympathy of every mother who has heard of the cruel threats to take away her little girls.

# SUFFER MEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

Lord Kitchener Reports British Loss as Fifty Killed and Wounded.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- The War office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"PRETORIA, Dec. 30, 7:50 a. m .---General Lytleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners."

General Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being raoccupied by Reeves, who has been rein-forced from Belfast. Heivetia was a in session, but neither that body nor

FORAKER TO HARRISON

Porto Rico More Generously Treated Thaa Any of the Territories.

PEOPLE SATISFIED WITH THE LAWS

Local Legislature Has Authority to Repeal the Tariff if It Wishes, but Has Not Done So-All is Progressing Favorably.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.-Senator J. B. Foraker has made a reply to the re-cent speech at Ann Arbor, Mich., of former President Harrison, in which Mr. Harrison criticised the Porto Rican policy of the government, characterizing it as a departure from correct principles. In a speech before the Manufacturers' club of this city last night Senator Foraker said on this point:

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All the questions arising under the Porto Rican legislation are soon to be passed upon by the supreme court. For that reason I do not care to discuss them at this time, but it is in order to say that the view taken by congress, as reflected by that legislation, was creditable to the generosity, patriotism and the industrial spirit of the American people. We found Porto Rico as poor as poverty could make her. She had no money, no credit, no system of taxation of any kind. She wanted a civil government and a revenue to support it. We gave her a far more liberal civil government than was ever given to any territory prior to the civil war, so far as participation in it by her people is concerned, and we dealt by her more generously in providing support for that government than we have ever yet dealt with any territory. In requiring her to pay tariff duties on imports from foreign countries we did only what we did with Louisiana, Florida, California and all our other territories; but in allowing her to put these duties, when collected, into her own treasury for the support of her local government, we did what was never done before for anybody else; for in all other cases we have not only required the payment of these same duties, but we have also required them, when they were collected, to be paid into the national treasury at Washington for the common benefit of the whole country, and, as to duties on commerce between Porto Rico and the United States, we did not levy 15 per cent, but we remitted 85 per cent of the existing on a number of articles, and the whole duty on al the rest, and provided that the 15 per cent should be remitted after March 1, 1902, or sooner if the legislature of Porto Rico shall provide, and that in the meanwhile all collections of 15 per cent both there and in the United States, shall be paid over to Porto Rico for her own

support. We made this provision because it was the best and least burdensome way possible to raise indispensible revenue for their governand not because it was in any sense of any benefit to either our government or other people. The Porto Rican legislature is now

very strong position on the Machadorp- any member of it, nor anybody has taken any step to repeal or alter the tax system so imposed by congress. On the contrary, all testify alike to the highest satisfaction with what congress has done, and the request will be almost unanimously made that the provisions enacted may be continued, if not indefinitely, at least until some satisfactory system of proper taxation may be submitted. In addition, it should be stated that congress, also in the same generous spirit, exempted Porto Rico from all internal revenue taxation-another favor never before extended to any part of our people anywhere. Yes, it is true that the legislation for Porto Rico was a "departure," but it is not true that it was a "departure from correct principles."



Emperor Instructs His Plenipotentiaries to Get the Best Terms Possible-Disarmament of Forts Instead of Their

CHINA ACCEPTS NOTE

Unexpected Compliance with Demands of

Destruction is Now to Be Demanded. PEKIN, Dec. 31.-The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese themselves were greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten davs.

The emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible and finally to require the powars not to destroy the forts, but to merely disarm them.

it is doubtful whether he will be able to do more than affix his signature to an instrument delegating his powers to Prince Ching until another plenipotentiary has been appointed. He was dressed this morning and carried in a chair to the residence of Prince Ching, with whom he held a long consultation. Prince Ching then called upon the doyen of the diplomatic corps, the Spanish then minister, Senor de Cologan, and requested him to notify the other envoys that instructions had been received from the emperor to sign the note.

PARIS, Dec. 31.-As has already been stated in these dispatches, the United States government does not desire the absolute demolition of the Taku forts, but simply their dismantlement, so that ready access to the Chinese capital of a foreign force would not be prevented. The demand of the powers in the joint note, however, was for the destruction of the forts. Inquiries said to have been made by the Chinese government of the envoys, of which inquiries, however, no official intimation has been received from Mr. Conger, have been regarded by the officials of this govrnment as reasonable and because of this more delay than has occurred; was expected in the court's direction for the signature of the note. Nothing has come from Mr. Conger reregarding the status of the note since a cablegram from him some days ago announcing that it had been presented to the Chinese.

Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, in somewhat puzzled as to just what construction to place on the Pek'n'

City.

Li Hung Chang's health is bad and

spectors seized a large quantity of oleomargarine which retailers had in stock labeled as creamery butter. Fifteen retailers are under bond, and as the punishment is a heavy one, there is much tribulation among those affected. A common practice, it is said, has been to mix oleo with butter and sell it as the best creamery.

Two men were killed and two wounded at the Faris distillery, Kentucky, Four members of the Sizemore family on one side and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young, on the other, engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Sizemores were instantly killed, and two of the Sizemores were probably fatally wounded. An old feud was the cause of the trouble. All are from Clay county.

During the last year Mr. Carnegie gave away about \$3,000,0000 for libraries and educational institutions, not including the Pittsburg institute. During 1899 he gave away about \$5,-000,000. He has already founded so many libraries in this country that he is about to establish a training school for librarians at Winona, Ind., in order to make them more useful. The total number of libraries founded by Mr. Carnegie in this country is sixty-seven, seventeen in Scotland and several in England and Ireland. He has twenty-four libraries in Pennsylvania alone.

State Senator W. F. Meyer of Carbon county, a panker and prominent citizen of Red Lodge, Mont., was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Dora Fullerton, the daughter of a ranchman, who charges that Meyer called her into his office, locked the door and tried to kiss her. She, however, succeeded in escaping.

Emma Goldman says that the an archists have decided not to kill any more kings or crowned heads.

The largest coal deal ever made in Harrison county, West Virginia, will be closed in a few days. The territory comprises 12,000 acres, or nineteen square miles around Salem.

Some anxiety is felt regarding the health of the aged Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar. He is suffering from influenza. A bulletin issued by his physician says his condition is satisfactory, that he slept well in spite of repeated spasms of coughing and that his temperature is 99.7. The grand duke was born in 1818.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$20,000 to Tuskegee institute at Tuskegee. Ala., the money to be used for the erection of a new dormitory.

A. H. Pierce, the richest cattle man in Texas, has died at Pierce station. He was many times a millionaire, with a large variety of interests in Texas.

Dave Owens, a prominent man of Garland City, Ark., was shot and killed. It is alleged that Hill Ross, a merchant, was shooting at a man named Davis, the first shot striking Davis in the leg. Owens was passing and at the second shot fired by Ross fell dead with a bullet in his head. Ross has not been captured.

Count Cassani, the Russian ambas-sador, and Senor Don Azpiraz, the Mexican ambassador, each accompapled by his staff and ladies. ambassador returned French only last night from Paris, having come on at this time to extend to the pres-ident the felicitations of the new year.

the Italian ambassador; Dr. Von Hol-

leben, the German ambassador; M.

Cambon, the French ambassador;

The Chinese minister, in his rich oriental silks, accompanied by Madame Wu, in elaborately embroldered gown, attracted much attention.

After the ambassadors and ministers came the chief justice and assoclate justices of the United States supreme court, and judges of the court of appeals, senators and representatives in congress, former cabinet officers and ministers of the United States.

At 11:40 officers of the army anreared. At 12:30 the general public was admitted and for an hour in one continuous stream the people passed through the parlors extending their greetings to the president.

# THOSE REFUNDING OPERATIONS.

#### Those Under the New Currency Bill Have Been Closed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- Refunding operations under the financial act of March 14 are closed, the books of the department having been open to the exchange of bonds for a period of nine and one-half months. In discussing the subject Assistant Secretary Vanderlip said:

"The refunding has been successful from every stan point. Holders of the old bon's, three, 'our and fives of 1'0°, 1907 and 1904, respectively, have voluntarily offered for exchange into twos approximately \$439,000,000 out of \$839,000,000, leaving outstanding of this part of the interest bearing public debt less than one-half the amount subject to the law. Exact figures wi'l not be known for several days, as some bonds are still in transit."

Pat Crowe Reported Caught.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 2 .- A special to the Journal from Chadron, Neb.

says: "Pat Crowe, charged with complicity in the abduction of Eddle Cudahy of Omaha, has been captured. Three detective's, following Crowe's trail, came upon him on the Pine Ridge reservation near Oelrichs, S. D., and captured him after a wid chase. Crowe was driving a team and buckboard. He whipped the horse and tried to outrun the horsemen, who soon brought him to a halt with their six shooters.

Bi-hops are at Outs.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—The resignation of Bishop H. M. Turner as pres

ident of African Methodist Episcopal bishops was announced today, on ac count of a disagreement, it is understood, regarding assignments given certain bishops.

#### Gen. Batchelder III.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- Brigadler General R. N. Batchelder, U. S. A., retired, is criticaly ill in this city from a complication of diseases arising from kidney trouble,

Charges Against Him.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. - General Miles was beset by newspaper men seeking from him some expression of opinion as to the recently published article by former Secretary Alger relative to the beef supply of the United States army during the Spanish-Amercan war.

To the few who saw the general, he had nothing of substance to add to what he had already said on the subject. He was still undecided as to whether he should make any answer to the criticisms passed upon h's course, or whether he should ignore what he denominated as the false statements contained in the article, on the ground that the American public had already passed upon the controversy, which had no new features as the result of this resurrection.

The general was in consultation during the day with some of his close adherents and friends in the assembly and in civil life.

### **IGNATIUS DONNELLY IS DEAD.**

Famous Writer, Scholar and Politician Taken Suddenly at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 2 .-- Ignatius Donnelly, politician, author, sage, aged 70, died at 12:03 this morning. The eminent Minneapolitan was taken suddenly ill last night while visiting at the home of his father-in-law, Barton Hanson, 3022 Twenty-eighth avenue, South,

From the first Mr. Donnelly sank steadily and soor became unconscious. Dr. Murphy was summoned and when he arrived the sick man was still unconscious. The doctor pronounced it heart failure, and stated early in the evening that there was little chance of the patient's recovery. Later Mr. Donnelly passed away, surrounded by a number of his relatives.

#### River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- A sub-committee of the house committee on rivers and harbors met today for the purpose of putting the river and harbor bill in shape for presentation to the full committee. Chairman Burton hopes that one meeting of the committee will be sufficient. He expects te have the bill ready for presentation temorrow. Then he will ask to have it considered on Friday and Saturday.

#### Will Retire This Year.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- The first year the new century will be marked by many retirements in the army and navy for statutory reasons. mainly on account of age. The retirements in the army include three heads of staff departments, viz: Judge Advocats General Liebar, General Wilson, chie! of engineers, and General Buffington. hief of rodnance, each of whom holds the rank of brigadier general. One brigadler general of the line, General H. C. Merriam, commanding the department of Colorado, and six colonels of the line will retire during the year.

patch. All along he has regarded the demands conveyed in the joint note as harsh and severe and the statement that it has been signed causes him surprise. He is inclined to believe that in all probability what the emperor has directed is that the Chinese pleninotentiaries proceed to discuss in a friendly manner with the envoys the terms of the agreement with a view, as stated in the Pekin disnatch to obtain the best terms possible along certain specified lines and also in others not contained in the

# TRIBUTE TO AMER'CAN MAN.

cablegram.

High Position of Woman is Partly Due to Other Sex.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Dec. 31 .- Hall Caine, writing to the Sorosis, a local woman's club, under date of Greeba Castle, Isle of Man, December 8, says;

"When one considers what the posttion of woman was, even in the most civilized countries, as recently as 100 years ago, and how high a place she has now won for herself, not only in the statute books of nations, but in the republic of art, one cannot but feel that the change is even more remarkable than some of the great material developments which have distinguished the century.

"Speaking as one who has seen the conditions in many countries, I feel that it is within the truth to say that the position of woman is higher in America than in any other part of the world. For this result American women have, no doubt, to thank their own natural gifts and great independence of mind, but they have also, I think, to be grateful to the splendid chivalry in the other sex, which is nowhere more conspicuous than in the best type of American gentlemen

"HALL CAINE."

#### Takes Pessimistic View.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- All the religious denominations aranged for 'end of the century services," some of which were held yesterday and some will be held today. At Westminster labbey Archdeacon Fordice Friar, preaching yesterday, took a gloomy view of the future. He said he thought it by no means improbable that early in the coming century England would have to meet a combi-

#### Pat Crowe Not Yet Found.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 31 .-- For the fourth time the police and detectives of this city.have been outwitted by Pat Crowe and the men who are al leged to be instrumental in keeping him from the clutches of the police. Capt. Henry Frans led a squad of officers in a raid on a building this evening in which it was supposed Crowe and Raiston, alias McGee, Crowe's pal, were in hiding, but the officers found no trace of the men. Policemon Dillon and Carson stated tonight that Crowe and Ralston were in the building this afternoon.

Lydenburg railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment. Am asking for further information

While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. General Dewet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at He.vetia, in the Lydenburg district, while, judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices, no progress is being made against the

Boer invaders in Cape Colony. According to further telegrams received yesterday Zeerust is practically

besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Ottoshoop has been withdraw to Lichtenburg.

#### Sult for Many Millions.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31 .- A suit involving the ownership of many millions of dollars worth of property in this city and for \$1,500,000 damages for being excluded from the rents and profits of the same, was commenced today by claimants to the estate of Leonard Case, who died in 1880. The defendants in the suit are about 500 in number. The plaintiffs, nine in number, allege they are the rightful

heirs to the property.

#### German Cable in China

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-The Commer cial Cable company has issued the fol-lowing notice: "The German administration announces that in concert with the Great Northern Telegraph company and the Eastern Extension Austral-asia and China Telegraph company, a cable has been laid for the German government between Tsing-Tau and Shanghai. The opening for interna-

tional service will take place on January L"

## Iowa Man Ground to Pieces.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31 .-All night long trains on the Baltimore & Obio and the Big Four ran over the body of a man near Otis City twenty miles east of this city, grinding the flezh into small bits. A small memorandum book was found bearing the name and address of William Golore of Ottumwa, Ia. The man was murdered and placed on the track, presumably by his companions.

#### Another Boxer Proclamation.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31 .- News is brought by the Rio Jun Maru that Boxer" proclamations have been found in Zebut calling upon Korean Boxers to expel all foreigners, including Japanese. The anti-foreign movement in Korea is reported to be ipcreasing in such a manner as to cause much uneasiness. The famine in Shan Si is increasing and is causing much cannibalism. Human flesh is offered for sale and officials are unable to prevent it.

# **BJER LEADER NOW IN TRAP.**

London and the Continent Hear That Dewet Has Been Captured.

LONDON, Dec. 29 .- Persistent reports are in circulation in London and on the continent that General Dewet has been captured. The British Chartered South African company received this information from a source in which it is accustomed to place implicit confidence. The War office, however, is without any confirmation of the report.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 29 .- General Dewet's attempts to break through the south have been frustrated and he is now reported to be at Senekal with a large commando, holding the country between Fecksbrug, Senekal and Winburg.

General Knox is holding the country between Ladybrand and Winburg.

The eastern parties of invading Boers are being constantly harassed and driven back toward the Orange river.

The Yeomanry who were captured near Britstown have been released. JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 29.-The Boers damaged the new Kleinfontein and Chinese batterles yesterday.

#### Bave Von \$277

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29 .- After January 1, in making the calculation of the per capita wealth of the United States, the Hawatlan Islands, Alaska and the Indian Territory will be included. The probable effect will be to slightly reduce the per capita wealth, which now is about \$27.

#### Cohan Fatradition Easy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29 .- A request was received at the State department today from Governor Pingree of Michigan for the extradition of Charles J. Thompson, who is charged with forgery committed at Detroit. Thompson is now in Cuba. The State department, taking the ground that the island is at present solely under control of the United States military, did not undertake to go into the merits of the application, but transmitted the papers at once to the War department.

# nation of European powers.