

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS.

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1900.

## GATACRE UNDER WAY.

Meets the Invading Army of Boers at Cyphergat.

### ENEMY RETREATS UNDER FIRE.

Boers Return and Occupy Their Old Position at Colsburg—Disease Rapidly Making Inroads on the Ladysmith Garrison. Lively Fighting at Molteno.

STOCKSTROOM, Jan. 3.—General Gatacre today met the invading forces at Cyphergat, near the British advance camp at Bushmanshoek. The Boers retired hurriedly shortly after the British artillery opened fire. The enemy occupied Molteno and Cyphergat today, but the latter place is now reoccupied by us.

FRERE CAMP, Jan. 3.—Captain Thornycroft's patrol found the enemy in some force at the little Tugela bridge. Their presence was discovered by scouts. It is reported that five men and a lieutenant of the party have not returned.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 4.—The Duke of Westminster, it is announced, will remain in Cape Colony during the war. It is understood that a prominent inhabitant of the Orange Free State, a near relative of President Steyn, has gone to the United States to lecture in the interests of the two republics.

### BRITISH NOT IN COLESBURG.

Boers Are Again in Possession, With French Waiting on the Outside.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—An unexpected development of the situation has occurred at Colesburg. Late advices are that the Boers returned with reinforcements during the night and occupied the position from which they were driven by General French on Monday.

There is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received. General White reported a list of nearly 20 deaths yesterday from enteric fever and dysentery and 71 serious cases in the hospital. Dr. Jameson has all the work he can do in that fever nest. It is evident that the garrison cannot hold out long, and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass before striking a blow.

The report of the Boer attack on Molteno is not yet confirmed. Apparently General French holds within five miles of Colesburg. His request for reinforcements dispels any present hope that he will be able to seize one of the crossings of the Orange river. It is probable that when Lord Roberts arrives General French will be ordered to quit his unsupported position and to concentrate his command at De Aar or Orange River.

A dispatch from Dover Farm announces that Colonel Pilcher has reached there safely from Douglas.

Since Commandant General Joubert's return to the front the cannonading of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 four shells killed one officer and 13 men and wounded 13 officers and 11 men.

Eight additional militia regiments have been called. Seven of these will serve in Ireland, replacing the regulars sent to South Africa.

All parts of England and Scotland report lively volunteering, a leading feature being the great sums raised by private subscription for volunteer equipment.

Transports with fresh battalions and batteries arrived at Durban yesterday, and within 48 hours Sir Redvers ought to be in readiness for a supreme effort.

### Fighting Near Colesburg.

NAUWPOORT, Cape Colony, Jan. 3.—There was brisk fighting today in the hills around Colesburg. The Boers stubbornly resisted the British at every point, but gradually retreated. The British held the extreme position to the south and east, overlooking the town.

### Boers Attack Molteno.

STERKSTROOM, Cape Colony, Jan. 3.—The Boers attacked Molteno this morning. A brisk action is now in progress.

### Get American Equipment.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—The Globe-Democrat says: St. Louis has been called upon to equip a considerable part of the new British cavalry contingent in South Africa. The first shipment of a consignment of saddles and bridles for the newly recruited riders and yeomanry of her majesty's service will leave St. Louis for New York, where it is to be placed on shipboard for South Africa not later than the first of next week.

### After Boer Sympathizers.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 4.—A citizens' committee was formed here yesterday to ascertain the identity of all Boer sympathizers identified with the Transvaal assistance movement and institute prosecutions for treason, and are also arranging a boycott. The movement, which has excited great indignation, is chiefly among German, Dutch and Belgian residents.

### Collision at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—A passenger train on the Chicago Great Western railroad crashed into the rear of a Northern Pacific stock train near the Mississippi street bridge, in the eastern portion of this city, splitting the coaches in two and injuring seven men. John Bower, in charge of a shipment of hogs from Clear Lake, Minn., was very badly crushed and scalped so that his recovery seems doubtful.

## SANTIAGO IS EXCITED.

Conference Between Wood and Cuban Leaders Stir Politicians.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Jan. 4.—The news of the conference at Havana between Governor General Wood and the Cuban leaders, including General Jose Miro of this province, has provoked considerable excitement here. Last evening the clubs and cafes were crowded with politicians discussing the situation with more or less violence and declaring their devotion to General Miro. The Americans and Europeans, especially the Spaniards, express great satisfaction at the attitude taken by General Wood in favor of restricting the franchise to intelligent and responsible citizens, and the wealthy Cubans share in this feeling.

The Cuba Libre publishes a dispatch from Havana summarizing General Wood's statement in this statement and announces that it will deal with the matter editorially. The violent Cuban partisans say a crisis is imminent which will decide whether Cuba is to be American or Cuban, but the possibility of any serious trouble is ridiculed by the American officers and the foreigners.

## INDICTED GENERAL MISSING

Falls to Appear to Plead to Michigan Grand Jury Indictment for Fraud.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 4.—Telegrams were received from Arthur P. Marsh, ex-adjutant general of Michigan and chairman of the Republican state central committee, stating that he was about to leave Brockport, N. Y., for Lansing to plead to the indictment found against him for having, as alleged, had a part in the notorious military state clothing deal. Nothing has been learned yet as to the whereabouts of General White, the other indicted man.

## CASE OF PLAGUE IN MANILA.

Patient Isolated and Every Precaution Taken to Prevent Spread of Disease.

MANILA, Jan. 4.—The health officers have found a native with all the symptoms of bubonic plague, in a house in the walled city, where two suspicious deaths have occurred. The patient has been isolated and every precaution has been taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

## Battle with Moonshiners.

MONTGOMERY, Jan. 4.—It is reported here that an encounter took place among the hills of Coosa county between a posse of six revenue officers headed by Carl Tutwiler of this city and a band of lawless moonshiners, among them five moonshiners, against whom warrants are pending. The story is that three or four of the moonshiners have been shot and the officers have arrested the others. The officers are all said to have escaped unhurt.

## Postoffice Robbery in Kansas.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 4.—C. M. Reed, chief clerk of the railway mail service here, has received a telegram from Cameron, Kan., stating that burglars blew open the postoffice safe at that place last night and took the contents.

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The French war party is growing. The sugar trust has abandoned the factor plan, making a flat price.

Dr. M. T. Gays, Adairville, Ky., shot and killed Ed O. Griffey and himself as the result of a quarrel.

The report that the Boston and Maine railroad is seeking to lease the Fitchburg railroad is confirmed.

George B. Sheldon and his brother, Wall street brokers, have given \$150,000 to St. Paul's school of Concord, N. H.

Edward Cressinger, aged 19 years, was hanged at Sunbury, Pa., Wednesday, for the murder of 16-year-old Daisy Smith.

Surgeon General Sternberg will represent the war department at the international congress of hygiene in Paris next summer.

The St. Paul stock exchange has forwarded to Washington a protest against the passage of the Tawney bill for taxing oleomargarine.

Captain Concas, chief of staff to Cervera, in a report to the Spanish government says Sampson's reports are not correct and praises Schley.

The Pere Marquette railroad has purchased the Saginaw, Tuscola and Huron railroad, running from Saginaw to Bad Axe, its length being 68 miles.

At the United States mint in Philadelphia 122,790,528 coins were made during the year 1899, representing a value of little more than \$65,000,000.

The American Knit Underwear association held an executive meeting in New York Wednesday and determined to raise the price of knit goods.

The state department has received notice of the death at Naples, where he has been ill for a long time, of A. C. Studer, United States consul at Sorrento.

W. B. Childers, representing the government in the Elephant Butte dam case, has applied to Judge Parker of Albuquerque for a new trial of the suit.

Charles E. Kiplinger of Charlotte, Mich., has been appointed official undertaker to remove the bodies of American soldiers from Cuban battlefields to this country.

Commodore Faragut's flagship, the Hartford, was floated Wednesday out of the dry dock at Vallejo, Cal., where she has been for the past three months, undergoing repairs.

The secretary of the interior has sent to congress an estimate of \$641,105 for the expenses, surveys, etc., of the commission to the five civilized tribes known as the Dawes commission.

Robert Brock Brigham, proprietor of the Brigham's hotel and restaurant, Boston, is dead, aged 73 years. His Boston holdings were estimated at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

Hiram B. Barney, a retired merchant, died at his home in New York Wednesday. With his brother he established one of the largest drygoods stores in Omaha. One of his brothers was a founder of Denver.

## CHOATE FILES PROTEST

American Demand That England Explain Seizure of Flour.

### GERMANY SHOWS NASTY TEMPER.

Gets Quite Heated Over Seizure of the Mail Steamer Bundesrath—Denounced as a Grave Breach of International Law. Redress Is Demanded.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Secretary Hay's dispatch concerning flour seizures was read to Salisbury by Choate at a special interview before the usual diplomatic reception. Hay only enters a formal protest against the seizure, suggesting that information be supplied to Washington of the circumstances. This leaves the United States no option but to demand an explanation from the British government. This somewhat perfunctory dispatch contrasts strikingly with the one presented by the German chargé d'affaires, in which issue is directly taken by the German government upon British action, which is denounced as a grave breach of international law. Redress is demanded and attention urgently requested to the subject in order to obviate further difficulty.

"Germany is showing a nasty temper over the Bundesrath seizure," was the observation made by one minister at the reception at the foreign office.

### Sight Restored by X-Ray.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Fourteen-year-old Thomas Smith of Chicago rejoiced today in the complete restoration of sight and hearing through the X-ray used in conjunction with the surgeon's knife and trephining bit. The boy is at the West Side hospital and there is said to be no doubt of his recovery from the operation, which was performed on him more than a week ago. Physicians diagnosed the case as a brain tumor pressing on the optic and auditory nerves. An X-ray apparatus was called upon to verify the diagnosis. The confirmation in the skiagraph was complete and showed a tumor the size of an egg over the right eye.

### French Conspiracy Trials.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The conspiracy trial before the senate, sitting at the high court, came to an end yesterday, except for the sentences in the cases of those convicted. Out of the 75 alleged conspirators who were thrown into prison five months ago, and who have been since released in batches, owing to the want of evidence, only MM. Deroulede, Guerin and Buffet have been found guilty, and these three are accorded "extenuating circumstances," which reduces their punishment to detention in a fortress or banishment. It is understood that the sentences will vary between five and ten years' detention.

### Reduce Street Car Fares.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 4.—The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company yesterday began the sale of street car tickets at the rate of 25 for \$1, good only, however, from 5:30 to 8 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m. The tickets will be disposed of on this basis for the next five years. The action of the street railway company is in accordance with the passage of the ordinance through the common council last night regardless of the injunctions served upon that body. Judge Ludwig is listening to arguments on injunction proceedings and may order the arrest of the city fathers for contempt of court.

### Mud Volcanoes Active.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Reports received from the back country show that the recent earthquake was the cause of a number of strange happenings. The mud volcanoes on the desert near the Colorado river have become active after a long rest and are now spouting mud and gas. The natural gas wells near Yuma are also in working order since the heavy quake. They have been lighted and the glare at night can be seen for many miles.

### Spanish Prisoners Set Free.

MADRID, Jan. 4.—The Spanish consul at Manila telegraphs to the foreign office that the steamer Uranus from Panay has arrived there, having on board the bishop of Vega, 117 priests, five officers and 115 civilians who had been restored to liberty. The consul adds that Aguinaldo has promulgated a decree ordering the liberation of all Spanish prisoners without distinction.

### Yaquis May Attack Guaymas.

AUSTIN, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Orizaba, Mex., says that a courier has reached there from General Torres' camp who says there is much activity in the Yaqui Indian camps and that definite information has been received that the rebels are forming for an attack on the city of Guaymas. There is a garrison of a few companies of government troops at Guaymas.

### Jeffries Challenges Sharkey.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 4.—Tom Sharkey last night received a challenge from James Jeffries to fight 20 rounds within 30 days, the winner to take all, provided Tom O'Rourke is excluded from his (Sharkey's) corner. Sharkey said he was glad of an opportunity to fight Jeffries on the terms stated, but would insist that George Siler should not referee the fight.

### Tug Resolute Sunk in Collision.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The United States quartermaster's tug Resolute, Captain George T. Loring, was sunk in the harbor last night in a collision with the steel tug Swatara. All on board are believed to have been saved, except the engineer.

## WOULD STOP FAITH CURE.

Talk of Legislation Against Practitioners of Christian Science.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—There is talk here of having one of the members of the legislature from Woodbury county introduce a bill providing for the punishment of anyone who professes to cure disease by Christian Science.

In many quarters in St. Louis especially there is a bitter feeling against his faith, due to the fact that within the last few weeks several deaths have occurred following the so-called treatment by the local reader. Three little children have died of disease, having had no medical attention.

### Convention of Osteopaths.

DES MOINES, Jan. 4.—A convention of instructors, students and practitioners of osteopathy in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, opened here yesterday. Dr. F. W. Hanna, president of the National Osteopathy association, delivered the chief address, saying the school has grown as no other ever did and that it must adhere strictly to the line of curing diseases without drugs. The convention will take action looking to securing more favorable legislation in western states.

### Public Library for Davenport.

DAVENPORT, Jan. 4.—Davenport is now assured of a free public library representing a cost of \$50,000, through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie. His offer was to provide a building if the city would secure a site and provide for the maintenance of the institution at an annual expense of \$1,000. The matter was presented at the regular meeting of the city council last night and the proposition was accepted by unanimous vote.

### Another Engineer Meets Death.

DES MOINES, Jan. 4.—David Wright, engineer of the Chicago and Northwestern road, stood in the gangway of his locomotive as it entered a curve near Bertram and as the engine swayed he was thrown to the ground and killed. Engineer J. E. Fiske, who fell similarly from his engine at Mechanicsville a few days ago, died yesterday.

### Elker Makes Another Flop.

DES MOINES, Jan. 4.—Dr. Elker, who last night gave out a statement declaring he would support both Gear and Bowen, has issued a second statement declaring he will vote for Cummins and Eaton. The latest announcement has caused a sensation and has resulted in a boom for Eaton for speaker.

### Receivers Take Possession.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Charles H. Chappell of Chicago and James Hopkins of St. Louis, who were Thursday appointed receivers of the northern connecting lines, formerly part of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf system, arrived here yesterday. "We came merely to take possession of the property," said Mr. Chappell. "There will be no change in management or force and the lines will continue operating as they have before. We shall go east tonight. Later we shall go over the line and get acquainted with our business."

### Two Wagonloads of Powder Explode.

CALUMET, Mich., Jan. 4.—Two wagonloads of powder, each carrying 4,375 pounds of the explosive, were blown up near Eagle river last night. Two teamsters, Alex Hammerstrom and Joseph St. Louis, and their teams are also lost.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Lawton fund has reached \$50,000. The People's bank of Wabasha, Minn., closed its doors Wednesday.

It is reported that a British enrolling agent has been arrested at Korbheta, Russia.

William Waldorf Astor has contributed \$1,000 to the Prince of Wales' hospital fund.

Albert B. Hilton, son of the late Judge Henry Hilton, is in the bankruptcy court at New York.

The latest reports from Achalkalek, Russia, show that 600 lives were lost during the recent earthquakes.

The first marriage in this country of a Christianized Chinese couple will take place in Philadelphia next week.

Land upon which 1,000 people are living in the suburbs of Dallas, Tex., is claimed by a widow under an unsettled will.

A Cuban club, "El Nacional," has been organized at Tampa, Fla., with a large membership, to work for Cuban independence.

The steamer Tontonic arriving at New York Wednesday from England, brought 630 sacks of mail delayed by the Transvaal war.

Alma M. Kent, Jr., Jamestown, N. Y., has been convicted of forgery on which he obtained \$10,000. He was brought back from Japan for trial.

The Torrens land act, the validity of which was questioned, was declared to be constitutional by the supreme judicial court of Massachusetts Wednesday.

The annual election of officers of the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange for the ensuing year was held Wednesday. Oscar L. Whitelaw was elected president.

Governor Pingree has again asked the Michigan legislature to amend the charter of the Michigan Central and other specially chartered roads, to place them under the tax law.

Minnie Seligman Cutting, the well known actress, has filed suit for divorce from her husband, Robert Cutting, a member of New York's "Four Hundred." She alleges desertion.

The secretary of war has sent to congress a report from Major Knox, inspector general of the army, on the condition of the National Soldiers' homes. It shows the homes in excellent condition.

The first of the formal dinners of the social season at the White House was given by President and Mrs. McKinley Wednesday night, the members of the cabinet and their wives being guests of honor.

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