

GET EARLY HEARINGS

Contests for Legislative Seats Will Disposed of Promptly.

QUIET DAY AT SENATORIAL QUARTERS

Hainer and Mercer Reach the Scene, Each with a Lightning Rod.

PRESSURE FOR PLUMS IS TERRIFIC

Would-Be Employes in Swarms and Much Disappointment in Prospect.

SECOND DAY OF SESSION A BUSY ONE

Both Branches of the Legislature Push Along Preliminaries and Prepare for the Real Work Before Them.

LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Aside from the canvass of the vote of the last election, the chief progress made by the legislature today consisted in clearing the decks for prompt action on the legislative contest cases in both house and senate.

Speaker Bears announced the house committee on privileges and elections this morning in advance of the other committees. In order that its members might get down to work without delay and enable the house to ward on the contested seats to the parties justly entitled to them. The house committee is J. A. Whitmore, chairman; A. Marshall, M. Mullen, Conrad Belsner, T. E. Hibbert, J. W. Armstrong, C. J. Warner, C. M. Brown of Furnas, G. L. Loomis, D. W. Hamilton, J. W. Tanner.

In the senate a motion was made to appoint the elections committee in the morning, but Ransom intervened to have it delayed, succeeding by a vote of 15 to 14. Senator Crouse voting with Ransom and the fusionists. The question was raised as to whether it was proper to transact any business whatever before the canvass of the contests. The motion was made by the committee at once was renewed by Senator Olson in the afternoon and carried with the following result: Olson, chairman, Harlan, Harlan, Young, Campbell and Wootenholm.

The two committees find awaiting them bulky documents relative to ten contested seats. Two of them are in the nature of ex parte cases against the eligibility of members unquestionably elected by a majority of the voters, and eight of the contests in due form, in which the right of the sitting member to his certificate of election is assailed.

Of the former one relates to the seat of Senator A. R. Olson of Cumina, against whom is laid the charge that he had not a year's residence in his district, because he had temporarily resided in Dodge county and had been a republican candidate for district judge from that county the previous year. Counting from the canvass of the session in 1899, Senator Olson has a year's residence in Cumina, and it is understood that the protest against him will not be pressed by the parties instituting it.

A similar objection has been raised to Fred Hawley elected as a fusionist to represent Nemaha county. Depositions have been filed to show that Hawley is a resident of Lancaster county, where he is a university student, and voted at the city election last spring. Whether the protest against Hawley will be pushed is not known. Even if the ineligibility of a sitting member were sustained his unseating would not give the place to his opponent, but simply to leave a vacancy to be filled by special election.

Genuine Contest Cases. The contests proper in the senate are: 1. A. J. Colson against Frank T. Ransom, Douglas county. 2. John P. Schultz against John Liddell, Douglas county. 3. J. J. Bonekemper against Henry Reuting, Clay county. 4. J. M. Johnson against B. Hodges, Phelps county.

The contests in the house are: 1. Carsten Rohrer against C. M. Hunt, Douglas county. 2. F. M. Youngs against C. F. Johnson, Douglas county. 3. Joseph Pigman against James D. Ream, Jasper county. 4. Allen O. Fisher against Charles P. Coffe, Dawes county.

In all these cases, except the last, the general allegations are of miscount and fraud and a recount of the ballots is demanded. Several larger cases of ballots are in the office of the secretary of state to furnish employment for the members of the election committees.

The various contestants are naturally anxious to have their cases taken up at once and the disposition of the republicans at least seems to be in that direction. Speaking of the matter of contests, a leading member of the senate said:

"I believe every contest should be decided strictly on its merits. Some outsiders are trying to mix senatorial politics into this question, but it really has no part in it. I believe that every contestant who can show that he was rightfully elected is entitled to his seat and should not be kept out of it a moment longer than necessary. This would be a generally accepted rule if there were no United States senators to elect. In fact, every one of us possesses the constitutional power to inquire into the relative merits of the cases and are sure to be competent and fair, and if they say any man is being deprived wrongfully of his seat in the legislature, I for one am ready to give the remedy without dilatory parleying."

Senatorial Matters Quiet. In senatorial circles little change is noticeable on the surface. The various candidates' headquarters are all in operation receiving visitors. Ex-Congressman Hainer came onto the field last night and declined to deny the intimation that he had brought his lightning rod with him. Congressman Mercer has also drifted in, having first taken the precaution to send several emissaries ahead to break the ice for him, but even then found it extremely chilly. Instead of coming to the scene of republican activity at the Lindell, Mercer has taken lodgment along with Ransom and Gurley at the Lincoln, which is serving as the fusion rendezvous. Mr. Meiklejohn and his retinue of federal officeholders are doubling up between his headquarters and his up-the-street mansion. Mr. Rosewater was absent from his

Copyrighted Book May Be Rebound. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—To clean old books, to trim the edges of the leaves and to rebound them is the business of the bookbinder. The right of a person holding the copyright for a book, to have it rebounded, is a question which has been raised by the Supreme court in reversing an order of the lower court, which had granted a restraining order against G. B. Dean and Hart Hanson on motion of the American Book company. The court, however, puts a restriction upon the ruling by a statement that the book so rebounded and recovered should be stamped upon its cover notice that the book was a second-hand copy.

REFUSE TO GRANT INCREASE

Manager of Colorado Coal Mines Says Men Will Return at Old Wages if at All.

Wages Will Not Be Paid

MANAGER OF COLORADO COAL MINES, James Cannon, president of the Northern Coal company, has gone to the Colorado coal fields to confer with the miners' representatives who are on strike for an increase of 25 cents a ton for the coal. Before his departure Mr. Cannon said the men must return to work upon the old terms or not at all. About 1,000 men employed in the Northern Coal company's mines have gone out. They demand an increase of 10 cents a ton in the price paid for mining coal, and an increase of \$1 a day in the wages of machine men.

"Our men have received better wages than any other coal miners in the state," said Mr. Cannon. "They average \$65 a month. If they were to get 25 cents a ton for breaking and loading the coal. An average man can easily break and load twelve to fifteen tons daily. At Louisville the men want 45 cents a ton; we are paying 35¢. To pay this increase would take \$100,000 a year and would ruin us."

The Northern coal field is the main source of supply of lignite coal, the favorite coal for steam heating and family use in Denver. The output has been between 3,000 and 4,000 tons a day. The officials of the Northern company say they have only ten car loads of coal on hand and the strike may cause a coal famine. It is not thought that operators will take advantage of the strike to force up the price of coal. The other coal companies promising to increase their price to meet the demand.

MAY PROVE TO BE BIGAMY

Prominent Boston Engineer Accused of Leading a Double Life by His Wife's Parents.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—George W. Howard, a consulting engineer of Boston, who came to this city about a year ago as the representative of the Whitney-Elkins-Widener syndicate and who has made his home in this city since that time, is being accused by the New York Amsterdam hotel, this city, tonight on a warrant charging him with bigamy.

Howard had offices in this city and has been a prominent figure in the social circles of Brooklyn. Last September he married Miss Helen Hawkes, a daughter of Deputy Commissioner of Highways Henry Hawkes of Brooklyn. After the ceremony the bride was presented with a handsome residence by her father and after the wedding tour the couple returned to their home in New York city. Howard, however, for alleged business reasons, brought his wife to this city and they put up at the New Amsterdam hotel.

It is said he frequently pleaded press of business and went to Boston retaining his office in New York. Saturday and Sunday for three weeks. The young wife's parents became suspicious and employed a detective to shadow their son-in-law.

The detective says he secured the residence on which today's warrant was issued.

POPULIST FLOP APPLAUDED

Thomas M. Patterson, Candidate for Senator, Endorses His Party's Jump into Democratic Fold.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—Thomas M. Patterson, in his newspaper, the Rocky Mountain News, commenting upon the action of eight populist senators who yesterday proclaimed their allegiance to the democratic party, declares they did the "common-sense and practical thing."

"All silver men must stand with Mr. Bryan and the western democracy in this fight. Silver men can best aid their democratic friends from within the democratic cauldron. They can, in primaries, in conventions and at elections, do their part to strengthen the army of Bryan and overthrow the golden contingent of the democratic party in its announced assault upon the democratic principles, which secured from Colorado 30,000 majority for the Bryan electors."

The intemperance is considered significant in view of the fact that Mr. Patterson, who was permanent chairman of the populist national convention in 1900, is one of the leading candidates for United States senator before the present legislature.

RUSSIA BUYS AMERICAN MEAT

Chicago Firm Secures Contract for Supplying Food for Russian Army.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Tribune says: Signatures were affixed in this city yesterday to a great international contract and a Chicago packing firm will supply the Russian government this year with 1,500 barrels of a specially prepared meat to feed the soldiers of the czar's army. The terms of the contract will amount to \$100,000. The meat field for supplies in Russia and Siberia has been opened to the Americans only lately, and it is believed that the contract completed yesterday is merely the predecessor of others which will amount to millions of dollars and result in the introduction and consumption of American meat in every part of the vast northern empire.

A new process of packing and pickling meat was an important factor in the awarding of the contract. By this process it is said that the problem of transporting the packed meat any distance and through any climate without affecting the quality of the supply has been solved.

SNOW STORMS IN THE WEST

Puget Sound Country Covered with White Blankets—Cold in Colorado.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—Fifteen inches of snow covers the streets as the result of a storm that has been in progress for the last twenty-four hours and still continues.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—The Puget Sound country is hidden under a blanket of snow. The fall commenced yesterday. This is the second snow storm of the winter.

WALSBERG, Colo., Jan. 2.—The weather in this vicinity is the coldest in several years. This condition was preceded by a snow storm lasting several days. The present cold spell will cause the loss of considerable stock on the range. Reports are coming in of heavy losses of sheep. One herd ranging east of this city is reported to have lost fully 50 per cent. Losses of cattle are also reported.

Congress to Be Asked to Provide for Construction of Naval Academy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The board on naval construction today decided to recommend to congress the construction of a 2,000-ton training ship for the naval academy. In accordance with the plans of Superintendent Wainwright. It was decided that the Chesapeake is too small for the accommodation of the cadets.

Coloing Statement for the Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The yearly coinage statement of the director of the mint shows that the total coinage of the mint for the United States was \$17,599,401, as follows: Gold, \$99,572,942; silver, \$36,295,211; minor coins, \$2,931,138.

Of the silver coined \$24,960,912 was in standard dollars.

The December coinage amounted to \$7,235,300, of which \$4,536,467 was gold and \$2,898,555 silver and \$801,278 minor coins.

NICE FIGHT FOR PRIORITY

House Will Take Up Either River and Harbor or Reapportionment Bill.

MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED TODAY

Senate Probably Will Devote First Days to Discussion of Army Reorganization, but May Take Up Ship Subsidy Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The house probably will dispose of the reapportionment bill this week, although Chairman Burton of the river and harbor committee is inclined to contest the right of way with the census committee. The reapportionment bill, carrying out as it does a constitutional requirement, is a matter of higher privilege than an appropriation bill, and if Chairman Hopkins insulate it, it probably will be given priority. Mr. Hopkins, however, may yield if he finds that any large proportion of the members will not return from their holiday vacation in time to vote on the measure this week. A determined fight will be made against his bill by members from the republican representatives under it, and Mr. Hopkins desires a full house when the vote is taken. He is confident that his measure will carry with it a full attendance. In any event, neither Mr. Hopkins nor Mr. Burton desires to proceed tomorrow, so that the session tomorrow probably will be brief and unimportant. On Friday either the river and harbor or the reapportionment bill will be taken up. If it should be the latter the expectation is that its consideration will be completed on Saturday. If the former, the length of time to be consumed is problematical.

Probable Program in Senate.

The general expectation among senators is that the first few days of the time of the senate after reconvening tomorrow will be devoted to consideration of the army appropriation bill, but there is some disposition to make an arrangement for a division of time that will permit of the continued presentation of the ship subsidy bill during a part of each day.

When the committee on order of business, representing the republican side of the senate, made its report, the regular order of business at the beginning of the present session there was an understanding that when the army bill should be presented for consideration the other measures necessary to carry it out should be promptly passed of the army bill. There is apparently a disposition on the part of some senators partially to disregard this agreement, and the friends of the subsidy bill, most of whom are also supporters of the army bill, are trying to secure an understanding for continuation of the discussion of the army bill to the morning hour of the senate's daily proceedings, giving the time each day after 2 o'clock to the subsidy bill.

A meeting of the committee on military affairs has been called for tomorrow, when the matter of procedure probably will be discussed and a decision reached as to whether the committee shall ask for all the time of the senate until its bill is disposed of, or for only a portion of the day. Some members of the committee are disposed to give the time with the subsidy bill for the present, but all senators, regardless of politics, consider the army bill of pressing importance, because of the fact that the time for which the voters are to elect senators of the Philippines has almost expired. Hence it is probable that some arrangement will be reached regarding against any protracted delay on the military measure. While comparatively few of the opposition senators are trying to secure an understanding for the early consideration of the army bill, none of them appear willing to make any objection to its early consideration.

Cockrell Will Not Offer Substitute.

There has been a general surmise that Senator Cockrell would offer a substitute for the army bill, but he stated today that he had no such intention, at the same time expressing his conviction that the bill should be pressed to early disposition. Because of the condition of the Philippines, Mr. Cockrell expressed the further opinion that an army bill would not be debated at great length unless there should be at the same time an attempt to carry the subsidy bill along with it. It has, however, been thought it might be difficult to get the army bill through promptly. The opposition senators generally will content themselves with an explanation of their views upon the army bill and will make no opposition to its becoming a law.

There are still several speeches to be made upon the subsidy bill, but apparently none of the promised speeches has been prepared, so that Senator Hawley will be able to go on until tomorrow, when he will have the army bill, regarding any arrangement concerning the subsidy bill.

SIoux PREDATION CLAIMS

Cases in Interior Department Are to Be Submitted at Once to Referee for Decision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Cases now pending in the interior department, known as the Sioux predation claims, are to be submitted to a referee for decision.

These claims involve \$400,000 and have been before the department for years. They are based on the depredations of United States soldiers during the Sioux war. The testimony filed is exhaustive, and Indian Commissioner Jones, who was recently requested to make further investigation, replied that all the evidence necessary is at hand. The matter is to be placed before a referee at once and a decision is expected at an early date.

John W. Chapin was today appointed postmaster at Winfred, Lake county, S. D. Miss Della E. Brown was appointed at Rosebud, D. C., was reinstated as teacher at the Rosebud Indian school.

King Must Divide His Time.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2.—Captain Torikildsen has written a strong article, which is published in the Norwegian papers, urging members of all parties in the Storting to pass a law compelling the king to live six months yearly in Norway.

Revolution is a Plague.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 2.—(Via Haytien Cable.)—The revolution here is without an echo in the country. He is said to be with fifty followers, in the mountains.

Isidro Roca's First Trolley Line.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Jan. 2.—Thousands of people yesterday witnessed the starting of the new trolley system, the island's first road of that description. The people were much astonished.

Victims to Visit France.

OSBORNE, Isle of Wight, Jan. 2.—It is officially announced that Queen Victoria has decided, unless something unforeseen happens, to visit Climes, in the south of France, in March or April.

DISASTROUS TO OCEAN SHIPS

Storms Continue to Do Much Wrecking and Destroyers' Patrols Seem to Multiply.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 2.—The British steamer Lydene, Captain Milburn, from Hamburg, December 15, for Wilmington, N. C., went ashore during a snow storm last night at La Manche, and is likely to become a total loss. The crew are safe, but they met with a frightful experience in the open boats. No details of the disaster have yet been learned.

The steamer Lydene is of 1,797 tons net register. It is 210 feet long, has thirty-nine feet two inches beam and is nineteen feet four inches deep. It was built at Newcastle in 1885 and is owned by J. T. Lunn & Co.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—It has been ascertained that one of the vessels reported at Cardiff by the captain of the Norwegian bark Iduan, as having foundered during the gale of Friday in the Bristol channel, was the Norwegian bark Hoyding from Newport, November 28, for Mexico. It was of 440 tons net register. Another of the vessels is believed to be the Norwegian bark Tenax Propositi, from Newport, November 28, for Paramaribo. It was of 338 tons net register.

The British schooner "Corkum," Captain Myrtle, was reported to have been wrecked on Newfoundland has been posted at Lloyds as missing, having been finally given up. The British schooner "Samuel Moss," Captain Brily, from Cadix, August 19, for St. Johns, N. F., has been posted at Lloyds as missing. Nothing has been heard of it since it sailed.

BALLINGER STILL MISSING

Doctor's Wife Comes from Dawson to Get Relatives' Aid in Making Search.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—The steamer Victorian arrived this morning from Skagway with forty passengers, mostly from Dawson City. They left as late as December 18, making quick time over the ice. A. F. Lauder of Seattle was the latest passenger and he came out on a bicycle. Mrs. Ballinger, wife of Dr. Ballinger, who left Dawson on December 6 for Skagway and completely disappeared, also came out on the Victorian. She is a great comfort to her husband, who, it is feared, met with foul play, and she is now on her way to seek assistance of her relatives in Seattle. She will immediately return north to prosecute the search. There is no clue.

An application for a new trial for John Slorah, who murdered his mistress, was refused at Dawson City on December 14 and the sentence of hanging on March 1 will probably take its course.

The wrecked steamer City of Topeka is reported to be in good luck and will probably be successfully raised.

CHILL LOOKING FOR TRADE

South American Country Becomes Competitor of California in Nicaragua.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Chill is making active efforts to sell to Nicaragua and other Central American countries, flour, wheat, horses, hay, etc., in opposition to California and other countries. Chill is taking this action in view of now having low freight rates by the British line of weekly steamers of the South American Pacific Navigation company, plying between Chill and Central America, and also to the low freight rates by the semi-monthly line of German steamers operated by the Kosmos company, which enter Chill and Central American ports twice a month en route from Germany. Chill gives a survention of \$100,000 per annum to the English company's steamers.

CROKER FAILS TO APPEAR

May Yet Have a Chance to Prosecute His Appeal Against Income Tax.

(Copyright, 1901, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Jan. 2.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Croker failed to put in an appearance today to prosecute his appeal against the income tax assessment, although he arrived in London Tuesday from the continent.

His absence today does not necessarily mean that he intends an appeal, as his case has been taken up again. It is at the Walsingham House hotel, but Croker's presence was denied, although he had been there twenty-four hours.

LABOUCHERE IS A MEMBER

He and Other Radicals Will Run the London Daily News on Gladstonian Lines.

(Copyright, 1901, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Jan. 2.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The purchase of a controlling share of the Daily News, the leading liberal imperialist organ, by radical capitalists, is now completed.

Labouchere is a member of the purchasing syndicate which proposes to conduct the paper on Gladstonian lines.

American War Vessels Sighted.

BERMUDA, Jan. 2.—Four United States war vessels have just been sighted. Their names have not yet been ascertained.

The four vessels referred to in the above dispatch to the Associated Press from Bermuda are in all probabilities the Annapolis, Frolic, Wompatuck and Piscaqua. They sailed from Hampton Roads for Bermuda on Sunday on their way to Manila. They are all small vessels.

Queen Henrietta III.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 2.—The Etelle Belge announces that she has been laid up by Marie Henrietta, who has been laid up and who suffers constantly from bronchitis. The queen is quite weak and she does not leave her bed for more than a couple of hours each day.

Invaders Reach Glenharry.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 2.—The invaders have reached Glenharry, a few miles north of Graaf Reinet, in the heart of the most disaffected portion of the colony.

New Honors for Lord Kitchener.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—It is expected that at the conclusion of the war in South Africa Lord Kitchener will become commander-in-chief of India.

Said to Have Run Boats Divorce Mill.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 2.—An association was sprung in the alleged Buffalo divorce mill case today when David C. Fitzgerald, one of the lawyers, alleged to have operated the mill, was arrested on a charge of subornation of perjury in procuring false testimony for the plaintiff in the divorce suit of Elizabeth Garlapp against August Garlapp.

Cole Declines to Pay Coogan's Salary.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(Copyright.)—Cole said today he had refused to pay the December salary of James J. Coogan, president of the borough of Manhattan. The amount is \$600. Mr. Coogan registered and lived at Southampton, L. I., at the last election. The city charter directs that a borough president must be a resident of the borough during his term of office.

Can't Stand the Basket.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Because the moving of furniture of tenants made so much noise Alfred Bon went to the hall of the house where he lived today and after getting into a quarrel with Mrs. Josephine Bon, who lives in the same house, was fatally stabbed by her in the neck and abdomen. Mrs. Egan was arrested.

BATTLESHIP TO LAND GUNS

British Take Measures to Protect Capetown from Possible Boer Invasion.

RISE OF CAPE COLONY DUTCH FEARED

Conservative South Africans Declare that the Seriousness of the Situation is Not Appreciated by the Officials in England.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 2.—The British battleship Monarch will land guns tomorrow as a precautionary measure. The situation is undoubtedly serious. It is believed that the Dutch have not joined the invaders in any considerable numbers, but a lack of arms is believed to be the true reason of abstention. In many places Boers are freely offered and information readily supplied to proceed in all cases in complete accordance with the law in the Capetown division is early expected. This division does not include Capetown itself.

The latest reports show the situation to be generally as follows: Kuruman, if not invested, probably will soon be surrounded. West is filled with small parties of Boers, who are working south toward Frieska for the purpose of co-operating with or supporting Commandant Hertzog, whose forces are in the neighborhood of Frasersburg. The Boers are close to Graaf Reinet, where of late the Dutch have given many demonstrations of sympathy.

In the eastern part of the colony the advance guard of the Boers is about twenty-five miles north of Craddock. The general impression here is that the situation is not appreciated in England.

The Worcester conference excited the Dutch throughout the colony. Many old residents, who are by no means alarmists, regard a general uprising of the Dutch as a possibility.

CARNARVAN, Jan. 2.—Boers commanded by Hartzog, Wessel, Petrus and Wesselbut, are continuing their march on Frasersburg. It is said they are encamped at Sprenburg. The Boer horses are footsore and there is a great want of fodder, as the country is barren.

Communication with Frasersburg is suspended and it is doubtful when this will be restored, as the Boers are traveling along the line. Thornycroft and De Lisle are continuing the chase, but their horses and mules are very tired.

Many Dutch attended a funeral of a Boer killed in action and placed wreaths on his coffin.

The Boers captured and destroyed the mails.

RESORT TO MARTIAL LAW

Military Rule is Extended to Several More Divisions in Cape Colony by the British.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the Westchester, Orange, and Somerset divisions, and also in the divisions of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday.

The enlistment of volunteers is active and the best authorities anticipate favorable developments shortly.

The great trouble is the scarcity of horses. Seven hundred Boers have broken through the cordons at Zuurburg and are advancing upon Richmond. The magistrate reports that they are burning and looting a few miles from the town.

Low Methuen is concentrating a force at Vryburg, whither 1,000 troops have been sent from Kimberley and others from more northern towns, to deal with a command that is raiding around Kuruman.

The Boers have recaptured Jagersfontein, which together with Framerith, the British evacuated on Christmas day. The convoy of retiring inhabitants with hundreds of wagons extended for seven miles. It was a mournful spectacle. Camps pitched at Edenburg. A gathering there for the motion for the evacuation was the difficulty of maintaining food supplies so far from the railway.

DEWET'S LAST MOVE BLOCKED

Dashing Boer Leader Headed Off by Pitcher in His Advent Toward Bethelheim.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The War office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"The Boer tried to move toward Bethelheim, but was headed off by Pitcher and retreated toward Liddel or Reltz."

"One hundred and thirty Boer horses have been captured near Thaba M'Chu."

"The railway has been damaged south of Sarforn."

"Williams engaged the Boers southeast of Middleburg, Cape Colony, and the British now occupy Graaf Reinet."

CUT THE TELEGRAPH LINE

Boer Column Operating South of Middleburg—Reinforcements Sent Forward.

CRADDOCK, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—A detachment of Boers entered Roodebogte, southeast of Middleburg, January 1. It is believed this force is going to Graaf Reinet. The telegraph lines are cut between Carnarvan and Somerset west and Steynsburg and Maraisburg. Large reinforcements have reached Middleburg.

Kruger Confined to His Bed.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 2.—Mr. Kruger is suffering from a slight attack of bronchitis. There is no anxiety as to his condition. He is obliged to keep to his bed.

Doctors Heymans, Van Khuyzen and Coert, during the day, issued the following bulletin:

"Mr. Kruger has for some days been suffering from a recurrence of bronchitis, which, in view of his age and the effects of this climate, makes it necessary for him to be more than ordinarily careful."

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