

BRITISH CLAW A TOTAL BOER DEFEAT

1,500 to 2,000 Said to Have Been Caught at Orange River—Gen. DeWet's Bold Exploit.

London, Dec. 17.—The report of another severe battle, resulting in a British victory, is current here. According to the story the fighting began at day-break today and lasted for several hours. The Boers, who numbered 1,500 to 2,000, were surrounded at the Orange river and totally defeated with very heavy losses in killed and wounded. A number of Boers, it is added, were captured.

ACCUSES RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

Eminent Catholic Cardinal Says They are to Blame for the Recent Chinese Troubles—Cardinal's Letter Supposed to be Inspired by the Vatican.

New York, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says: Cardinal Vaughan has issued a pastoral letter on the subject of the Chinese massacres, declaring that the political encroachments of European powers, especially Germany and Russia, are largely responsible for the recent uprisings. The cardinal's letter is supposed to be inspired by the Vatican. He says: "While the social upheaval of China was primarily a revolt against Christianity, its most recent phase was caused by the encroachments of foreign powers, notably Germany and Russia, on Chinese territory, by the reactionary policy of the emperors, and by the encouragement given the natives to combat the reforms promulgated by the emperor."

SAVE 314 OUT OF 450 MEN

That Leaves 136 as the Victims of the Gneisenau Disaster.

Commander Committed Suicide—Rescued Sailor Went Mad—What May Be Saved.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—An official dispatch from Malaga received here this morning accounts for 314 survivors out of the 450 persons who were on board the German training frigate Gneisenau, which foundered at the entrance to the port of Malaga yesterday while she was taking refuge from the terrible storm prevailing at the time.

Malaga, Dec. 17.—It is rumored that the commander of the Gneisenau committed suicide when he saw that all was lost. A nephew of the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, named Berndt, was among the rescued, though he was injured about the head. A sailor who survived the wreck, went mad, and a number of petty officers were drowned.

It is hoped that the guns, the treasure chest and perhaps part of the hull will be salvaged.

WHAT A PAPER SHOULD DO.

But This One Will Learn When It Comes to Practice.

London, Dec. 17.—The first issue of the London Sun, under the editorship of the Rev. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, appears this afternoon. The column where the day's betting is usually published, contained, under the caption, "Latest News," the "Wages of Sin is Death," and other familiar texts, followed up by vigorous protests against gambling. The article declares, "if a paper cannot live six days without indulging in the gambler, the drunkard and the sensualist, let it withdraw."

The Colombian Trouble.

Colon, Dec. 17.—The British gunboat Phoebe arrived at Panama Saturday. The British steamer Tabago, seized by the Colombian government some time ago, leaves today with an armed Colombian expedition to quell a disturbance at Chopo. The government force is expected to achieve an easy victory.

Pope Appoints Bishops.

Rome, Dec. 17.—At the secret consistory held today the pope appointed a number of bishops, including Mr. Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic university at Washington, to the diocese of Dubuque.

Vote on Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Senate has reached an agreement to vote on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty next Thursday, beginning with votes on the amendments at 3 p. m.

Great Hoisting Works Destroyed.

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—Fire early today almost entirely destroyed the big plant of the Brown Hoisting and Conveying Machine company. Five out of seven buildings used by the company are in ashes, and property estimated to be worth over \$500,000, entirely consumed. Eleven hundred workmen are thrown out of employment. The company, considered to be one of the largest concerns of the kind in the world, has many contracts with the government for

must organize to deal with the labor problem as a prerequisite of the success of any plan of conciliation or arbitration. John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, was received with vigorous applause. He said that the United Mine Workers have favored for over ten years an adjudication of differences by conciliation and arbitration. In the recent contest in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, the mine workers' organization had endeavored to arbitrate their differences before striking.

With Transatlantic Liners.

New York, Dec. 17.—Arrived: Victoria, Naples; Minneapolis, London; Umbria, Liverpool. Antwerp, Dec. 17.—Arrived: Noordland, New York. Liverpool, Dec. 17.—The White Star line steamer Tonic, scheduled to sail for New York Wednesday next from this port, will take among her passengers Joseph P. Sullivan, proprietor of the New York World, A. C. Harnsworth, proprietor of the London Daily Mail, and Mrs. Harnsworth.

Americans After Ace.

New York, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Herald Tribune from Havana says: It is announced that the American consul at Para has been traveling incognito through the State of Amazonas, by the Amazon, and its tributaries. It is believed that his journey has some relation to the reported sale by Bolivia of the territory in the so-called Republica de Acre to an American syndicate.

Senate to Investigate.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Soon after the Senate convened today a bill extending to homesteaded settlers on the Chippewa Indian reservation in Minnesota, the right to commute their entire indebtedness to the United States, was reported by Mr. Nelson of Minnesota. After a half-hour's discussion of the measure in an effort to make it general in its application, it was recommended to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Actor Robson's Narrow Escape.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 17.—James Stout, one of the richest young men in this part of Kentucky, is in jail here, charged with shooting into passenger trains on the Queen & Crescent railroad. Stout, who has been acting queerly for several days, stationed himself on a hill two miles from the railroad, and, it is charged, blazed away at passenger trains with a revolver. Several passengers had narrow escapes. Stout Robson, the actor, and his company in the play "The Sign of the Cross" were shot into the train that was shot into. Two bullets crashed through the window where Mr. Robson was seated, narrowly missing him.

Bad Baseball Blow.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.—Frank Chance, the well known baseball player, who was struck in the ear by a pitched ball yesterday and sustained a concussion of the brain, is resting easily at the California hospital. Dr. F. D. Bullard, the attending physician, says there is no doubt of his recovery unless complications set in, and he is confident Chance will be out in a few days.

Says Dowle Labeled Him.

London, Dec. 17.—The Rev. Wm. Ronden Poe is taking legal action against Alexander Dowle, a Zionist of Chicago, claiming that he was libeled in the issue of Dowle's Leaves of Healing of October 15, in which publication the Rev. Mr. Poe was accused of fraud and of being a "counterfeit of the Christ."

Wants to Homestrate.

London, Dec. 17.—Discussing the attitude of the United States Senate relative to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Westminster Gazette says that it is perfectly natural the United States should desire to exact guarantees against the use of Nicaragua canal by an enemy in the event of war. To this question, however, that because America desires a concession is not sufficient reason for making it without giving it an equivalent in return.

SOLDIER BILL DEFEATED.

Effort Made to Give War Veterans Preference to Office.

Washington, Dec. 17.—This was the individual suspension day in the House. The speaker first recognized Mr. Bromwell (O.), who moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill reported by the Civil Service Commission to give preference to honorably discharged soldiers in the executive departments of the government. It provides that honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War and after them honorably discharged soldiers of the Spanish war and the war in the Philippines be given preference, both in appointment to offices and in promotion, and, in the case of loss of limbs or other physical impairment, which does not incapacitate, shall not disqualify them.

MURDER BY HAZING.

Board of Inquiry Investigates the Killing of C. L. Booz.

Bristol, Pa., Dec. 17.—The military board of inquiry appointed by the secretary of war to investigate charges made by the relatives and friends of Oscar J. Booz, the former West Point cadet, that he came to his death on December 3 at his home here as the result of hazing by fellow cadets at the academy two years ago, began taking testimony here today. The board, consisting of Major General John R. Brooke, commanding the department of the East; Brig. Gen. Bates and Col. Clouse, deputy judge advocate general, arrived here this morning. They were met at the railroad station by Wm. H. Booz, the father of the former cadet, and Rev. Alexander Allison, pastor of the Bristol Presbyterian church, the worshiping place of the Booz family. The inquiry was held in the pastor's study. The entire Booz family was present. The inquiry began at 10:30 a. m. The board was told that Mr. Booz was a member of the West Point class of 1898, and that he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was killed on December 3, 1898, at his home in Bristol, Pa. The board was told that he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and that he was killed by fellow cadets at the academy two years ago.

GREAT QUESTION FOR POLITICIANS.

It is Presented for the Decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

CONSTITUTION AND FLAG.

Cases Submitted for Argument Today, Raise the Whole Question for Final Disposal.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—In the United States Supreme court, argument was begun in two cases, the decision of which is expected to fix the status of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands and other insular possessions acquired through the war with Spain, with respect to the United States proper; to say whether they are citizens and indicate whether the Constitution follows the flag.

TOBACCO CASE.

One of the cases is that of John P. Goetz, who, in June, 1899, imported from Porto Rico a quantity of leaf tobacco into the United States through the port of New York and protested against assessment of duty on the importation, claiming that the tobacco was not subject to duty, because "Porto Rico, at the time of the importation, was not a foreign country and because therefore the imposition of duties on goods, brought from a place within the territory of the United States into a part of the United States is not lawful and valid under the Constitution."

The collector of the port and the board of general appraisers both ruled against him, as did the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York, when Goetz took the case before that tribunal. From the opinion of the court, the importer appealed to the United States Supreme court.

DIAMOND RINGS.

The other case is known as the fourteen diamond rings case. In that suit the claimant is one Manuel Pardo, who served as a soldier of the United States in Luzon, Philippine Islands. While there he purchased or acquired the rings in question and brought them to the United States without paying duty on them some time in the year 1899, between July 31 and Sept. 25. The rings were seized on May 18, 1900, at Chicago, by a United States customs officer, as merchandise liable to duty which were fraudulently imported into the United States contrary to the law. The claimant removed into the Supreme court by a writ of habeas corpus.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE.

Hopkins Bill, for Same Aggregate Number, to be Reported.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The House committee on census by a vote of 7 to 6, agreed to report the Hopkins reapportionment bill, leaving the total membership of the House at 357 as at present, and re-arranging a number of State delegations. The bill will not be taken up until after the holidays.

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A. F. Hayden and C. R. Kennedy are proudly receiving the congratulations of friends because of the successful capture of an overcoat thief.

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TROUBLE OVER FEDERAL SITE.

Old Fight Over Location of Government Building Again On.

PROTESTS SENT TO CAPITAL.

Reopened Contest Over the Matter May Imperil Legislation Bearing Upon It.

It now appears that the old fight over the Federal building site is again on. It was supposed that when the authorities at Washington designated the Walker property as their choice and forwarded to Mr. Walker the silver dollar enclosed in a plush box, that the matter was settled for all time, but now the contrary appears.

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Bill to Allow Marshals and Clerks to Keep Fees.

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NAT BRIGHAM HERE.

Comes Back to His Old Home to Lecture and Sing.

THE CHRISTMAS "NEWS."

How it Was Received In and Out of the City.

The Presses Still Kept Busy at Work.

Turning Out the Big Issue.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

People Who Complain of Violation Unwilling to Testify in Court.

SMALLPOX CASES.

Eight New Cases Reported to City Board Today.

LIVE STOCK CONVENTION.

General J. Castleman, who is universally conceded to be one of the finest judges of saddle horses in the United States today, sent word to Secretary Martin this morning to the effect that he was coming to the convention without fail.

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Philadelphia: Simon O'Donnell, Pittsburgh; Thomas Shriver, Philadelphia; South Carolina—Col. J. H. Wharton, Waterloo; Col. A. W. Love, Chester; Maj. A. T. Smythe, Charleston; Montana—T. E. Collins, Helena; M. E. Milner, Malta; Conrad Kohrs, Helena.

Tennessee—Horatio Berry, Hendersonville; Frank Hutton, Somerville; William Pope, Pikeville; Michigan—W. H. Watson, Three Oaks; H. A. Daniels, Alva; J. H. Brown, Battle Creek.

Kansas—T. M. Potter, Ponca City; S. Y. Myers, Sabetha; H. W. McAfee, Topeka.

New York—Isaac V. Baker, Jr., Comstock; Carl S. Barr, Sr., Comstock; John Dwyer, Dayton.

Louisiana—Dr. John P. Scott, Shreveport.

West Virginia—S. C. Gies, Wellsburg; D. A. Arnold, Ridgeville; William Hall, Freehold.

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