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BRITISH ARE REPULSED

INVADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA SUSTAIN A DEFEAT.

BY THE BOERS OF TRANSVAAL

THE SPANISH FORCES ARE WORSTED OVER IN CUBA.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—An engagement between Spanish troops and insurgents has taken place at El Estante, of Alfonso XII, not far from the frontier of the province of Havana. The general supposition is that the Spaniards were worsted.

BRITISH INVADERS WHIPPED.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company this evening, says Dr. Jamieson has been severely defeated by the Boers before Johannesburg. The same agency adds that the news is confirmed, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Chamberlain, has been summoned to the colonial office, where a conference will be held tonight. It is added that the defeat of Jamieson is such as to compel him to retreat across the frontier.

THE AFRICAN INVASION.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 2.—The minister of the Transvaal republic left here for Berlin in order, it is believed, to make strong representations to the German government on the subject of the invasion of the Transvaal republic by the forces of the British South Africa company.

The Globe says:

A rumor has reached London that Dr. Jamieson has arrived at Johannesburg and a cable dispatch has reached here from Pretoria which says rising has occurred at Johannesburg. It is added that 300 more armed men belonging to the British chartered company, crossed the frontier yesterday and that President Kruger is determined to defeat the invaders by force of arms. A conflict between the Boers and the English is expected tomorrow.

It is stated that President Kruger has telegraphed to Colonel Secretary Chamberlain pledging his government that the Boers shall temporarily adopt a passive attitude toward Dr. Jamieson's force on its arrival outside of Johannesburg. The important feature of this arrangement between Mr. Chamberlain and President Kruger is, that all responsibility for the hostility will rest with the Chartered South African Co.

BERLIN.—The Vossische Zeitung says: The action of Dr. Jamieson cannot be tolerated. It is the duty of the German government to immediately take energetic steps to protect endangered German interests and at the same time those of our kinsmen, the Boers. It is impossible to protest too strongly against this act of violence on the part of the British.

THE BRADLEY BOOM.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 2.—A conference of leading Republicans was held in the office of Governor Bradley, and the "Bradley boom" for president was started. This was the theme, and the toasts to the governor were full of happy New Years and wishes for his political preferment in the year 1896. Hearty congratulations and best wishes were extended to the governor as the Republican candidate for president of the United States by 40 prominent Republicans from every congressional district in Kentucky, who called, by agreement, on that official last night. It can be stated with accuracy that before the New Year was an hour old every person present at the meeting had pledged himself to do all he could to elect a Bradley delegate from Kentucky to a national convention at St. Louis, and to work in every way possible to secure his nomination.

RESERVES CALLED OUT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Journal from Constantinople says: The army reserves at Moosh, Sardis, Aleshgerd and Bitlis have been called out. The Armenian bishop at Erzerum was arrested Monday and sent to Constantinople. He is accused of taking a leading part in the agitation against the government. His arrest has much excitement in Erzerum, and the officials there have taken measures to prevent disorder.

FINE WEATHER.—The New Year has been ushered in with beautiful weather.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

MRS. DAVIDSON'S PAST.

SOMETHING OF THE WOMAN'S CAREER WHILE IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Further investigation into the case of Mrs. Davidson, of San Francisco, charged with wrongdoing by the Rev. Charles O. Brown, of that city, brings to light the fact that Mrs. Davidson did once live in Boston, and that she had an interesting career, in which she managed to get considerable money from one person before she left the city. In 1890 and 1891, Mrs. Davidson was a member of Nehemiah Boynton's congregation, at the Union church, and later became a prominent member of the Tremont Temple congregation. At the time she was peddling starch, and by her eloquence she sold a large stock, with good profits. Many friends, among whom was Mrs. Sarah J. Stevens, an old lady about 80 years of age, became deeply interested in Mrs. Davidson and her alleged religious work. Mrs. Stevens had considerable money invested in bonds, and when these were called in and paid Mrs. Davidson learned of the amount of ready cash held by her friend, and persuaded Mrs. Stevens to loan her \$2000, on a note at 4 per cent, to enable Mrs. Davidson to start in the dressmaking business. The note was payable in 10 years. Soon afterward, wanting more money, she persuaded Mrs. Stevens to loan her \$2000 more, also on a 10-year note, but this time at 3 per cent.

Mrs. Davidson went to Chicago in 1893, and from there to San Francisco. Her payments of the interest on the notes, it is said, have been few and far between.

In connection with dealings with Mrs. Stevens and appeals for remittances, she has written very flowery letters. The following is an extract from one of them:

"Of course I cannot be unmindful of my obligation to dear Mrs. Stevens. How I would like to come in this afternoon and bring some ripe strawberries, so plentiful in the markets here now, and new oranges and fresh flowers. The weather is cooler today than usual, but like many of our June days back East. Still I like the east best, with its snow and cold winters, because I love the people best there. There is so much evil here, and excitement to distract the mind. I will inclose \$50, and to make things as I once spoke of doing, I will send you more next month, and with God's help, may I prove my gratitude to the dear loving friend, as well as to our Heavenly Father, who helped me in my hour of need.

"My love, God knows is in my heart for you, and begs to express itself according to the means of his grace, who will bless you for your kindness to me."

THE CHINESE GO.

TACOMA, Wn., Jan. 2.—The Chinese have again been driven out of Tacoma. This morning the two Chinese employed by Thomas Riggs were put on a train and sent to Olympia. Riggs is tired of the agitation and surrendered unconditionally.

ABSCONDING WAITER.

On Tuesday last O. J. Roberts was given a position as waiter by Jack Hillsbury, proprietor of the State street ten-cent lunch counter. He was paid for his days work, and told to be on time the next morning for another. According to his usual custom the proprietor the next morning placed a small sum of money in the till to use as "change" during the day. Roberts worked until nearly noon, when he took advantage of his employer's absence and disappeared, and examination disclosed the fact that his "change" and morning's receipts were also missing. The police officers are looking for him.

BOYS CAPTURED.

Two of the reform school runaway boys, Mooney and Bennett, were captured between Woodburn and Hubbard yesterday and returned to the school. Copple was with them, but escaped. They were following the railroad northward.

DEAF MUTE ADMITTED.

Mrs. J. L. Stalker, of Silvertown, has applied to have her six-year-old son, Arthur Stalker, admitted to the Oregon School for the deaf mutes. Judge Hubbard has recommended his admission.

MORTON'S CANDIDACY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Ex-Senator Miller said tonight that governor Morton has authorized his friends to state that he has consented to become a candidate for president of the United States.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

SHATTERS SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND KILLS MANY MEN.

BRAVE EFFORTS OF FIREMEN

ANOTHER STREET CAR STRIKE ON IN PHILADELPHIA.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—Just before 1 o'clock, in the basement of a building, at 309 North Second street, occupied by the Anchor Peanut Company, an agency of the Excelsior Fire Works Co., exploded with terrific force, shattering the building, burying several persons in the ruins. The building was also set on fire. Those injured as far as known, at this writing are: Frank Hoger, cut about head and face; Will Brommelder, cut head on face and body; Christ Kraft and I. Diort, cut about head and face. Three alarms were turned in, and the firemen and other willing workers are now subduing the flames and searching in the ruins for the dead and wounded.

The business houses of the Little & Becker Printing company, the Standard Wire company, Levison and Blythe, stationers, were involved and some employes in all these stores are supposed to be wounded. Among the men in the Little & Becker place are Frank Samuels, Henry Green, James Hallowell and Hugh Allen. They were cut more or less badly about the head and flying glass. At 1:30 two men were located in the ruins by firemen and efforts are now being made to get them out. It is not known whether they are dead or alive.

ANOTHER BIG TIE-UP.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 2.—The men have been canvassing the conductors and motormen regarding another strike report sentiment, nearly unanimous in favor of a strike. It is believed that another big tie-up will be ordered to begin tomorrow morning. Eugene V. Debs has been sent for.

OREGON NEWS.

The proprietor of the Touchette mill near Walker, appeared before Judge Wheeler, in Eugene, Monday, and pleaded guilty to dumping sawdust in the river; \$25 was the fine.

W. B. Lawler was in Albany from Gates, the other day, and reported 11 feet of snow at the summit. He says most of the machinery is at the mines but some of it is on the way and hard work is being experienced handling it.

The first time Sam G. Brown escaped from the county jail in Roseburg, it cost Douglas county \$100 to capture him. He had not been convicted when he walked out of jail then, and it doubtless will not be such an easy task to take him, now that he is under sentence to be hanged.

ALBANY.

Hon. M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, was in the city Tuesday.

J. R. Wyatt returned Tuesday from Eugene.

Chief of Police Lee went to Independence yesterday.

Timothy Wandel and wife, who have been visiting friends in Eugene, have returned home.

Harry Saltmarsh, of Portland, is spending a few days at Portland.

Miss Lillie McHargue has returned from a visit with friends in Salem.

Mrs. J. A. McFeron and children are visiting relatives in Brownsville.

Mrs. W. W. Rowell returned Tuesday from a visit to California. She was accompanied by her cousin, Mr. Vivian Hoxey of San Rafael.

School Superintendent A. R. Rutherford and Prof. Hiram Tyree went to Portland Tuesday, to attend the meeting of the state teachers' institute.

EUGENE.

Mrs. L. Bilyeu is visiting in Albany. Archie Rice is visiting at Cottage Grove.

Mrs. J. W. Christian is improving slowly.

Hon. C. H. Baker, of Waltherville, was in town Tuesday.

Attorney Young is home from a trip to Corvallis and Portland.

Mrs. John O'Brien and daughter returned to Albany yesterday.

Tuesday marriage licenses were issued to J. Walter Smith and Lona J. DeVauy; Scott Lindley and Lona E. Wesby.

Attorney Geo. W. Kinsey returned yesterday from Junction Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Paine, accom-

panied by their daughter, Miss Carrie, returned Tuesday to Salem.

Sheriff Johnson yesterday sold to Mrs. H. E. Sladden a tract of land near this city belonging to Wallis Brown for \$13,000.

AT HOME.—Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. William K. Scarborough gave a very pleasant At Home at their residence in honor of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Paine, of Salem, and those present enjoyed a most delightful evening, participating in that fascinating game of whist, as well as partaking of an excellent lunch. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Paine, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Harris, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lockey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Church, Mr. and Mrs. James Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Adair.

CORVALLIS.

N. B. Avery returned today from Oakland, California.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Burgh went to Albany Tuesday.

A marriage license was issued on the 27th ult. to J. A. Howard and Luella Jones.

Born.—December 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warner, a son.

NEWS FROM TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—According to a dispatch from Orfah, Asiatic Turkey, there were fresh outbreaks there Saturday and Sunday.

In reply to the demand of United States Minister Terrell, the Turkish government ordered the vail of Aleppo to furnish an escort to Miss Shattuck and the three native teachers from Orfah to Aintab. Terrell has received information which shows that all the missionaries in Anatolia are safe.

The Turkish government has given an evasive reply to the offer of the representatives of the powers to mediate with the Zeitounis. The ambassadors resent the stand taken by the porte, and the dragomans are urging the Turkish officials to accept their offer. No definite information is obtainable from Zeitoun, although it is believed the place is holding out against the Turks, and the latter are suffering severely on account of the weather.

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We would like to look into the pleasant face of some one who has never had any derangement of the digestive organs. We see the drawn and unhappy faces of dyspeptics in every walk of life. It is our national disease, and nearly all complaints spring from this source. Remove the stomach difficulty and the work is done.

Dyspeptics and pale thin people are literally starving, because they don't digest their food. Consumption never develops in people of robust and normal digestion. Correct the waste and loss of flesh and we cure the disease. Do this with food.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial contains already digested food and is a digester of food at the same time. Its effects are felt at once. Get a pamphlet of your druggist and learn about it.

Laxol is Castor Oil made as sweet as honey by a new process. Children like it.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gundersman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's new discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at River Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in result." Trial bottles free at Fred A. Legg's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents, and \$1.00.

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WASHINGTON MATTERS

THE VENEZUELAN PEACE COMMISSION OF FIVE.

ABOUT EVENLY BALANCED.

SENATE HAS TAKEN NO ACTION ON THE BOND BILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The senate finance committee adjourned today at 12:30 until tomorrow. No action was taken and no vote had. The bond bill was discussed, but the tariff bill was not taken up. Senators White and Wolcott were not present. Silver men unanimously decided to insist upon an amendment in the nature of an entire substitute providing for the free coinage of silver, and elimination of all authority for issuance bonds.

VENEZUELAN COMMISSION.

It is authoritatively stated in behalf of the administration, that the Venezuelan commission will be the absolute master of its own procedure, fixing the time and place of its meetings, and determining for itself whether or not it shall visit foreign countries, what class of evidence may be taken into consideration, and how interested governments may be represented before the tribunal.

This independent action is deemed necessary to secure commissions' finding that degree of weight and respect among other nations that can be attained only through the knowledge that the body is free from any restraint or obligation to the United States government. Our government will occupy a status of exact neutrality in the proceedings.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Wheat, cash 56c; May 58 1/2@59; New York, Jan. 2.—Silver, 66 1/2; lead, 3 3/4.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Wheat, 98 1/2; Wool, Oregon, choice, 76c; inferior, 70c; Hops—Quotable at 80c; Potatoes—25 to 40c per sack; Oats—Milling, 60c@70c.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Portland, Jan. 2.—Wheat valley, 53c; Walls Valley, 50c; Flour—Portland, \$3.60; Benton county, 2.60; Graham, \$2.20; superior, \$2 per lb. Oats—White, 22c@24c; grey, 20c@21c; rolled, 18c@20c; Hops—Quotable at 80c; Potatoes—25 to 40c per sack; Hides—green, salted 60 lbs 4@4 1/2; under 60 lbs 3@6c; sheep pelts, 10@70c.

Hops—Oregon, 4 to 7c, according to quality. Butter, Oregon fancy creamery, 25c@27 1/2; ucy dairy, 20c@22 1/2; fair to good, 15c@17 1/2; common, 10c. Cheese, Oregon full cream, 9 1/2@10c; Eggs, Oregon, 18c@20c per doz; Eastern, 18c per doz.

Poultry, Chickens, \$1.50@1.75 per doz; ducks, \$4.00@4.50; geese, \$6.00@7.00; turkeys, 9@11c; dressed, 10c@12c. Beef, Topsteers, 2 1/2@2 3/4; cows, 2 1/4@2 1/2; dressed beef, 4@5 1/2c. Mutton, Best beef, \$2.00@2 1/2; choice veers, 1.50@2.00; dressed, 4c.

Hogs, Choice, heavy, \$3.00@3.40; light and selders, \$2.75; dressed, 4c per lb. Veal, Small, choice, 50c; large, 30c@40c per lb.

SALEM MARKET.

Wheat, 44c per bu., market firmer. Oats, 17c. Hay, Baled, chest, \$4.50@5.00; timothy, \$6.50.

Flour, in wholesale lots, \$3.50; retail, \$4.00; bran, bulk 20c; sacked, 12c; shorts, \$11.00@12.00; chop feed, \$12.00@13.00.

Veal, Dressed, 4 1/2c. Hogs, Dressed, 3 1/2c. Live Cattle, 1 1/2c@2 1/2c. Sheep, Live, 20c. Wool, Best, 12 1/2c. Hops, Best, 40c. Eggs, Cash, 18c.

Butter, Best dairy, 12 1/2@12c; fancy creamery, 15c@16c. Cheese, 10c@12 1/2c. Farm Smoked Meats, Bacon, 6c; hams, 11c; shoulders, 7c. Potatoes, 25c per bu. Onions, 2c. Apples, 35c@40c.

Poultry, Hens, 5c; roosters, 7 1/2c per doz, and not wanted; ducks, \$2.50@3.00 per doz; turkeys, live 7c; eggs 12 1/2c cash.

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