Very Brilliant New Year's Day Reception.

SEVERAL THOUSAND ATTENDED

President and Mrs. McKinley Assisted by a Large Number of Ladies in Receiving.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- Beneath a sky me bright as that above Cuba and in a wind as cold as the Arctic, more than 2000 citizens stood in line at the White House ates today, waiting to pay their respects the president of the United States, after in the brilliant official reception which ushered in the new year and marked the opening of the social season in Washing-

There have been larger crowds in the past at the White House, New Year gathrings, but few functions of the sort have been more brilliant, and in none have the crowds been better handled, with less confusion or less of feminine heartaches and resentment for dainty tollettes disarranged in the crush. Beginning promptly at 11 M., the ceremony was concluded at 1:15, at which time 3354 guests had passed

Mrs. McKinley was present, in spite of her feeble health. She remained in the blue parior only through the strictly of-ficial section of the programme, retiring then, as had been previously arranged.
With the flush of excitement on her usually pale face, she looked bright and happy
as she led the cabinet procession down
the corridor, with the president, to the

brilliant lights reflected from the crystal chandellers overhead, the twinkle of thy electric globes through the heavy draperles of smilax and the jungle of palms and foliage plants that walled the red-carpeted corridor, made an excellent stage setting for the official procession as it moved down the stairs and through to the blue parlor, where the party was to take its stand. Mrs. McKinley bowed and smiled to the little crowd of favored ctators who filled the end of the corrifor to witness this opening act of the day's ceremonies. As she turned into the blueroom she kissed the tips of her white-gloved fingers to some of the children who waved their hands to her from a point of vantage near the door,

The troublesome question of precedence between the army and navy was settled in favor of the former, General Miles leading the military contingent, with Adjutant-General Corbin at his left side. After the army had passed in review, Admiral Dewey, with the venerable Admiral Mel-ville on his arm, led the naval line. Mrs. Dewey was with the receiving party, and was escorted in on the arm of Secretary of the Navy Long.

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The diplomatic corps, which headed the list of guests, was, as always, the show feature of the reception. Lord Paunce-fote, the British ambaesador, and dean of the corps, led the way. The display uniforms was brilliant. Turkish fez, gild orders of Continental powers, the fur-trimmed tunics and high polished boots of the Russians, the queer, sage-green, gold-encrusted uniforms of the Japanese and the ermine-trimmed sliken robes of the Coreans and Chinese, all combined to form

a picture of unusual brilliancy. Following the American officers, judges of the supreme court, senators and representatives, department chiefs and the like ade a longer, if less striking, procession The reception to the general public conpluded the function.

### Typical New Year's Weather,

A review of the whole winter calendar up to date could hardly have found a day better fitted for the New Year functions. The snow that has grown a trifle grimy during the past week was covered over with a fresh fall, scarcely an inch thick. The broad sweep of the White House drive had been quickly cleared of this, but the lawns were covered with the fresh white mantle, and the bare black limbs of the trees were outlined in silver dust. sun was bright, but the air was crisp and frosty.

At an early hour the streets beyond the White House grounds began to fill with the crowd that surged back and forth, eager for a place in the public line.

The decorations of the executive man-

sion were not so elaborate as they have been on former occasions, still there was a profusion of paims, ferns, smilax, holly and evergreens everywhere throughout the state dining-room, the blue, red and green parlors and the east room. The muntels were banked high with foliage plants, and the window recesses filled with tall, grace-ful paims and plants. The green of the foliage plants was relieved by flowering plants. The light of the brilliant winter day was excluded, and the rooms flooded with electric lights from thousands of tiny bulbs in the cellings and sparkling chanbelieve, adding to the brilliancy of the decorations. The gilttering gold and silver trapings of the members of the diplomatic corps and the full-dress uniforms of the army and navy contrasted strongly with the modest black of the jurists, statesmen and civil officials of the government as they moved through the

The president and Mrs. McKinley received in the blue parior, assisted by the members of the cabinet and their wives, and behind the line were about 50 of the wives and daughters of senators, repre-sentatives, prominent army and navy officers, and others high in social and official circles. The full Marine band, in their red uniforms, were stationed at the head of the corridor, opposite the state diningroom, and throughout the reception played

In the Receiving Line.

The New Year's reception approaches nearer to a court function than any other of the social affairs of the president, and the official programme, with its order of recedence, is rigidly adhered to. The president and Mrs. McKinley met

the members of the cabinet in west cor-ridor on the second floor shortly before Il o'clock, while the members of the dipiomatic corps, in their brilliant dress, were gathered in the state dining- | ing loaded with rock and phosphate, filled room, adjoining the red parior. Promptly at II o'clock the bugles counded the "assembly," and the red-coated Marine band struck up the strains of "Hail to the Chief." To this accompaniment the procession, headed by President McKinley and Mrs. McKinley, moved down the broad Richmond and stairway and took their places in the blue \$7000 insurance. parlor, adjoining the red parlor

of brocaded white satis. Owing to her feeble health she received seated. Next to her stood Mrs. Hay, wife of the secretary of state; Mrs. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury: Mrs. Root, wife of the secretary of war; Mrs. Griggs, wife of the attorney-general; Mrs. Smith, wife of the posimuster-general; Mrs. Long, wife of the secretary of the navy; Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of the secretary of the interior, and Miss Wilson, daughter of the secretary of agriculture, all brilliantly gowned. Be-hind the line gathered the other young ladies of the cabinet, the wives and daughters of senators and representatives and other distinguished officials who had been invited to assist. This list was as follows: The Misses Hay, Miss Root, the Misses Griggs, the Misses Long, the Misses Hitch-ceck, Miss Grace McKinley, Miss Sarah Duncan, Mrs. John Addison Porter, Mrs. T. A. Hingham, Mrs. David J. Hill, Mrs. Fuller, Miss Fuller, Mrs. Harian, the Misses Harian, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. White, Mrs. Brown, the Misses Wood, Mrs. Shiras, Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. McKenns, the Misser McKenna, Mrs. Aubery, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. William P. Prye, Mrs. M. A. Hanna, Mrs. J. C. Burrows, Mrs. Shelby M. Cullom, Mrs. Ridgeley, Miss Ridgeley, Miss Fisher, Mrs. John W. Daniel, Mrs. C. K. Davis,

Mrs. S. B. Eikins, Mrs. C. W. Fairbanks,

AT THE WHITE HOUSE Mrs. H. Lodge, Miss James McMillan, KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE O. S. Platt. Mrs. T. C. Platt. Mrs. Proctor, iss McMillan, the Misses Morgan, Mrs. S. Platt, Mrs. T. C. Platt, Mrs. Proctor, Miss Proctor, Mrs. Henry M. Teller, Mrs. Campbell, Miss Campbell, Mrs. J. B. For-aker, the Misses Foraker, Mrs. William B. Bate, Mrs. D. B. Henderson, Miss Hender-son, Mrs. John Dalzell, Miss Kitzmiller son, Mrs. John Dalzell, Miss Kitzmiller, Mrs. C. H. Grosvenor, Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. George W. Steele, Mrs. R. R. Hitt, Mrs. Nelson A. Miles, Miss Miles, Mrs. John M. Wilson, Miss Waller, the Misses Bates, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. George Dewey, Mrs. Charles Hallan, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. P. M. Rixey, Mrs. Rand, Mrs. U. S. Grant Mrs. James G. Raine, Mrs. H. S. B. Beate, Mrs. Phil Sheridan, the Misses ridan, Mrs. Harriet L. Johnston, Miss Kennedy. Mrs. Daniel Manning, Charles S. Dawes, Mrs. M. B. Dawes, Miss Dawes, Mrs. Sartoris, Miss Stanley Brown, Mrs. Buckingham, Mrs. Fabyan, Miss Philips, Miss Sergeant, Miss A. H. Math-

Distinguished Guests.

As soon as all had taken their places the doors of the red parlor were thrown open and the ambassadors and ministers of the foreign governments and their suites, resplendent in their full court dress, headed by Lord Pauncefort, the British ambassador, the dean of the dipomatic corps, moved into the blue par lor to pay their respects to the president and Mrs. McKinley and their receiving party. The scene in the blue parior to day has seldom been surpassed in bril-liancy, as the diplomats passed through in their gorgeous uniforms, with sliver and gold, with court swords dangling from their sides. Especially gorgeous were the Russian ambassador and his suite, stiff with gold braid; the German ambassador and his attaches in their white and silver and the Austrian ambassador in his sable trimmed cape of purple. Especial inter est centered in the appearance of the Duke d'Arcos, the Spanish minister, and his beautiful American wife. It was the first White House reception at which Spain has been represented since the close of ostilities, and the greetings accorded them were especially cordial. C. N. Eliot, second secretary of the British embassy, also eceived especial attention, as his name nferred by Queen Victoria, as K. B. C. G. The Orientals, in their bright M. G. silks, the Chinese in their green and purple, the Japanese in gold and black, and the diminutive Coreans, with their strange headgear, attracted much atten

Several of the wives and daughters of foreign ambassadors and ministers were invited behind the line. Among these to whom this honor was accorded were Lady and the Misses Pauncefote, Mile. Casini

and Mme. Hengel-Muller.

After leaving the receiving parlor the diplomats passed on into the east room, where they lingered until joined by the other distinguished callers.

Following the diplomatic corps came Chief Justice Fuller and the associate ustices of the supreme court, and other embers of the judiciary, ex-members the cabinet, including ex-Secretary Foster, and ex-Postmaster-General Gary. At 11:25 the senators, representatives and delegates of congress, members of the District government and members of the District judiciary, appeared in the order named. The number of senators and representatives who attended was un-

sually small. Following came the officers of the army and navy in their full-dress uniforms, massive golden epaulets and gold-embrol-dered chapeaus. In accordance with custom, the army-had precedence. Major General Miles, who headed the line, was accompanied by Adjutant-General Corbin who headed the line, was The latter, however, gave way as they approached the receiving line, and General Miles first greeted the president and Mrs. McKinley.

### Dewey Was There.

The line of naval officers, which fol-lowed, headed by Admiral Dewey, was much longer than that of the army. The admiral's small, well-knit figure was in admiral's small, well-knit figure was striking contrast to the large frame he venerable Rear-Admiral Melville the famous Arctic explorer. They were fol-lowed by Rear-Admirals Hichborn and Buford, and some of the fighting heroes, among whom were "Fighting Bob" Ev-ans, Captain Sigsbee, Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright and Lleutenant Haesler. The long line of naval officers was followed by Brigadler-General Heywood, mmander of the marine corps, and all e officers of the corps now on duty in Washington. Then came the officers of the District militia and the naval re-Professor Alex Graham Bell and Profes-

sor Samuel P. Langley led the regents of the Smithsonian institution, who were followed by the heads of the various departments, assistant secretaries, chiefs of bureaus, heads of bureaus, etc.

When this point was reached Mrs. Mc-Kinley withdrew, the ordeal being a try-ing one for her. Following these came the veterans of the wars in which the country has engaged. Precedent was given to the few survivors of the Mexican war; the veterans of the civil war included the G. A. R. posts, Loyal Le-gion, Union Veterans' League and Union Veterans' Union. Then came the veterans of the Spanish-American war, about 200 in number. The Oldest Inhabitant Society was the last organization to be pre-

The general public was the last to be presented. Meantife practically all the distinguished callers had departed, and many of the ladies in the receiving line, who were to hold receptions at their homes, had also left. At 1:15 the last of the public passed through the pariors, in all, 2854 persons attended the reception, The secretary of state and Mrs. Hay entertained the members of the diplonatic corps at breakfast at noon, at their handsome residence on Lafayette square

### SCHOONERS IN COLLISION.

Phosphate Carrier Goes Down, but Crew Is Saved.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A special to the Tri-bune from Norfolk, Va., says: The schooners Fannie Brown and Margaret Roper collided off Hatteras, and the Fannie Brown sank. The 10 men of the crew were saved by the crew of the Roper. The collision occurred on the night of December 29, during a high wind. The big schoolers crashed together before the lookouts saw the danger. The Brown, berapidly, and its crew of 10 had barely time to take to the boats, the schooner sinking shortly after they put off. The Roper, disabled, stood by, and after a hard struggle got the Brown's crew safeboard. The Brown was owned in mond and was valued at \$25,000, with

The British steamship Angers arrived oday from Hamburg, 12 days overdue. Captain Taylor reported that he encountered terrible weather on the voyage across and ran short of coal, being com-pelled to put in at St. John's, N. F. The Anger's decks were continually swept by heavy seas and the ship sustained much

Train Without an Engineer. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 1.—The over-and limited on the Northwestern railway ran 50 miles last night without an engineer. No one on the train was conscious of the danger until the fireman brought the train to a standstill at Bertram. Near Mechanicsville, Engineer F. J. Fiske, in some unknown manner, fell from the cab, and the fireman did not notice his absence until the train had whirled over 50 miles. Fiske was picked up unconscious a few hours later, and died in a hospital here

The Texas at New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The United States battleship Texas, from Norfolk, passed in at Sandy Hook at 8:15 A. M.

It is no longer necessary to take blue pills to rouse the liver to action. Carter's Little Liver Pills are much better. Don't forget this.

GOEBEL DEMOCRATS WILL ORGAN-IZE BOTH HOUSES TODAY.

That Fact Demonstrated by the At tendance at the Cauens Last Night -A Bribery Sensation.

STATE HOUSE, FRANKFORT, Ky Jan. 1 .- All doubt as to the inability of the Goebel democrats to organize both houses of the legislature was demonstrat ed by the attendance in the democratic caucus tonight. In the house caucus all of the 58 democrats answered to roll-call and participated. In the senate four democrats remained out. They were Senator Alexander, Hayes, Gillespie and Roberts. Senator Hill was sick and absent, but is not classed with the dissenters.

In the senate caucus, Senator Harold created a sensation by making an alleged expose of the anti-Goebel leaders, declar that he had been approached by J. Whallen, of Louisville, and paid \$4500 to remain out of the caucus. The money he said, had been placed in a box with the Louisville Trust Company, the key to which he passed up to Senator Goebel, who was presiding over the caucus, ending his speech by declaring that he had en-tered into the deal for the purpose of exposing Whallen, and further that there was not money enough in the world to make him disloyal to his party and his

state. The republicans and anti-Goebelites are expecting to profit by the contests among the Goebel democrats for the offices. Re-publican leaders say all the republicans will support the candidate named by the anti-Goebel democrats. General Wat Har-

din today appealed to his friends to keep out of the democratic caucus. Senator Goebel was nominated by the senate caucus for president pro tem. Claude Desha for chief clerk, and William Cromwell for assistant clerk. The entire slate of the Goebel organization for places in the senate went through.

Attorneys for Goebel and other contest ing democratic candidates for state office this afternoon served notices upon the republican contestants to take depositions to be used as evidence in the pending contest cases, and naming their witnesses

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAWTON FUND.

Previously reported .....\$318 65 Received yesterday: General O. Summers. ..... 10.00 Total .....\$328 05

The list of witnesses includes a long ar ray of prominent men in both the repub-lican and anti-Goebel democratic parties, like Governor Bradley, Senator Deboe, General Basil W. Duke, John H. Whaller

and others. The lobby of anti-Goebel democrats here working against the contesting candidates was supplemented by numerous arrivals today. The ministers and temperince leaders are conspicuous in this faction. The anti-Goebel headquarters were formally opened today with ex-Congressman W. C. Owens, General Basil W. Duke, Senator George H. Alexander and Senator Thomas H. Haves, and ex-Secretary of State John W. Headley, in

The republicans decided tonight to hold a conference tomorrow and nominate a straight republican slate of candidates. This action was taken when it became apparent the republican and anti-Goebel coalition could not organize either house. The anti-Goebel leaders say the large attendance at the democratic caucuses to night does not indicate anything, as to that several others would whose les

than tomorrow's proceedings. South Trimble, of Franklin county, was 13th ballot, Cantrill, of Scott, was the Episcopal clergyman and in charge of the candidate of the original Goebel men, and pro-cathedral in Canton street, the very Trimble's nomination was therefore pleasing to the element which supported P. Watt Hardin for the nomination for gov-

ernor.

The result of all the caucusing and led to a big falling-off in the anti-Black-burn stock tonight, and it is admittedly last night. Hardin is still on the ground, means will be resorted to. Just what is however, and he and his lieutenants are meant by this the leaders of the movehowever, and he and his lieutenants are working like Trojans to hold the anti-Goebel elements together.

Senator Goebel issued a call for a caucaucus is for the sole purpose of nominating a candidate for United States senator. Of course, Blackburn will be the only name presented, and he will be nominated by acclamation. The calling of a caucus for senator at this early date was a move on the part of the Goebel leaders to put an end to the stories that, in the event that Goebel should fall in his contest, he might attempt to wrest the sena-

torship from Blackburn.

A warrant has been issued for the ar-rest of John H. Whallen, charging him with attempting to bribe Senator Harrold.

### ANTI-TRUST CONFERENCE.

Plans for the Meeting Outlined by the Chairman.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.-Members of the ex-exutive committee of the national antitrust conference,( to be held in Central Music hall February 1, held a short conference today at the Sherman house. M. L. Lockwood, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee, afterward issued a statement in which he said: Every day the anti-trust sentiment

throughout the country is becoming in-tensified, and everywhere the cry is going up, 'What can be done to save the coun try from the oppression of the trusts? The mission of the conference is to answer this cry. To the political economists and statesmen of the conference, rather than to the politicians of the country, will the look for an utterance which will lead to their deliverance.

"The ax should be laid to the root of the tree of special privileges. The plan is to treat the causes rather than the effect, to strike at special privileges hardest and first. In government ownership only can every favoritism be prevented. Government control under corporate ownership has proved a failure. In order to destroy the trusts, we must take from them the special advantages which have created them, and they will wither of their own weight, as they meet the energetic competitive capacity of the Ameri-

"It is the plan to organize all who are opposed to the trusts with the view of uniting the friends of freedom in every county and school district. that concentrated action which alone can prove effective."

OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Republican Caucus Nominees Elected

by a Strict Party Vote. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.-The 74th general assembly met today and elected the republican caucus nominees by a strict party vote. An adjournment was then taken until tomorrow, when Governor tion today is Bushnell's message will be read. Under plished fact.

the reorganization, Judge A. G. Reynolds, of Lake county, is speaker of the house, and Oscar Shepard president pro tem of the senate. Lieutenant-Governor Jones holds over until next Monday, when he will be succeeded by Hon. John A. Coldwell, of Cincinnati.

No Indictment Against Gallinger CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 1.—The grand jury reported to Judge Aldrich today. indictment was found against Senator service laws in soliciting subscriptions for campaign purposes from federal office-

Bryan's Visit to New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Press today says that William J. Bryan, upon the occasion of his visit to New York within the next month, will be the guest of Dr. John Gardner, of this city. During his visit to the city a dinner will be given in his honor by O. H. P. Belme

AGAIN APPEALS FOR PEACE. Nicholas of Russia to the Powers of

the World. BERLIN, Jan. 1 .- The Voerwaerts published today what purports to be a re-script written by Count Muravieff, at the exar's dictation, addressed to the governments that took part in the international conference at The Hague. The rescript It is said, will be issued on the Russian New Year, January 13. It renews the ex-pression of the aspirations of the czar for the peace of the world and the diminution of armaments, and points out that the good work of The Hague conference threatens to crumble away unless the work is prosecuted with zealous devotion. Then it proceeds with an expression of regret that another war has broken out, "the spreading of which over the entire range of civilized humanity has been for the present prevented by the peaceful dis-position of disinterested states,"

The rescript deplores the fact that the nations are now engaged in a monstrous rivalry in building naval armaments, the terrible results of which it pictures in loquent terms, and concludes as follows: "The czar, at the beginning of the new century, sends his rescript into all lands, begging that international deliberations may be resumed on this most grave and difficult of questions, appealing more especially to those parliaments who are pecially to those parliaments who are about to deliberate on naval armaments, whether there is not a better way to safeguard peace."

RENEWAL OF MODUS VIVENDI. New Foundland's Loyalty to the Im-

perial Government. LONDON, Jan. 1.-The second edition of the Times publishes a dispatch from St. John's, N. F., dated December 31, saying: All political parties agree that a renewal of the modus vivendi for another year is a measure which will pass unanimousl both houses about April 15. All the cold nists are united in a desire to assist the empire by every possible means. The fear that Newfoundland would refuse to renew the modus vivendi has been a bugbear in the imperial government, many of the authorities declaring that it constituted the gravest possibility of complica-tions with France. Thus the news that the modus vivendi would be renewed was

Kaiser Confers Titles.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Emperor William has on Eulenberg, the German ambassador at Vienna. Prince von Hatsfeld Trachen-berg, governor of Silesia, has been crea duke, and the hereditary nobility has been conferred upon Herr Thielen, the minister of public works.

### CRUSADE AGAINST VICE.

Inauguration of a Movement to Purify New York's Worst Plague Spots.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-This, the first day of the new year, has been selected for the inauguration of the crusade against vice on the lower East Side. The the gubernatorial contest or the sena-torship, as in the senate the Goebel men movement has attracted wide attention and anti-Goebel men entered into a deal by reason of the forces behind it. These regarding a division of the offices in that include the Society of Ethical Culture, have stayed out but for this agreement.

They also claim that the anti-Goebel men gested district of its many plague spots, were brought into the house caucus by a Professor Adler will have the assistance ike trade, and that it extends no further of over a score of ministers of all de nominations, among them, it is reported Rev. Mr. Briggs, formerly of the Presnominated for speaker of the house on the byterian church, but now a Protestan center of what is called "the infected dis

No set plan of campaign has been outlined, but the work will be pursued with aggressiveness. Much of its force will other things transpiring during the day be derived from the fact that the better element of the district will lend a hand and in a quiet way bring the leaders questionable whether the P. Watt Hardin of the crusade face to face with the sit-movement will become as formidable as untion. The politicians will be appealed it, pramised to upon Hardin's arrival here to, and if these appeals fall, then other ment refuse to say, but they intimate that the politician who fails in his duty will be treated to a disagreeable surprise. The police are also expected to lend their earnest co-operation, and it is expected the bidecoats of the various police stations In the district will be given definite orders when they start out on their early even-

#### THE WOLFSOHN MYSTERY. Man Who Turned Up in Chicago Is Said to Be a Fraud,

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.-Attorney Oscar Bamberger, who represented the heirs in the Wolfsohn case when they sought to recover the \$10,000 life insurance from the New York Life Insurance Company, is in the city. He will not give up this case, though his clients have waived their claim to the \$10,000. He does not believe the man who came from Chicago pretending to be the real Wolfsohn is so.
"He is a fraud," said Mr. Bamberger today. "He is made up to resemble Wolf-sohn, but he is not real. I shall spend \$500 of my own money, if need be, to ferret

out this mystery.' Mrs. Maggie O'Nell, the woman who paid the supposed Wolfsohn's funeral ex-penses, is not satisfied, either. She tried to confront the suppositious Wolfsohn while he was here, but he would not see her. Attorney O'Brien, of the insurance company, left the city for San Diego today. The case is as full of mystery as

St. Louis Poultry Show. ST. LOUIS, Jan. L.—The sixth annual poultry and pet stock show of the St. Louis Fanciers' Association opened this afternoon in the exposition collecum, with the largest number of entries on record. Up to noon, most of the 1300 chickens and 1400 pigeons, pheasants, turkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits and cats entered had been cooped. The show is national in so entries coming from most prominent fanciers throughout the coun-

"With Flying Colors."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 .- The Eng. lish melodrama, "With Flying Colors," was produced by the Frawley company for the first time in America at the Call fornia theater last night. Some of the scenes were very effective. It was well produced and the acting was fully equal to the demands of the play.

VALPARAISO, Jan.1.—The Chilean congress, having approved the renewal of the Chilean claims commission, or the Washington tribunal, according to the convention with the United States, executive ac-

tion today made the revival an ac

RISING OF CAPE DUTCH

OBJECT IS TO SEIZE CAPE TOWN AND CAPTURE MILNER.

Afrikanders in the Colony Are Armed and Waiting for the Signal.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 1.-Ugly rumors are in circulation of a Dutch rising, with the ject of seizing Cape Town and the docks and capturing the governor of Cape Colony-Sir Alfred Muner. The cent of the movement is said to be Paarl, village about 30 miles from Cape Tow The center where a meeting of the Afrikanderbund was held yesterday. A similar meeting was held at Richmond December 28; and it is reported that the members of the bund In these two towns are acting in concert. The members of the bund at Willing ton and the Dutch in Clan William district are said to be armed with Mausers, and to be anxious to use them in behalf of the Boers.

Although the stories of a rising are dis-

credited, the police and military are taking ample precautions.

BOER FAILURES, BRITISH DEFEATS The New Year Opened Gloomily for England.

NEW YORK, Jan. L-A dispatch to the Tribune rfom London says: The new year opened gloomlly for England, with a record of miscalculation and disaster in South Africa to be retrieved at great loss of life and treasure, and with the reputation of generals in the field and ministers at home hanging upon the issue of battle during the next few weeks.

There is no lack of criticism and fault-finding in the press, and there are signs of anxiety in ministerial circles over the political effects of additional reverses to British arms, but there is also a hopeful feeling induced by fresh proofs of the incapacity of the Dutch allies to make use of their opportunities. The Boer vic-tories of Stormberg, Magersfontein and Colenso have not been followed up in any instance. There have been no successful raids on the lines of communication, and Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking have not been overwhelmed by superior numbers and guns. There is a record of Boer fallures as well as British defeats. The budget of news received at midnight

was a light one. The arrival of a Cape steamer brought a large mail, and all the morning journals print letters from their special correspondents. The most inter-esting letters are those published in the Standard and Times and other journals from Ladysmith, in which incidents of the siege and garrison life are described. The writers are wisely reticent on important points, and deal lightly with the langers of the situation, but there is little doubt that the garrison has been short of ammunitien and the knowledge of this fact has influenced General Buller in sacrificing his original plan of campaign and massing his forces for the relief of Lady-He is still calling in reinforce ments, for the Majestic has gone to Dur-ban with another battalion and numerous drafts.

News from the western border is meager. There are belated accounts of gun practice by the naval brigade at Mod-der River, which is constantly improving. by a naval gun, which had found the range of the main source of the water supply for the Boer camp.

The war office reports.

The war office reported at midnight that Lord Methuen's situation was unchanged, but that the Boers had retired Colesburg from their intrenchments

at Rensburg. Indications still point to a battle on Tugela river at the end of this week, al-though there may be delays through a mule transport service, which General Buller is evidently organizing on a large scale. The Tugela is reported in flood from the heavy rains, and the passage of the river will be most difficult.

British accounts of Baden-Powell's

ortic at Mafeling cannot be expected or several days. The Boer official disfor several days. patches, stating that two well-known British officers, one of them a son of the caused much anxiety in the world of

KEY TO THE TRANSVAAL. Claims Against the Delagon Bay Railroad.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A special to the Herald from Geneva, N. Y., says: Information concerning the key to the British situation in South Africa is evi-Egypt, who is visiting here with rela-tives. When seen he would make no statement for publication on the subject. Mr. Penfield married the widow of Col-onel Edward McMurdes, who built the Delagoa bay railroad, connecting Lorenzo Marquez with Pretoria. The Portuguese government confiscated the road soon after its completion, and at Colonel McMurdee's death, Mrs. McMurdee made a claim for \$1,500,000 indemnity, which with other claims of the same nature, amounting to many millions of dollars, has been pending for 10 years before a board of arbitration, consisting of three

Swiss judges. Upon the announcement of the award, it is said the secret treaty between Portugal, England and Germany for the partition of the Portuguese colonial possessions will become effective. By the terms of this treaty, according to reports, Eng-land is to get possession of Delagoa bay. Mr. Penfield said the matter was one of diplomacy alone, and that it would be highly improper for him to say any-

The railroad which runs from Lorenzo Marquez to Pretoria, he admits, is the key to the South African Republic. yet, concerning its concession and the suit over its confiscation, he will have ing to say. The interests which he represents control, he says, 58 per cent of the stock of the road.

THE INVASION OF CANADA. Fenians Storing War Supplies on the Northern Border.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A special to the Times from Burlington, Vt., says: It is reported that the Fenians are engaged in storing large quantities of dynamite, lyddite ammunition and supplies in a few selected repositories in remote districts of Vermont and Maine, near the Canadian boundary line. The information comes from persons who claim to have knowledge of the purchase of some of William A. Elderkin, United States army the supplies, and others who learned of retired, died here today, aged 50 years.

their transportation by railroad disguised as groceries. Dynamite and other explo-sives have been secured in surprisingly large quantities, and stored underground on the Vermont border, while large quan-tities of canned meats have been hidden in some large barns of sympathizing farmers on the main line near New Hamp-

It is said that an efficient ambulance corps is being organized under the super-vision of a few loyal Irish women and surgeons who were in the Red Cross work in Cuba. They are also preparing a large number of "lirst aid" packages for the invading forces. The new movement is the work of the Irish element of the larger cities, but it is a fact that a large and important work is being done among the farmers of the border states. A schedule is being arranged of farmers who can furnish wagons, horses and oxen for transportation purposes.

British Columbia Company Offered. VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 1.—Considerable disappointment has been caused throughout this province by the falure of the Dominion government to include in the Second Canadian regiment for South Africa a company from British Co-lumbia. Prominent citizens of Vancouver have decided to raise a corps of 100 mounted infantry, providing horses and defraying all expenses. At a meeting, called by Mayor Garden, it was decided to try to induce the government to accept this corps. One hundred applications bave been received from young men of this city and district. All are skilled horsemen and good rifle shots, and many offer to provide their own mounts and equipments.

King Charles' Speech. LONDON, Jan. 2.-The Lisbon correpondent of the Standard says: It is currently reported that the speech of King Carles, in the cortes tomorrow anything will be said any more friendly to England than to the Transvaal. The public is with the Boers, and the papers generally fear British designs on Delagon The Portuguese government asserts that It has done everything to preserve

SHORTEST ISTHMIAN ROUTE

neutrality.

Canal Surveyed in 1870 Across Isth. mus of Tehauntepec.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 30,--(To the Editor.)-Can you tell me whether any portion of Mexico has ever been surveyed for the purpose of constructing a canal across to connect the two oceans-the Atlantic and the Pacific-or is the topography of the country of such a nature as to preclude the possibility of such an under-taking. I am in ignorance of the topog-raphy of that section of the country, and can form no opinion only as I follow the water courses as they are laid down on the maps. By an examination of a map l see that the distance from the Gulf of Campeachy to the Gulf of Tehuantepec, air line across the states of Vera Cruz and Oajaca, is about 125 miles, and I see that a considerable river that empties into the Gulf of Campeachy has its origin not far from Tehuantepec, consequently I infer that the country must be tolerably evel. If there could be a route through here, it would shorten the distance from New Orleans to this coast by a good many hundred miles, and maybe the United States and Mexico could build it without the consent of any other country—see.

M. A. BAKER.

In 1870 the government of the United States sent out two exploring expeditions for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of uniting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by a canal across the American (sthmus. One of these expeditions was sent to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, under the command of Captain Shufeldt of the navy. It originated from a grant by the Mexican government to a company formed by Emilio la Sere, which was afterward transferred to the Tehuanteped Railway Company. The report of the officers who made the exploration and surveys, as well as that of those who had lave made previous surveys, is to the effect that no extraordinary engineering difficulties are presented. It is estimated that sufficient water can be secured from the rivers in the Sierra Madre amply to feed the canal. The route commences about 30 miles above the mouth of the Coatracoalcos, in the Gulf of Mexico, and traversing it for a considerable distance, ascends to a level of about 680 feet, then descends dently in possession of Frederick C. Pen-to the lagoon on the Pacific, a total dis-field, formerly consul-general at Cairo, tance of about 120 miles. It is the most northern route that can be selected, and makes the distance from New Orleans to Hong Kong 9900 miles less than by way of Cape Horn, and 1218 miles less than by way of the Isthmus of Darien. From New York to Hong Kong the distance, by way of Tehuantepec is 8245 miles less than by way of Cape Horn, and 1588 less than by way of the Isthmus of Darien, and the route from Liverpool to eastern Asiatic ports is also considerably shortened; likewise the distance to the Pacific coast of the United States.

TREASURER ABSCONDS.

Shortage of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars Found in His Accounts.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 1.-It was announced today that County Treasurer E H. Herschey, who has been absent from the city for some time, is a defaulter and an absconder. His son was in charge of the office last week, endeavoring to straighten out the books. He called County Auditor Marsh to his aid, and they found a defalcation of \$65,000. There is on deposit in the banks of this city \$61,840, while the books call for \$126,840. There is due the state for tax on money, with interest for 1899, the sum of \$84,000, of which three-fourths comes back to this ounty, hence the net sum for the state is

Herschey is believed to have gone to Canada. The office was turned over to the new treasurer this morning, when the shortage was officially announced to be \$65,042. It is expected the shortage will be made good by the bondsmen without litigation.

Colonel Elderkin Dead. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 1.-Colon

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## WHEELER'S SEAT IN HOUSE

IT MAY SOON BE DECLARED VA-CANT.

The General Evidently Prefers to Remain on the Fighting Line -The Roberts Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-The report that General Wheeler has asked to be given a new command in the Philippines has again started talk of declaring his so his successor may be elected. It is claimed that General Wheeler has been treated with extreme lensency by the house, because of the persistent asser-tions of his defenders that he intends soon to resign from the army before present-ing himself at the bar of the house to be sworn in. But now that it seems prob-able he wishes to remain indefinitely on the firing line in the Philippines, early action against him in the house seems likely. It is said that immediately after congress reassembles, Representative Bal-ley, of Texas, will raise the question about General Wheeler's seat, and that as soon as the necessary formalities can be com-plied with, the Alabaman's seat will be eclared vacant.

Miers and Roberts Case.

The announcement, from his home in ndiana, that Representative Miera, a emocratic member of the special com-nittee in charge of the Roberts' investigation, intends to vote in favor of the Mormon being sworn in, has caused surprise in Washington. It is generally interpreted as signifying that Miers' con-stituents have given him to understand that they disapprove, on constitutional grounds, the action of the house in ignor-ing the Utah member's credentials. Mr. Miers will vote for final expulsion if the opportunity is afforded for this exercise of the house's constitutional privilege. The whole subject will be carefully con sidered by the democratic caucus, which Representative Rhea, of Kentucky, is trying to have held at an early day.

Tongue and Moody at White House, Among those who called at the White louse this morning to pay their repects to President and Mrs. McKinlaw ere Representatives Tongue and Moody, the former being accompanied by his daughter. Later in the day, Miss Mary igue received with Mrs. Aldrich, wifeof ex-Representative Aldrich, of Alabama, Cond Not Appointed.

C. G. Coad has not been appointed assistant sergeant-at-arms of the sen In fact, no new officers have yet been

Chicago Conl Teamsters Strike. CHICAGO, Jan. 1.-A strike of coal camsters, with the weather around zero, Chicago, Unless the team owners sign the union agreement, granting the demand for higher wages, ot a wagon will be taken from the barm and hardly one of the many rush orders for coal can be delivered, with the city in the midst of the worst weather of the winter. This will bring about much suffering. especially among the poorer who are never able to keep and a Targe supply.

If such a strike should continue a week,

of them have a supply for more than a week or so in advan Pleaded Guilty of Murder. BARNSTABLE, Mass., Jan. 1.-Edwin tay Snow, charged with the murder of T. Whittemore, at Yarmouth, last October, was arraigned at a special session of the superior court here today before Judge Higgins. He retracted his previous plea of not gullty, and pleaded gullty. He was sentenced to be executed March 18.

any of the school buildings would have be closed because of the cold, as few

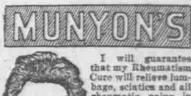
Stirred Up the Geysers, SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 1.—Chartes Tag-gart, who arrived in this city from the Cocopah country of Lower California, re-ports that the earthquake of Christman day had a marked effect upon the geysers

with redoubled force Fall River's Production. FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. L-The entire production of the print cloth mills of this city for the year just ended was 12,000,000 with sales fully equal to that

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