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Dispute Between Chicago Officials and Northwestern Company.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The dispute between the city and the officials of the new Northwestern elevated railway over the question as to the completion of the structure and its readiness for the running of trains, culminated today in the arrest of the crew of the one elevated train at a Lincoln-avenue station and the stopping of work by squads of police. President Louderback was given formal notice by Commissioner of Public Works McGinnis that no trains would be run until the structure was completed to the satisfaction of the city officials. The order was ignored and arrests promptly followed. At Fifth avenue and Lake street there was danger of trouble for a time between the police and the large number of special officers and company employes, but the police were soon reinforced. The city officials contend that the structure is so incomplete in places as to render dangerous the running of trains. The railway officials deny this.

Filed Its Cost Bill.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 2.—The Montana Ore Purchasing Company today filed its cost bill in the Johnston case, recently decided in its favor and against the Borden & Montana Mining Company. The bill amounts to \$28,124.56, of which \$25,872 was for development work and \$2,252 for experts.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Agent of Copenhagen Government En Route to See McKinley.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The World tomorrow will say: "Carl Fischer-Hansen, a Danish lawyer of this city, who has acted for the Copenhagen government in the negotiations for the sale of the Danish West Indian islands to the United States for \$10,000,000, started for Washington tonight to confer with President McKinley."

Earthquake in Southern Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—An earthquake yesterday destroyed 10 villages in the Akhalkalaki district, government of Tiflis.

PITCHER'S EXPLOIT

Surprised the Boers and Captured Forty Prisoners.

MADE THE RAID FROM BELMONT

By a Flank Movement He Routed the Dutch and Took Their Lager—Lost Two Men Killed.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from the Associated Press at Dover farm, dated January 1, says: "A mounted force, consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto company and 200 Queenslanders, commanded by Colonel Richards; two guns and a horse battery under Major de Rougemont; 40 mounted infantry under Lieutenant Ryan, and 200 of the Cornwall light infantry, the whole commanded by Colonel Pitcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering 20 miles before sunset. The force encamped at Cook's farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusiastically. At 6 o'clock this morning the men were ordered to march on to the laager of the Boers was reported. Colonel Pitcher, on approaching the position, which was a line of strong kopjes, detached Major Rougemont, with the guns and the Toronto mounted infantry, to work towards the right, making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders toward the south position. The maneuver was a complete success. British shells were fired at the Boers, the presence of the troops. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders, completing the movement, the laager was destroyed, with the prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and one missing. The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed belonged to the Queenslanders.

REPORTED TO THE WAR OFFICE.

Particulars of General French's Occupation of Colesburg.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The success of General French's column is at length confirmed officially at the war office this afternoon in a dispatch from Cape Town, Monday, January 1, as follows: "French reports at 2 P. M. today from Colesburg by telegraph as follows: 'The enemy in front of the First of January, I started thence at 5 o'clock in the afternoon December 31, taking with me five squadrons of cavalry, half of the Second Regiment of Light Cavalry, and three companies of mounted rifles, and ten guns. I halted for four hours at Mador's farm, and at 8:30 this morning occupied the kopje overlooking Colesburg, toward the Boers. The enemy outposts were taken completely by surprise. 'At daylight we shelled the laager and endeavored to get the right of the enemy's position. The artillery fire in reply was hot and the Boers were driven back. We silenced the guns of the enemy's right flank, demonstrating with cavalry and guns to the north of Colesburg, toward the junction, where a strong laager of the enemy was holding a hill position southeast of Colesburg as far as the junction. Our position cuts the line of retreat via the road and bridge. 'Some thousands of Boers, with two guns, are reported to be retreating toward Norvalspont. All of Remington's scouts proceeded toward Acherland yesterday evening, and a few wounded, details later.' 'Brief independent messages from Reinsberg, filed the evening of January 1, supplement General French's dispatch, but do not mention the Boers. The Boers were still shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock Monday evening, and expected to enter Colesburg today. The British losses were three men killed and seven wounded. The Boers are supposed to have suffered heavily from the accuracy of the British artillery fire. French's statement that the Boers were retreating toward Norvalspont, which was also reported by the Boers, may result in capturing the Norvalspont bridge, thus gaining an important strategic advantage, as then French will probably be able to threaten the Boers' retreat via the main line of retreat for the Boers facing General Gatacre.

THE COLESBURG FIGHT.

A Pretoria Account Calls It a British Defeat.

PRETORIA, Jan. 1.—Last night (Sunday) the British great force attacked Commando Cheema's commando in the Colesburg district and tried to storm the position. They repeated the attack this morning, but were forced to retreat, the Boers having been ordered to retreat. The Boers consider it a great compliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts should have been selected to supreme command of the British forces.

British Officers Wounded.

PRETORIA, Jan. 1.—Three British prisoners, who were taken at Mafeking, say that Captain Borden Chesney Wilson, husband of Lady Sarah Wilson, and five other officers, whose names they refuse to give, were wounded in a recent sortie from Mafeking.

A Missing Californian.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Several months ago Frank O'Neill left his home on Sanchez street, in this city, and has not since returned, though he only started for a stroll in the morning, dated Los Angeles, he has been received from him, but his friends fear that he has met with foul play.

Extensions of the Soo.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—President Lowrey and General Manager Pennington, of the Soo line, have been in Montreal in consultation with President Shaughnessy, of the Canadian Pacific, and other officials of the road. It is understood a number of extensions of the line are contemplated by the Canadian Pacific and Soo management, which probably will be commenced early next spring. The extensions will be mainly in North Dakota, where the Northern Pacific will invade Soo territory.

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