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Extra Fine Xmas Beef, Turkeys,
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and Nuts of All Varieties, Plum Pud-
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JUST RECEIVED...

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A LONG ROW



Of our new and up-to-date Air-tight Heaters are still on hand. We figured on considerable cold weather and purchased an unusual quantity; but the weather has moderated and must have the room. From now on these splendid heating stoves will be sold at a reduction of 20 per cent FOR CASH.

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INVESTIGATION OF HAZING OF BOOZ

Classmates Refute Charges Made
by Cadet's Father.

WAS NOT HIT NEAR HEART

Nor Was He Interfered With on Account of
His Religious Belief or Tendencies
—His Classmates Considered
Him a Coward.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The military court of inquiry, which began taking testimony at Bristol, Pa., yesterday, arrived at the military academy today and continued its investigation of the charges of ill-treatment made by the parents of former Cadet Oscar L. Booz, who died recently at his home in Bristol.

Sixty-eight members of the class of 1902, to which Booz belonged until he resigned in September or October, 1898, were summoned to the court.

Four of the sixty cadets of the second class were examined and all of them who knew Booz declared that his standing with his classmates was not very high as they looked upon him as a coward. The story of his fight with Kellar in 1898 was told by Cadet O. N. Tyler, who succeeded Booz.

All denied that Booz had been interfered with on account of his religious belief or tendencies.

Cadet O. N. Tyler said:
"I was present at the fight."
"Was there a knock-out blow delivered?"

"Yes, sir. Booz was hit in the region of the stomach and when he was on the ground he said the wind was knocked out of him."

"Was there any blow delivered in the region of the heart?"
"No, sir."
"Was it a fair fight?"
"Yes, sir, it was."
"Were there any marks on Booz after it was over?"

"Yes, sir. He had a black eye and a cut over the left eye."
The witness said he had never been made to take hot sauce but he had seen it given in the mess hall. He never saw it given to Booz.

PRINCE OF WALES CENSURED.
Dr. Parker Attacks Gambling Habits of the British Aristocracy.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, who has assumed for a week the editorship of the London Sun, in today's issue of the paper, under the heading, "Betting and Gambling Forecasts," tilts at the Prince of Wales and Lord Rosebery as follows:

"Wee to any country in which the heirs to the throne and prime ministers favor the race course, as it exists among us today. If princes are guilty, it is a poor consolation for us to rebuke peasants. If the premier can blaspheme he has no right to rebuke ribaldry upon the street. I would rather have as premier a man of solid character than one of brilliant mind addicted to habits that may have the effect of a pestilence upon the rising generation."

BIDS FOR MEN-OF-WAR.
Board of Naval Construction Has Decided to Accept Bids of Union Iron Works for Two Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The board of naval construction, considering the bids for the construction of battleships and cruisers, has settled these points: One of the big armored cruisers shall go to Cramps, one to Newport News and one to the Union Iron Works in California. One battleship shall go to Fore River Engine Works, at Quincy, Mass.

This leaves seven ships to be disposed of, and while in view of the fact that another meeting of the board is to be held it is not possible to make a prediction with absolute accuracy, indications are that they will be distributed as follows:
One cruiser and one battleship to

Cramps, making three for them; one cruiser and one battleship to Newport News, making three for them; one cruiser and one battleship to the Union Iron Works, making three for them and one battleship to Bath Iron Works. There is still a possibility that Moran Bros., of Seattle, may get the battleship slated for the Union Iron Works or the Bath Iron Works.

ASSOCIATED PRESS WON.
Supreme Court of Missouri Decided That It Is Not a Monopoly.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—The supreme court of Missouri, at Jefferson City, today handed down an opinion in the case of the Star Publishing Company vs. The Associated Press of Illinois, deciding the case unanimously in favor of The Associated Press.

The Star Company was engaged in publishing an evening newspaper in St. Louis known as The Star, and it brought suit for a writ of mandamus to require The Associated Press to serve it with an evening news report.

The Associated Press answered that while it was in form a corporation it was essentially a co-operative society based upon an agreement between its members to gather and furnish news to each other; that it was not engaged in news-gathering as a commercial enterprise and that it carried on its business without any effort at profit making.

It denied that its so-called executive contracts were in violation of the laws of the United States, the state of Illinois or the state of Missouri.

The opinion sustains The Associated Press at every point. It holds that The Associated Press is not a monopoly and that it does not violate the anti-trust law of the state of Missouri.

TWO BOER FORCES RAID CAPE COLONY

General MacDonald Reported to
Be Forcing Them Back.

BRITISH OFFICERS RESIGN

They Are Anxious to Return to Civil Life—
Thanksgiving Services at St. Paul's
Are Deferred Till the War
Is Over.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two separate points 100 miles distant," says the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail. "One commando advanced upon Philippstown between Colesberg and Kimberley. The other, supposed to be Herze's commando, crossed the Orange river between Oudendalstrum and Bethulle, northwest of Burgersdorp. Its objective apparently being Cradock.

"General MacDonald is engaging the invaders, who have guns, twenty miles west of Burgersdorp. The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange river, where a warm reception is being prepared for them."

THANKSGIVING POSTPONED.
LONDON, Dec. 18.—The contemplated Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's cathedral in connection with the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa has been abandoned owing to the government's decision to defer the general thanksgiving until the close of operations in South Africa.

The program now is for Lord Roberts to embark in the Solent to visit the queen at Osborne house, January 2, to reembarc and to finally land at Southampton, coming from that point to London.

OFFICIALS WANT TO QUIT.
LONDON, Dec. 18.—The government requests employers who have kept open shops for the yeomanry, colonials and volunteers to continue their patriotic efforts to minimize the sacrifices of these men in the service of their country.

Numerous volunteer officers' resignations are gasseted tonight—lawyers, physicians and business men who have urgently represented that their affairs are going to ruin.

The war office, on account of these representations, has let them off.

CLEMENTS BARELY ESCAPES.
JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 17.—Details of the defeat of the British, at Noitgedacht indicate that General Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boer plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer, there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery.

After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retiring British. All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

Colonel Legg exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell with three bullets in his body.

ANOTHER BOER VICTORY.
CAPE TOWN, Dec. 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony, west of Allival North, on Saturday, encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

UNCONFIRMED RUMORS.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Rumors were current in London last night that General Knox inflicted a crushing defeat on the Boer commandos and that the Boer force had been utterly routed on the Orange river.

At the war office no confirmation could be obtained of these reports. News of a decisive British success at this time would add considerably to the average Englishman's enjoyment of Christmas festivities.

REPORT ON CANAL QUESTION.
Senator Morgan Thinks That if England Did Not Like the Hepburn Bill a Protest Would Have Been Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Morgan, chairman of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, to which the isthmian canal commission today submitted a partial report thereon in connection with the protocols of agreements with Costa Rica and Nicaragua relating to the proposed canal which were submitted recently to the senate.

In the course of the report it is said that the statements of the Walker commission and the protocols referred to have a direct bearing on what is known

UNION PACIFIC AWARDS CONTRACT

\$6,000,000 for Cutoff From Echo,
Wyoming, to Salt Lake.

WILL HAVE AN AIR LINE

Reported to Have Formed a Deal With the
Recently Incorporated Los Angeles
and Salt Lake Railroad
Company.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 18.—A special to the Tribune from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: The Union Pacific Railroad Company today awarded to Kilpatrick Bros. and Collins the contract for a cut-off through Echo canyon from Echo, Wyo., to Salt Lake, a distance of forty miles. The contract price, \$6,000,000, is one of the largest in the history of railroad construction in the West. The contractors have four years in which to complete the work.

It is said that the Union Pacific has formed a deal with the recently incorporated Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad Company which will give them practically an air line from Chicago to the Pacific coast, via Salt Lake.

PANAMA CANAL ROUTE.
Colombian Government Explains Its Attitude in Regard to Concessions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: Senator Martinez Silva, the Colombian minister of foreign affairs, cables from Bogota this statement of Colombia's attitude on the construction of an isthmian canal:

"The Colombian government will do everything within its power to facilitate and hasten the opening of a canal by the Panama route, whether it is effected by the actual company holding the concessions which expire in 1905 or by whomsoever may represent their rights."

"The government will make reservations only to preserve national society and to give assurance that free transit by way of the canal for all nations shall be fully guaranteed.

"The Colombian minister to Washington will leave soon to attend to this matter."

CENTENNIAL OVERDUE.
Considerable Anxiety at San Francisco Over Non-Appearance of Seattle Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Considerable anxiety is expressed in shipping circles, as to the fate of the steamer Centennial, now overdue at this port from Seattle. It is thought she may be disabled or that the recent storm compelled her to put to sea.

ALL RECORDS SMASHED.
Membership on New York Stock Exchange Sold for \$50,500.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Records in the price of stock exchange seats have been smashed, \$50,500 having been paid for a membership. This compares with \$12,500, the lowest record made in 1892, and \$47,500 the old high record made a few weeks ago.

NORDBERG WANTS DAMAGES.
San Francisco Captain Was Forcefully Ejected From His Ship by the Owners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—E. M. Nordberg, formerly master of the American schooner Carrie and Annie, has filed a suit in the U. S. district court to recover \$499 alleged to be due for wages and damages. The damages consist in libellant being forceably ejected from the ship at Gofovin bay while en route to Alaska.

COMMUNIST SCHWAB DEAD.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Justus H. Schwab, the communist who was sent to the penitentiary for his alleged participation in the Tompkins Square riots in January, 1874, and who was pardoned by Governor Dix, is dead.

STEAMER OVERDUE.
VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—The steamer Royalist is out thirty-one days from Moji, Japan, with sugar for British Columbia. Even with the stormy weather she should be here by now.

WHEAT MARKET.
PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Wheat, May, 103 1/4; cash, 94 1/4.
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Wheat, May, opening, 73 1/4 @ 73 1/2; closing, 72 1/2.
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Wheat, March, 64 3/4.

SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

A NEW LINE OF
Mantel Folding Beds
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Ladies' Dressing Table
In Golden Oak, Mahogany and Bird's Eye Maple

IRON BEDSTEADS, FULL BRASS TOP, \$6.50

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