

TWO VICTORIES FOR THE BRITISH

Gen. French Defeated From Five to Seven Thousand Boers.

PITCHER WON A SKIRMISH

British Losses Are Reported as Slight While Boers Are Said to Have Lost Heavily.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The war office has received the following from Cape Town, under today's date: Colonel Pitcher reports through the officer commanding at the Orange river: "I have completely defeated a hostile command at the Sunnyside laager this day, January 1, taking the laager and forty prisoners, besides the killed and wounded. Our casualties are two privates killed and Lieutenant Adie wounded. Am camped at Dover farm, twenty miles northwest of Belmont and ten miles from Sunnyside."

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 Coleskop by heliograph as follows:

"Leaving at Rensburg, holding the enemy in front, half of the First Suffoaks and a section of the Royal horse artillery, I started thence at 5 o'clock in the afternoon December 31, taking with me five squadrons of cavalry, half of the Second Berke and eighty mounted infantry, carried in wagons, and ten guns. I halted for four hours at Maldor's farm, and at 8:30 this morning occupied the kopje overlooking and westward of Colesburg. The enemy's outposts were taken completely by surprise.

"At daylight we shelled the laager and entailed the right of the enemy's position. The artillery fire in reply was hot from a 15-pounder, using Royal laboratory ammunition, and other guns. 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 morning. Slight casualties, about three killed and a few wounded. Details later."

Brief independent messages from Rensburg filed the eve of January 1 supplement General French's dispatch but slightly. According to them, the British were still shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock Monday evening and expected to enter Colesburg today. British losses were three men killed and seven wounded. No officers were killed or wounded. The Boers are supposed to have suffered heavily, from the accuracy of the British artillery fire. French's statement that the Boers were using a 15-pounder and Woolwich ammunition evidently refers to the one captured at Stromberg. The Boer strength in the engagement with French was estimated at from 5000 to 7000 men.

Acetylene Gas Explosion.

STROMBERG, Neb., Jan. 1.—Eden Baptist church, which was dedicated only a year ago, was totally destroyed by fire this morning, and two people were seriously injured. The fire was caused by an explosion of acetylene gas, with which the church was lighted. The gas generator and the furnace were both located in the basement, and it is supposed escaping gas was ignited by the furnace. New Year's watch meetings were being held, and a large number of people were present, but the most of

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them had just left the building when the explosion occurred. The building was badly wrecked, and what was not destroyed by the explosion was consumed by fire.

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HILLSBORO, Jan. 1.—The old year was rung out and the new year rung in with a vengeance in this city last night. Albert Tozier, editor of Mines and Metals, was out from Portland, and for the 28th successive year pulled a bell cord in one of the city churches. The booming of cannon at Forest Grove was plainly heard in this place.

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Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Care—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, chest or lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Oppose Vaccination.

LEAD, S. D., Jan. 2.—Christian Scientists of Lead have rebelled against the orders of the school board that children attending public schools must be vaccinated. The orders of the board are that each pupil, after reasonable time, must be vaccinated or not attend. Today when school opens the children of Scientists will attend as usual, and if refused admission, they threaten to take the case into court and see how much power the school board has in the matter.

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NOT QUITE UP TO HIS PRICE

Harrell Wanted \$5000, But Received Only \$4500.

HE NOW CHARGES BRIBERY

Says Whallen Tried to Buy His Vote Against Goebel—Money Placed in Safety Deposit Box and Registered in Harrell's Name, but Whalled Is Alleged to Still Have Strings to It.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 2.—After the caucus last night Senator Harrell made a statement in which he said he was approached shortly before Christmas at his home in Russellville, by a man who asked him if he could be persuaded to vote against Senator Goebel. He told him he might, and an appointment was made "to go to Louisville next morning and see John Whallen." Harrell then described his trip, saying he and a companion met Whallen in a room on Jefferson street. He continued:

"After some preliminary conversation, Whallen asked me what was my price for agreeing to stay out of the caucus, vote against Goebel, etc. I said I wanted \$5000. He replied that \$5000 was an outrageous price, and suggested \$2500. I would not consent, and gradually he raised the amount to \$4500."

Harrell says Whallen then went to the Fidelity Trust Company, after which the two went to the Louisville Trust Company, where a box was rented and money, four \$1000 bills and five \$100 bills was deposited. Harrell continued:

"Whallen then said to the vault clerk: 'Now let the doctor register the box in his name. We had gone into an agreement that he is to keep both keys, but he is not to open the box unless I am present. The number of the box is 559, as shown on the keys I turned over to the caucus.'"

Senator Harrell said when he reached Frankfort he was invited to a meeting or anti-Goebel men at the Fleming hotel, where a statement of reasons for opposing Goebel was presented for signature by those present. He excused himself, however, and entered the Democratic caucus, where he made the charge of attempted bribery.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised 'Electric Bitters'; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

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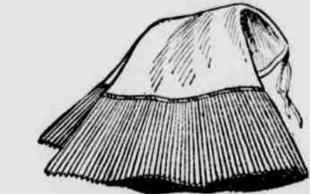


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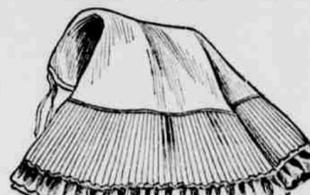
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