

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraph Columns

San Franciscans are arranging for a big pro-Boer demonstration.

E. C. Hodges & Co., one of Boston's largest banks, has closed its doors.

In the engagement at Ladysmith Friday, 10 British were killed and 16 wounded.

England has discovered that her military resources were overestimated by 30,000 men.

Mat Chandler, the old-time pugilist and former partner of John L. Sullivan, is dead.

The queen has given warning that British subjects must not help Boers or Free States.

Plague of a severe type is raging and many deaths from that cause have occurred in New Caledonia.

Sydney Paget, William C. Whitney's racing partner, has left this country to join the British rough riders.

A Paris despatch says that France would be happy if the Delagoa bay incident caused an Anglo-American quarrel.

Alfred Borlin was arrested in San Francisco while on his wedding trip. He is charged with being a bank defaulter.

Iowa farmers have formed a syndicate to grow rice in Texas. They have secured options on 14,000 acres of land to cost \$225,000.

The Boer army on Modder river is growing greater each day. They are building trenches within three and one half miles of Moshes's picket line.

The Northern Pacific wreck in Idaho was a bad one. After 10 days the last body had not been recovered. The trainmen were to blame.

Governor Geer, of Oregon, does not approve of Oregon citizens contributing to a fund for Lawton's family. He thinks the state should look after her own heroes' families first.

The Countess of Canavaro thought she was a convert to Buddhism. She entered their convent and changed her mind, and has applied to friends in San Francisco for assistance.

Winston Spencer Churchill has cabled to the London Post of his escape from the Boer prison. He made his way overland from Delagoa bay and sealed walls while guards were not looking. He journeyed for six days, walking at night, with nothing to eat but chocolate.

Over 600 British prisoners captured at Stormberg have reached Pretoria.

Buller has destroyed the Colenso footbridge, and makes no further attempt to advance.

Armour's canning department, Chicago, is rushed with orders for filling orders for the English army.

A drunken wife in San Francisco has charged her husband with murder and he is being held by the authorities.

The Great Northern will inaugurate a new departure. A large block of the company's stock is to be distributed among the employees at par.

It is said that England had been warned by General Buller, whom she is now turning down, that it would not be wise to attack the Boers until better prepared.

Should all Spanish war pensions now asked be allowed, it would cost \$2,725,000. The seventy-first New York asks for annual allowances which aggregate \$34,662.

Yagel Indians plunder, kill and burn villages and the Mexicans do not seem to make much headway in whipping the savages. An entire Mexican regiment seems to have disappeared.

The Fenians are organizing at Buffalo, N. Y., for an invasion of Canada. They expect, it is said, to raise 125,000 men, and have two carloads of arms and munitions of war in concealment.

There is disaffection among the Free State troops. They complain that Cronje's men are overbearing and better fed than they. The Transvaal's are suspicious and the situation is becoming grave.

The president of the New York prison association, who has made an investigation of the Cuban prisons tells a horrible tale of the conditions there. Offenders of all classes sleep in filth and vermin. No beds or clean clothing is provided. Money or influence is necessary before they can secure their freedom.

The members of the senate committee on privileges and elections declare they will carry on the investigation of President Kruger appointing him a brigadier-general in the Boer army. Buller is a personal friend of Kruger's, and once visited him in Africa.

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LATER NEWS.

A railroad boom has struck Hawaii. Six inches of snow fell at Macon, Ga.

Bechnanland farmers are helping the Boers.

Boers fired plum pudding at Ladysmith garrison.

Oregon woolgrowers expect to get 20 cents for their 1900 crop.

Vigilance of Americans prevented a projected uprising in Manila.

At New York Kid McCoy knocked out Peter Maher in five rounds.

Idaho produced \$2,500,000 in gold and \$6,103,000 in silver last year.

France and England may have trouble over Newfoundland fisheries.

The United States may buy the Danish West Indies for \$4,000,000.

Ohio Irishmen offer sympathy, money, arms and soldiers to the Boers.

One child received fatal and several persons serious burns in a New York flat fire.

Several thousand attended a very brilliant New Year's day reception at the White House.

Nicholas, czar of Russia, has again issued an appeal for peace to the powers of the world.

Multnomah's football team defeated Stanford university's eleven at Portland, Dec. 11 to 8.

Hilliard F. Johnson, a water-front reporter in San Francisco, was drowned in a bathtub.

Government officials say the cruiser Montgomery was sent to Liberia to give the Black Republic assurance of protection.

More miles of new railroad have been built during 1899 than in any previous year since 1860, when 5670 miles of line were completed. Since January 1, 1899, no less than 4,600 miles of track have been laid in the United States on 812 lines in 44 states and territories.

The torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborough, built by a Portland, Or., firm, on her second contract's trial covered eight miles in 15 minutes, which is at the rate of 89 miles an hour, against a 2 1/2-knot current. Steam was made without effort, and not a bearing was heated. The run was in the Columbia river, near Kalama.

Bentley will probably never return to congress.

The Boer trenches at Colenso are bomb proof.

Pingree's tax resolution was defeated in the Michigan senate.

People are tired of Colombian war and ask for intervention.

British Columbia has sent a gold display to the Paris exposition.

If Delagoa bay is closed the Boers will raid Portuguese territory.

The Stahl & Straub failure in Philadelphia is a clear case of looting.

An important witness against Senator Clark has confessed to perjury.

Robert Cornelius, aged 20, was found dead in the woods near Glencoe, Or.

Fossiliferous remains of a gigantic serpent were found on the coast of Chili.

At its last meeting the cabinet discussed the agricultural possibilities in Alaska.

Buller's army on the Tugela has now reached the enormous strength of 28,000 men.

Luzon hemp ports will be opened in time for supplies to reach this country by next harvest.

A London despatch says Russia longs to seize Herat, and she only waits for England to occupy Delagoa bay.

C. G. Coard, of Dallas, Or., has been appointed acting secretary of the United States senate.

The Boers have mounted a new gun at Ladysmith in the place of the one captured by the British cavalry.

The clerk of the court of appeals has refused to administer the oath of office to members of the state election board in Kentucky.

A Colorado Midland passenger and a Santa Fe freight collided near Palmer Lake, Colo. One fireman was killed and two engineers were hurt.

An English military expert asserts that the time has come for a change in the cabinet. He favors either a dictatorship or an all-powerful military minister.

Miss Florence Blythe - Hinckley, heiress to the Blythe millions, was quietly married in San Francisco to A. A. Moore, Jr., deputy attorney-general of California.

American have captured another insurgent stronghold. Many rebels were killed, wounded and captured and an amount of ammunition and food taken. Their supposed impregnable position was north of San Mateo.

An Ottawa despatch says that treason is talked openly among the French Canadians, and all of their members have retired from parliament. All the latent hostility to British rule has been aroused by Canada's action in sending troops to the Transvaal.

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TERRORIZING THE PEOPLE

Filipino Bands Returning to Abandoned Towns.

NATIVES ASK FOR PROTECTION

Colonel Hare Loses the Track of the Prisoners He Has Followed - General Wheeler Goes South.

Manila, Jan. 1.—The insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Daqupan and Vigan, fleeing to the mountains before the advancing Americans, are returning in small bands to the towns the Americans do not occupy, terrorizing the natives and Chinamen, who show friendship for the Americans. The natives and Chinamen are seeking the protection of the American garrisons.

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A DOUBLE TREATY.

Portuguese South Africa Is to Be Divided Up.

New York, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says:

The Lokal Anzeiger publishes the contents of the German-English-Portuguese secret treaty. This double treaty will have executive force as soon as the Swiss jurists, Messrs. Blaeel-Hensley and Goldau, have given a decision in the Delagoa bay arbitration.

The decision, it is expected, will be given in January or February and will probably be in favor of England, in which case Portugal must pay to England and America an indemnity of £1,900,000. England obtained in 1891 from Portugal the right of pre-emption in Delagoa bay, and the Delagoa bay to England may therefore be expected in March next.

It is possible that President Kruger may now declare war on Portugal and attack Delagoa at once.

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LETTER FROM LORD ROSEBERY

Wants England to Define Her Position.

WHAT IS CONTRABAND OF WAR

Possible Change of Policy - Sir Charles Dilke Warns Against a Hasty Turning of Precedents.

London, Jan. 1.—Lord Rosebery writes as follows this morning to the Times:

"There are disquieting intimations which appear to point to our government having treated foodstuffs as contraband of war. As this is a matter of supreme importance, I venture to address this line to you in the hope that it may elicit an authoritative statement on the subject."

The Times, commenting editorially upon Lord Rosebery's letter, says:

"The late knowledge of the seizure for any valid inference as to the drawing. An emergency might arise when certain foodstuffs would be regarded as contraband while others would not, especially if the latter were intended for combatants. There might, for instance, be reasonable grounds for treating canned goods as contraband and flour as legitimate."

After admitting that it "would be inadvisable to create a precedent which might serve as a precedent against the article concluded as follows:

"While we fully share the view that no serious change of policy should occur without cogent reasons and ample consideration, we cannot but ask ourselves whether it is not better that Great Britain be engaged in a war, the action, either of the enemy or even of neutral powers, in a matter upon which such great divergence of opinion still exists is likely to be governed by any precedent we or any one else may have set in the past, rather than by the immediate interests of the moment."

A GREAT ZINC TRUST.

Combination to Control the Output of the Country.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Information has reached Chicago of a proposed combination to control the zinc output of the United States. Work on the scheme has been begun, and the initial steps have been taken in Kansas City. According to one of the best-known zinc operators, who was in Chicago yesterday, the plan includes not only the control of the mines, but of the smelting plants as well. Within a short time representatives of the combination will get a price on all producing zinc mines in the United States, and will secure options on them. It has been estimated by the promoters that it will take in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 to swing the undertaking successfully, and this amount of money, with much more as may be necessary, is said to be ready to go into the scheme."

SOONERS IN COLLISION.

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Chicago, Jan. 3.—An special to the Tribune from Norfolk, Va., says: The schooner Annie Brown and the steamer Roper collided off Hatteras, and the Annie Brown sank. The 10 men of the crew were saved by the crew of the Roper.

A collision occurred on the night of December 29, during a high wind. The big schooners crashed together before the lookouts saw the danger. The Roper, being loaded with rock and phosphate, filled rapidly, and its crew of 10 had barely time to take to the boats. The schooner sank shortly after they put off. The Roper, disabled, stood by, and after a hard struggle got the Annie Brown's crew safely aboard.

Fire in a North Carolina Town.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—Fire last night caused losses aggregating nearly \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. The heaviest losers are W. J. Cleary and the Hague-McCord Dry Goods Company.

Family Burned to Death.

Barboursville, W. Va., Jan. 3.—William Ellis, wife and two children were burned to death in their home near today. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Invasion of Canada.

New York, Jan. 3.—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 the supplies.

The British consul at Kansas City has resigned and will become an American citizen.

SOUTH OF MANILA.

Opening of the Campaign in Southern Provinces.

Manila, Jan. 3.—The first movement of the general southern advance occurred this morning, when two battalions of the Fourth infantry landed and occupied Cabaño, on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed and two wounded. Twenty-four of the enemy were found dead in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and four six-pounder rapid-fire guns were captured.

The gunboat Laguna de Bay bombarded the town before the disembarkation of the troops from the caissons, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire. The enemy evacuated the place before the charging Americans, retreating to Santa Rosa, to which town they were pursued.

Heavy fighting occurred along the road to Santa Rosa, which was occupied by the insurgents, retreating south of Laguna de Bay. The Americans burned the country around Cabaño.

The gunboat returned to Calamba, for reinforcements, and thence came to Manila to get ammunition. She recently captured two of the enemy's steam launches, one under the fire of artillery at Calamba, and also four caissons loaded with rice. Other regiments are mobilizing tonight and preparing to continue the southern advance.

Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents incriminating 1,000 Filipinos who intended to resist against the Americans. Papers were also found showing a distribution of the city into districts, and a careful assignment of leaders and followers.

The precautions taken by the Americans Saturday, it is now evident, alone prevented an uprising.

The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detained for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

Aginaldo's wife, sisters and 18 Filipinos have surrendered to Major March, a battalion of the Third infantry at Bontoc. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March, and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

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