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Arrives Albany	12:45 P. M.

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Arrives Detroit	12:15 P. M.

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" San Francisco	7:45 p. m., 8:15 a. m.
" Ogden	5:45 a. m., 11:45 a. m.
" Denver	9 a. m., 9 a. m.
" Kansas City	7:55 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Chicago	7:45 a. m., 9:30 a. m.
" Los Angeles	1:20 p. m., 7 a. m.
" El Paso	6 p. m., 6 p. m.
" Fort Worth	6:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m.
" City of Mexico	9:55 a. m., 9:55 a. m.
" Houston	4 a. m., 4 a. m.
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THE YEAR REVIEWED

SUMMARY OF THE IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1901.

Year Witnesses the Deaths of Queen Victoria and President McKinley—Many Other Notables Pass Away—Disasters, Fires, Accidents, Strikes, Etc.

The year 1901, firstborn of the new century, is made memorable by the deaths of two of the best loved rulers the world has ever known. In its first month Victoria, England's good queen, breathed her last quietly and peacefully at one of her royal abodes. The forcible taking off of President William McKinley by the bullet of the misguided anarchist youth, Czolgosz, in September, is in harsh contrast with her serene passing, and is a sad commentary upon the laxity of our democracy, which favors the intimate contact of the chief executive with the general public and fails to provide adequate means for his physical protection. Many others of the great ones of earth—statesmen, authors, churchmen, musicians and business men—have also heard the last summons and responded thereto.

The Boer-British war in South Africa has continued through the year, rather to the advantage of the latter, and the armed resistance of the Filipinos against the rule of the United States has been fitfully in evidence.

There have been several mine and railway accidents, in which many lives have been destroyed. The number of destructive fires has also been quite large.

The most important happenings of the year may be briefly summarized thus:

January.

1. Lord Hopetoun installed as first Governor General of Federated Australian colonies.
2. Death of Ignatius Donnelly.
3. Death of Bishop W. X. Slade at Detroit, Mich.
6. Death of Philip D. Armour.....Eight lives lost in small hotel fire in Minneapolis.
8. Fire horror at Rochester, N. Y., orphan asylum, 20 lives lost.
10. Chinese sign joint note of the powers.
15. Fred Alexander, colored, burned at stake by Leavenworth, Kan., mob.
16. Death of ex-Gov. James A. Mount, of Indiana.
22. Death of Queen Victoria of England and accession of King Edward VII.....Burning of Grand Opera House in Cincinnati.
23. Board of Trade building in Montreal burns; loss $3,000,000.
25. Death of Guiseppe Verdi, Italian composer.
29. Disastrous fire in Des Moines, Iowa.....Twenty-one patients burned to death in Tokyo hospital, Japan.

February.

2. Funeral of Queen Victoria at Windsor.
3. Great snowstorm in Middle West.
7. Marriage of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.....Mine explosion in Durango, Mexico, kills 87 persons.
10. Sudden death of Col. Albert D. Shaw.
14. Marriage of Princess of Asturias and Prince Charles of Bourbon.
15. Death of ex-Senator Gilbert A. Pierce, of North Dakota.....Death of Maurice Thompson, author.....Sixty miners entombed in mine at Cumberland, Md.
21. Nine persons killed in collision near Bordentown, N. J.
22. Pacific steamer Rio de Janiero sinks outside Golden Gate, Cal.flords; several lives lost.
25. Fifty miners imprisoned in burning mine at Kemmerer, Wyo.
26. Geo. Ward, negro, hanged and burned at Terre Haute, Ind., for assault and murder.
28. Death of Wm. M. Evarts.

March.

1. State penitentiary near Lincoln, Neb., is burned.
4. Inauguration of President McKinley and Vice President Roosevelt.
5. Thirty men crushed to death on railroad at Woloroi, Russia.
11. Twelve persons killed and many more injured by boiler explosion in Doremus laundry, Chicago.....Hay-Pauncefote treaty rejected by Great Britain.
13. Death of ex-President Benj. Harrison.
.....Destructive fire at Cloverport, Ky.
23. Chief Aguinaldo captured by Gen. Fred Funston.
25. Tornado at Birmingham, Ala.....Death of Charlotte M. Yonge, author.
26. Death of Councilman Roland Reed.

April.

3. China refuses to sign Manchurian convention.
5. Japan has ultimatum to Russia.
9. Logan statue unveiled in Washington.
12. Cuban Constitutional convention rejects Platt amendment.....Death of Geo. Q. Cannon.
18. British war loan voted by House of Commons.....Aguinaldo's peace manifesto issued.
20. Unprecedented snowstorm and floods in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and the Virginias.
26. Fifty persons killed by explosion near Frankfort, Germany.
29. President McKinley starts on long trip through the country.

May.

1. Opening of Pan-American Exposition.....Gov. Dietrich, of Nebraska, free gas and is made United States Senator by his successor, Gov. Savage.
3. Burning of Jacksonville, Fla.....Civil government established at Manila.
8. Suicide of R. N. Pollock, fugitive bank president of Cleveland, at Seattle, Wash.
9. First Australian Federal Parliament opened in Melbourne by Duke of Cornwall and York.....Panic in Wall street.
13. Steamer Paducah goes down in Mississippi six miles north of Grand Tower, Ill.
15. President's tour broken off by Mrs. McKinley's serious illness.
16. Riot in Albany, N. Y.
17. Death of Mrs. Lyman J. Gage.....Death of Edwin F. Uhl, of Grand Rapids, Mich.
18. Launching of battleship Ohio at San Francisco.
20. Pan-American Exposition formally dedicated.....Fifty thousand machinists go out on strike.
21. Death of Gen. Fitzjohn Porter.....Death of ex-Congressman Chas. A. Boutelle.
22. Wreck of Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock II.....Suicide of Bresci, assassin of King Humbert, of Italy.
23. Death of ex-Gov. John R. Tanner, of Illinois.....Norwegian bark Elise lost off Sable Island, with crew of 14 men.
24. Gale on great lakes; steamer Baltimore sinks; 12 lives lost.....Seventy miners killed by explosion in English colliery.
28. Cuban convention adopts Platt resolution.

HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Work Completed at a Cost, Approximately, of $3,000,000.

The government history of the Civil War has finally been completed and delivered to those entitled, under the law, to receive it. It is an immense work and consists of 128 volumes, nine and a half inches long, six and a half inches wide, and averaging over two inches in sickness.

In addition to the text, there are several atlases containing maps of the military operations of the armies.

The gigantic work has cost the government, according to an official statement, $2,858,514.67, not counting the salaries of army officers detailed from time to time to duty connected with the preparation of the work. The total cost is probably over $3,000,000. About 12,000 sets of this work have been printed and distributed to libraries and individuals.

Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine is going to St. Joseph, Mo., to remain with her mother for an indefinite period.

June.

2. Death of James A. Herne.....Jasper, Texas, burned by robbers.
4. Eight men killed by mine explosion at Iron Mountain, Mich.
6. Great fire in Antwerp does $10,000,000 damage.
9. Death of Sir Walter Besant, English novelist.
10. Explosions in mine at Port Royal, Pa., cause deaths of 17 men.
12. Platt amendment accepted by Cuban Constitutional convention.
14. Several lives lost by collision of ferryboats in East River, New York.
18. Fourth daughter born to Czar of Russia.....Death of ex-Gov. H. S. Pingree, of Michigan.
21. Fireworks explosion at Paterson, N. J., kills 17 persons.....Seven persons killed by tornado near Naper, Neb.
22. American Derby won by Robert Waddell.
23. Destructive floods wipe out West Virginia towns.....Death of Adelbert S. Hay.
.....Gen. Cailles surrenders.
25. Death of Rev. Joseph Cook.

July.

1. Death of Senator James H. Kyle, of South Dakota.....Eleven boys and men killed by lightning in Chicago.
5. Death of ex-Chancellor, Prince von Hohenlohe.
6. Versailles, Ohio, swept by fire.
10. Collision on Chicago and Alton Railroad near Norton, Mo., kills 17 persons and injures 40.....Corbin, Mont., wiped out by cloudburst.....Minnesota pardon board votes freedom to Younger brothers.
15. Strike of steel workers begins.
20. Death of Mrs. Paul Kruger.
21. Hottest day on record in Chicago; thermometer marks 103 degrees.
25. President proclaims free trade with Porto Rico.
29. Allotment of Kiowa and Comanche Indian lands begins at El Reno, Okla.
31. B. & O. train held up at Edgemoor, Del.

August.

1. Gen. H. Phillips company, of Chicago, suspends temporarily.
5. Death of Dowager Empress of Germany.....Many killed by explosion in Philadelphia.
6. President Shaffer orders steel workers to strike.....$250,000 stolen from Shelby smelter at Vallejo, Cal.
11. Death of Francesco Crispi, Italy's grand old man.
13-16. Great tidal wave along shore of Gulf of Mexico.
18. Death of Edmond Audran, French composer.
19. Seventeen passengers drowned by sinking of Ohio River packet City of Golconda at Crowell's Landing.
21. Tornado wrecks town of Anadarko, Okla.
26. France severs diplomatic relations with Turkey.
28. Boiler explosion on steamer City of Trenton, near Philadelphia, kills eleven persons.....Knights Templar's conclave opens in Louisville.
31. Thirty-six persons killed in Great Northern wreck near Kalispell, Mont.

September.

1. Flood in Cleveland causes $1,000,000 damage.
3. Miss Ellen Stone, American missionary, abducted by Bulgarian brigands.
6. President McKinley shot at Buffalo Exposition by Leon Czolgosz.
7. Peace pact signed at Pekin.
12. Opening of Schley inquiry in Washington.
14. Death of President McKinley.....Great steel strike settled.....Theodore Roosevelt takes oath as President.
16. Steamer Hudson lost in Lake Superior with crew of 25.
17. Foreign troops evacuate Pekin to Chinese.....State funeral of President McKinley at Washington.
18. British torpedo boat destroyer Cobra sinks in North Sea; 67 lives lost.
19. President McKinley's body buried at Canton, Ohio.
23. Czolgosz trial begins at Buffalo.
24. Czolgosz found guilty.
26. Czolgosz sentenced to death.
28. Columbia defeats Shamrock.

October.

3. Columbia wins second race with Shamrock.....Death of the Ameer of Afghanistan.
4. Third yacht race won by Columbia, winning the series and keeping America's cup in this country.
10. Death of Lorenzo Snow, head of Mormon church.
16. Reservoir at East Liverpool, Ohio, breaks, causing $150,000 damage.
17. Joseph F. Smith chosen president of Mormon church.
18. Death of ex-Gov. John S. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, Minn.
21. Burglars tunnel under building and rob Chicago postoffice of $74,000 in stamps.
23. Burning of great packing plant at Hammond, Ind.
24. Nineteen lives lost in fire that destroyed Philadelphia furniture house of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co.
28. Fourteen persons killed in race war in Washington Parish, La.
29. Electrocution of Leon F. Czolgosz, murderer of President McKinley.

November.

1. Boers steal 6,000 horses from British remount station, near Cape Town.
2. Close of Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.
5. French forces seize three Turkish ports on island of Mitylene.
6. Elections in several States.
7. Death of Li Hung Chang.....Death of Kate Greenaway, English artist.
8. Turkey accedes to demands of France.....Death of Mother Bickerdyke.
12. Fire at Thomas, W. Va., destroys 62 buildings.
15. Jeffries whips Ruhlin in San Francisco.
18. Hay-Pauncefote treaty signed in Washington.
20. Mine fire at Telluride, Colo., causes death of 100 miners.
23. United States buys battlefield of San Juan, Cuba.
27. President Roosevelt warns Central American nations against interference at Nicaragua canal.
26. Boiler explosion in Detroit kills 27 persons and injures many more.
27. Horrible wreck on Wabash near Seneca, Mich.; 80 killed.
28. Terry McGovern knocked out by "Young" Corbett.
30. Several lives lost in ferryboat collision in San Francisco Bay.

December.

2. Fifty-seventh Congress assembles.....Opening of the Charleston Exposition.
10. Democrats carry Boston city elections.
12. Marconi signals from Cornwall, England, to St. Johns, N. F., without wires.
13. Schley court of inquiry makes its report, censuring Schley.....Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine acquitted of killing James S. Ayres.
14. Floods cause loss of life and great damage in New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.....Fatal wreck on Illinois Central Railway near Rockford, Ill.
15. Death of John Swinton, New York economist.
16. Hay-Pauncefote treaty ratified by Senate.....Death of Gov. Gregory, of Rhode Island.
17. Postmaster General Charles Emery Smith resigns from Cabinet and Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, appointed to succeed him.
19. Congress adjourns for holiday recess.

Told in a Few Lines.

St. Louis police are engaged in a war on the pool rooms.

The United States Supreme Court Monday took a recess until Jan. 6.

A $13,500 fire occurred in the business section of Pawnee, O. T.

W. H. Rogers, a railroad man, was killed by a train at Blackwell, O. T.

Bids for a site for a new county court house at Lawrence, Kan., are asked for.

Topeka, Kan., was 47 years old the other day, and the anniversary was duly celebrated.

The Postmaster General has ordered the consolidation of the postoffices at Empire City with Galena office, Kansas.

"Roosevelt at San Juan Hill" is to be the subject of a painting by Vassili Vereshagin, a Russian painter of battle scenes.

The Pope will not send a delegation to attend the coronation ceremonies of King Edward VII., as his holiness was not notified of the King's accession to the throne.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which Is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

United States Senator Sewall is dead.

A department store at Victoria, B. C., burned. Loss, $250,000.

Germany is preparing to blockade Venezuelan ports and enforce her demands.

The Chinese court will soon return to Pekin and extensive preparations are being made to receive it.

Governor Shaw will not discuss the policy he will pursue when he becomes secretary of the treasury.

Governor Taft has left Manila for home.

The insurgent general Sampson has surrendered in Bohol.

Another corps of burghers will be formed in South Africa.

Four persons perished in the burning of a river steamer at Menphis.

There is little hope of an irrigation bill being passed by this session of congress.

General Chaffee refused to interfere in the court martial of a Filipino murderer.

Chile and Argentina have signed a protocol agreeing to arbitrate their differences.

By a gas explosion at a Kokomo, Ind., glass factory, one man was killed and several injured.

Secretary Long, by direction of President Roosevelt discharged Malay from the Brooklyn navy yard.

A Toledo, O., fire truck collided with a street car, resulting in the death of one fireman and the injury of several others.

The Chinese court will engage an American adviser.

Fire at Springfield, O., destroyed a church building which cost $30,000.

Ex-Governor Shaw, of Iowa, has been offered the secretaryship of the treasury.

Fire wrecked a five story New York building, doing damage to the extent of $75,000.

Bids of $77,500 have been made and refused for seats on the New York Stock Exchange.

Fire damaged the Champion coated paper works, at Hamilton, O., to the extent of nearly $1,000,000

Two masked men entered the office of the Abernathy furniture factory at Leavenworth, Kan., and got away with the tri-weekly payroll of $900.

Argentina and Chile have signed a protocol to submit their differences to arbitration of Great Britain, and that country has signified its willingness to serve.

The first torpedo boat built by Russia at the new Port Arthur navy yard is a success. The boat has developed a mean speed of 27½ knots on her trial trip.

Robbers entered the Chicago House Wrecking Company's building, bound and gagged two watchmen and blew open the safe. They took $33 from the watchmen. The amount taken from the safe was not large.

The Consolidated Implement Company and the Co-Operative Wagon and Machine Company, of Salt Lake, two of the largest establishments of their kind in the West, have been consolidated. The new concern will be known as the Consolidated Wagon & Machine Company. Its capital stock has been fixed at $1,500,000.

Turks threaten to expel Americans from Syria.

The Schley court of inquiry has been dissolved.

Argentine people are preparing for war with Chile.

Forty-five lives were lost in a fire in a Mexican town.

Germany threatens forcible measures against Venezuela.

The battleship Indiana has been ordered to La Guayra, Venezuela.

Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, has been offered the treasury portfolio.

General Miles has been reprimanded for meddling in the Schley controversy.

Panama canal shareholders want to sell their property to the United States at any price.

Secretary Long has approved the findings of the majority report of the Schley court of inquiry.

Sampson's application for an inquiry into the question of who commanded the Santiago squadron has been denied.

The new German inspection law will become effective as regards imported meats, April 1, 1902.

The cost of schools for Indian children to the government was $2,489,525 in 1900. The enrollment was 26,541.

Dr. Paasche warns the reichstag that the United States is Germany's most dangerous trade enemy and urges defensive measures against the "American peril."

PRICE OF PANAMA CANAL.

The French Company Agrees to Sell Their Interests for $40,000,000.

Paris, Dec. 31.—M. Lampre, secretary general of the Panama Canal Company, sailed for New York today on the French line steamer L'Aquitane, from Havre. He will confer on his arrival in the United States with a number of Panama Company officers, and make overtures for the sale of the property to the United States.

In view of the doubt existing in the United States regarding the price the Panama Canal Company's representatives intend to ask for the property, the correspondent of the Associated Press made inquiries from the best source of information on that subject, and is enabled to say that the price will be approximately $40,000,000. This figure cannot yet be given as the exact one, because the company has not yet come to a definite decision, but it will not be appreciably higher. The Isthmian commission's full report is now in possession of the Panama Company, and its valuations will be studied in detail. The report of the directors of the Panama Company, cabled to the Associated Press, said:

"We offer to accept as the basis and principle of departure of fresh negotiations the figures and declarations maintained in the Isthmian commissions definite report."

The etimates reached by such eminent men are not thought to be open to question, though possibly a few items are susceptible of reconsideration and a few matters may remain to be decided, such as a valuation of the company's stock of supplies, but none of these is calculated to modify the gross figure to any extent. The company does not intend to give the slightest ground for any further misunderstanding, and believes the definite price put forward will now be acceptable.

ADMIRAL ROE DEAD.

He Commanded the Saxcacus in the Battle with the Rebel Ram Albemarle.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Rear Admiral Francis Ashbury Roe, U. S. N., retired, died here tonight.

Admiral Roe was born October 4, 1823. He graduated from the naval academy in June, 1847, and, through a series of promotions, became rear admiral November 3, 1884. As executive officer of the Porpoise, in 1854, at Koulan bay, China, in an action with 13 heavily armed junks, he destroyed six and dispersed the others. He was executive officer of the Pensacola in 1861, when it passed down the Potomac through nine miles of Confederate batteries, under constant fire. He was in Farragut's fleet in 1862-63, and was in the six days' battle below New Orleans, and many other naval engagements. He was commodore at Vera Cruz when Maximilian was executed by the Republican army of Mexico, and commanded the cruiser Saxsacus May 5, 1864, in action with the rebel ram Albemarle, in the sounds of North Carolina, and defeated the ram. He was the author of "Naval Duties and Discipline."

M'BRIDE SWORN IN.

New Governor of Washington Takes Oath of Office—Ceremony was Brief.

Olympia, Dec. 28.—At 1:49 o'clock this afternon, Lieutenant Governor Henry G. McBride became governor of the state of Washington. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Reavis, of the supreme court. The inauguration, if such it might be called, took place in the supreme court room, and was witnessed by a number of state officials and friends of the new governor. Beyond the administering of the simple oath of office to support the constitution, and perform the duties of the office of governor to the best of his ability, the ceremony was brief. At its conclusion the members of the supreme bench and state officials and friends of the governor pressed forward and wished his success, each shaking him by the hand. Governor McBride was visibly affected, being unable to respond to a single one of those who shook his hand, while it was noticed by all that there were tears in his eyes.

Accident at a Mine Shaft.

Hartshorn, I. T., Dec. 31.—At shaft No. 1, of the McAlester Coal Company here today, while the cage was ascending with eight men, it jumped its guidings about 100 feet from the bottom of the shaft. Six out of the eight men were killed. They were caught between the cage and the buntings, and their bodies dropped to the bottom of the shaft. All the killed were Russians.

Coal Train Ran Away.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 30.—Just before daybreak this morning an Ontario & Western train of 50 coal cars, drawn by a 100 ton engine, ran away on the hill between Preston Park and Starlight, wrecking the whole train and killing four of the hands. The train was running 90 miles an hour.

Maclay Drops the Subject.

New York, Dec. 31.—While he was drawing his pay at the storekeeper's department at the Brooklyn navy yard, Edgar Stanton Maclay said in an interview: "Now that I have read the letter of President Proctor, of the civil service commission, I shall let the whole matter drop. The third volume of my history has been revised, and so far as I am concerned, the Sampson-Schley incident is closed."

KILLED IN A WRECK

COLLISION ON THE NORTHWESTERN AT MALTA, ILL.

Four Persons Killed, Eighteen Injured—Freight Train Was Too Long for a Siding—Protruded on Main Track and Derailed a Fast Train—Switch Open by Mistake.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Four persons are dead and 29 injured, several of them possibly fatally, as a result of a collision on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad today at Malta, Ill., 60 miles west of Chicago. The trains in collision were the Omaha Flyer, an eastbound passenger train, and an eastbound freight train. The wreck caught fire and two passenger coaches, one sleeping car and eight freight cars were burned.

The injured passengers were attended immediately by physicians from Rockford and Dekalb, and later were removed to St. Luke's hospital in Chicago by special train. At St. Luke's hospital it is stated that while several of the injured are in a serious condition, all, it is believed by the attending physicians, will recover.

The freight train had taken a siding at Malta, but the train was longer than the siding and the freight locomotive protruded upon the main track beyond the side track. The incoming passenger train from the West was not stopped until the two locomotives "cornered" at the switch, the passenger engine being thrown into the ditch and several coaches piling on top of the wreck. The cars caught fire from the locomotive.

A statement given out by the officials of the railroad company explains that the switch at the east end of the siding was open through mistake, and that the responsibility probably lies with some member of the crew of the freight train. The statement places the company's property loss at about $30,000.

MORE FILIPINO MURDERS.

Slaughter of Natives Who Were Friendly to the Americans.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Many Filipinos who accept service under American rule are visited with awful vengeance by their fellow countrymen. The records of a case have been received at the war department in which three native policemen, who had been sent from Laoag to San Nicholas, Ilocos Norte, for duty at the latter port, were seized and bound by an armed band of Filipino outlaws, taken before a priest to be confessed, and then flung alive into a well, after being hacked with bolos. Their assailants then filled up the well with loose earth. One of the band, who was brought to trial, was sentenced to be hanged.

Another native policeman met his death at the hands of an outlaw band in the barrio of San Antonia, Laguna province. The outlaws were lying in ambush awaiting the passage of a patrol of three policemen, and upon their approach the waiting Filipinos sprang out and captured one of the three. A few days later his body was found in a neighboring river, weighted with heavy rocks and showing wounds through his heart and in his neck. Two of the members of the outlaw band who were captured were sentenced by a military commission to be hanged.

Two Filipinos who took part in the murder of an unknown native accused of being an American spy, beheading the body and burying it in the city of Manila, were sentenced to be hanged.

Another outlaw band seized a native man and woman for no apparent motive and killed them by striking them with clubs on the back of their necks.

One Hundred Lives Lost.

Tangiers, Morocco, Jan. 1.—A water spout has burst over the town of Saffe, Morocco. It caused the greatest loss in the space of 12 hours, sweeping everything into the sea. A hundred persons are reported to have been drowned. There are no Europeans among the dead. The damage to Saffe is enormous.

Two Freight Wrecks in Alabama.

Opelika, Ala., Jan. 1.—Two freight wrecks occurred on the Western Railway of Alabama last night, within 30 miles of each other, on account of the heavy rains, which flooded the track, causing two embankments to give way. One man was killed, three injured and the property loss is heavy.

Boers Liberated British Prisoners.

London, Jan. 1.—The war office has received a dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, saying that the British prisoners captured when the Boers successfully rushed Colonel Firman's camp at Zeefontein, have been liberated and returned to Bethlehem.

Visit of Danish Warship Postponed.

New York, Jan. 1.—Instead of sailing for the United States the day after Christmas, as planned, the Danish man of war Valkyrien remains at anchor in the harbor of St. Thomas, D. W. I., under orders from the government at Copenhagen. The visit of the Valkyrie now, asplanned several months ago, and the announcent that it has been postponed is conveyed in cablegrams just received, The postponement is indefiite.

GREAT NAVAL SHOW.

Germany Preparing to Blockade Venezuelan Ports—Fleet of Warships Collect.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The gathering of German warships in the vicinity of Venezuela and the presence in the same locality of many American, British, French and other foreign warships is directing attention to the immene naval demontration Germany is about to make against Venezuela. Thus far the German government has not madepublic the exact details of her proposed move, the official communication to the United States being confined to an inquiry as to the attitude of this government on the question of a demonstration, in view of the purpose on the part of Germany not to acquire any permanent foothold in Venezuela. The answer of this government was entirely satisfactory to the German authorities, who since have proceeded with the execution of their plans for coercing Venezuela.

It is said that the first probable move by Germany will be the establishment of a blockade of Venezuelan ports so as to prevent the importation of food products into Venezuela, and thus starve the besieged into submission. Venezuela, it is said, is entirely dependent on the outside world for its supply of corn, which is a staple among the Venezuelans. The Germans are expected to occupy one or more of the main ports of Venezuela, probably La Guayra and Maracaibo. Most positive assurances have been given to the United States government that the occupation is to be temporary, and only for such length of time as will permit the collection of the debt due to the Germans, thus disposing of the report that there is an ulterior purpose to establish a German coaling station on Venezuelan soil.

On the part of Venezuela it is semi-officially undertsood that President Castro has made kown that he is prepared for any eventuality. There is complete silence, however, as to the defensive measures Venezuela is adopting, but there is no indication that she is laying mines or preparing in any way to resist an occupation of La Guayra or Maracaibo, which are such open ports that they are practically defenseless against such powerful armament as the Germans can bring to bear. The reliance of Venezuela appears to be on the practical difficulties Germany will encounter.

WORST STORM IN YEARS.

Gale at Vancouver B. C. Caused $100,000 Damage to Shipps.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—The worst storm for several years struck Vancouver at midnight last night and continued all day today. Great damage was done, especially to small shipping, the total loss being estimated at about $100,000. The steamer Aorangi, coming in from Australia, lay in English bay all night and got her anchor foul of the Canadian Pacific cable to Victoria, the end of which is now lost. The cable station was wrecked by the storm and logs piled against it. The bark Elizabeth Nicholsen dragged her anchor across the harbor and went broadside against the Hastings mill wharf. She broke the copper sheathing over her bows, but no holes were stove in her. The bow of the steamer Active was carried onto the wharf and the vessel considerably damaged. Fifteen small steamers went adrift and were more or less damaged.

Wreckage has been picked up in the gulf, including several cases of Alaska Packing Company's salmon, marked "Todd, Icy Pass." These are thought to be either from a south bound Alaska steamer or from the Mainlander. The latter has not arrived and there is no news here as to whether she left Seattle on time or not.

BLIZZARD CAME SUDDENLY.

Helena, Mont., Struck by a Storm Almost Without Warning.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 30.—A storm struck Helena this morning with a suddenness that was startling. An apparently calm, warm morning was transformed in almost a twinkling into what was a howling blizzard. A few minutes before the storm struck many noted a peculiar cloud effect in the valley. A huge cloud, shaped like a great mountain, leaden in color, reaching from the valley of Prickly Fear to the vaulted dome above, swept up the valley, resembling in many respects the cloud that usually means a tornado in other states. When the cloud reached Helena it proved to be the advance guard of a blizzard that struck the town with the fury of a genuine North Dakota creation. The snow descended rapidly while the wind raged. The storm lasted almost an hour, and since then there has been a high wind. The storm came from the northwest and was general over Western and Central Montana.

Tornado at Naples.

Rome, Dec. 30.—A tornado swept over Naples today, causing considerable damage. A woman was killed and 36 persons were injured. Many buildings in the surrounding country were demolished and a considerable amount of railroad property was destroyed. The tornado and the subsequent floods caused the loss of several lives. A cemetery at Naples was washed away.