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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

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 10

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. Sulli-

van. is dead.

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

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 dispatch says that France would be happy if the Delagoa bay incident caused an anglo-American quar-

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

Iowa tarmers 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 Methuen'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' familes first.

The Countess of Canavarro thought For 21 years a resident of Oregon and Washington. Has had many years experience in Real Estate matters, as abstracter, searcher of titles and agent. Satisfaction guaranteed or ne charge.

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

scaled walls while guards were not looking. He journeyed for six days. walking at night, with nothing to eat but chocolate. Over 500 British prisoners captured

at Stormberg have reached Pretoria. Buller has destroyed the Colense footbridge, and makes no further attempt to advance.

Armour's canning department, Chicago, is rushed night and day 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 new departure. A large block of the company's stock is to be distributed

among the employes at par. It is said that England had beer warned by General Butler, whom she is now turning down, that it would not be wise to attack the Boers until bet-

ter 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 ag-

gregate \$34,662. Yaqui Indians plunder, kill and burn villages and the Mexicans do not seem to make much headway in whipping the savages. An entire Mexican regi-

ment 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 munitous of war in concealment.

There is disaffection among the Free ter fed than they. The Transvaaler's torship or an all-powerful military 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 ecessary before they can secure their freedom.

The members of the senate committee on privileges and elections declare they will carry on the investigation of Senator Clark's case without regard to the decision of the Montana supreme court under which Wellcome was disbarred from practice on charges of bribery in connection with the senator's

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey have taken a pew in St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, Washington.

The entire crop of sugarcane and best for 1899-1900 will amount to about 8,-000,000 tons-about the same amount

Exports and imports at the five principal ports of Porto Rico for the nonths of May, June and July show a balance of trade in favor of these ports of \$347,882.

LATER NEWS.

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

Bechuanaland farmers are helping the Boers. Boers fired plum pudding at Lady-

smith garrison Oregon woolgrowers expect to get 20

ents 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 soliders to the Boers. One child received fatal and several persons serious burns in a New York

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 Port-

land; score, 11 to 6. 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 1890, when 5670 miles of line were completed. Since January 1, 1899, no less than 4,500 miles of track have been laid in the United States on 312 lines in 44 states and territories.

The torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborough, built by a Portland, Or., firm, on her second contractor's trial covered eight miles in 15 minutes, which is at the rate of 32 miles an hour, against a 21/2-knot current. Steam was made without effort, and not a bearing was heated. The run was made in the Columbia river, near Kalama.

Boutelle will probably never return to congress. The Boer trenches at Colenso are

bomb proof. Pingres'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.

Fossiliferous remains of a gigantic sea serpent were found on the coast of

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

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

Luzon hemp ports will be opened in time for supplies to reach this country by next harvest. A London dispatch says Russia longs

to seize Herat, and she only waits for England to occupy Delagoa bay. C. G. Coad, of Dallas, Or., has been appointed assistant sergeant-at-arms in

the United States senate. The Boers have mounted a new gun at Ladysimth 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 Lake, Colo. One fireman was killed

and two engineers were hurt. An English military expert asserts Stater troops. They complain that that the time has come for a change in Cronje's men are overbearing and bet- the cabinet. He favors either a dicta-

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.

Americans 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 dispatch says that treasen 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.

The Pittsburg baseball club has bought the pick of the Louisville team for a sum said to be \$25,000 cash.

Mrs. C. A. Burling, mother-in-law of Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson, now convalescent. died at her home in Rochester, N. Y ..

aged 76 years. Ex-Sheriff Weis, of Dayton, O., has dent, but they are very reticent. received by mail a commission from President Kruger appointing him a brigadier-general in the Boer army. so far for pensions for disabilities re- cil of Boston today, after a spirited de-Weis is a personal friend of Kruger's, ceived during the Spanish-American bate, adopted a resolution of sympathy and once visited him in Africa,

A DOUBLE TREATY. CONTRABAND OF WAR Portuguese South Africa Is to Be Di-

Rosebery Wants the Government's Position Defined.

POSSIBLE CHANGE OF POLICY

Sir Charles Dilke Warns Against 6 Hasty Overturning 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 govern- expected in March next. ment having treated foodstuffs as contraband of war. As this is a matter of supreme importance, I venture to ad- attack Delagoa at once. dress this line to you in the hope that it may elicit an authoritative statement by France or Russia, Enlgand con-

on the subject." The Times, commenting editorially upon Lord Roseberry's letter, says: "Too little is known of the seizures for any valid inference safely to be

drawn. An emergency might arise miles of territory and 1,000,000 inhabwhen certain foodstuffs would be regarded as contraband while others Africa all Portuguese territory north of would not, especially if the latter were Mozambique, except a strip of land intended for concombatants. There three miles wide, for Mr. Cecil Rhodes' might, for instance, be reasonable trans-African railway. For this the grounds for treating canned goods as German government will pay Portugal contraband and flour as legitimate."

After admitting that it "would be unadvisable to create a precedent which might some day be invoked against us," the article concludes 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, in the event of Great Britain being engaged in a war, the action, either of the enemy or even of neutral powers, in a matter upon

any precedent we or any one else may have set in the past, rather than by the immediate interests of the moment."

which such great divergence of opinion

still exists is likely to be governed by

A NEW YORK FIRE. Two Seven-Story Buildings Were De-

stroyed-Firemen Injured. New York, Jan. 1 .- The two seven- formed its duty to the dead and gave story buildings at 425 to 485 East its defenders a Christian burial at Twenty-fourth street, occupied princi- home, in soil hallowed by patriotic pally by the wall-paper factory of Wil- dead. liam Campbell & Co., were destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is fully \$500,000. The plant of the New York held up a Ballard street-car at 11 damaging shell fire. Hygienic Ice Company, which occupied the basement of 425, and that of the Manhattan Electric Light Company, on the first and second floors of the same building, were totally destroyed. A large portion of the east tering from the rear, and three shots Boers must have suffered heavily. side gets its lights from that company, and was, on account of the fire, cast into complete darkness. The Campbell Shortly after midnight the police company employed 400 hands, who will be thrown out of work by the fire. street-car hold-up the body of one of The properties of all three firms are destroyed beyond the hope of saving a instantly killed by a bullet from a

dollar's worth. The losses are partly covered by insurance. Three hook-and-ladder men, Andrew Degnan, Joseph Shaughnessy and Joseph Bessinger, were caught on the sixth conscious condition. One of the men,

and was sent to Bellevue hospital.

TWO TRAINS WRECKED. One Person Was Killed and Fourteen Were Injured.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 1 .- The Cheyenne flyer on the Union Pacific railroad crashed into the Boulder Valley train, at Brighton, Colo., at 6 this morning. One man was killed, Win- a fit of temper. Dentzer then carried field Randelman, express messenger, Denver, whose body was burned to a crisp. Fourteen persons were injured. The Boulder Valley train left Denver a little late this morning, and as usual stopped at Brighton, which is the junction for the Boulder Valley line from Santa Fe freight collided near Palmer the main line to Cheyenne. The Cheyenne flyer also left Denver late, and coming into Brighton in the early morning dusk, ran into the rear end of the Boulder train, telescoping two or three cars and derailing the passenger

Boulder train. The mail and baggage burned. Mrs. Young was in the chair car with six children. None of the children were hurt, although she rewere brought to Denver and taken to entire contents and framework. No the hospitals. Conductor McAllister, of the Boulder valley train was crazed by the accident. He attempted to had to be forcibly restrained.

In his proclamation to the burghers, any of them interfere.

General White Has the Fever, Ladysmith, Sunday, Dec. 24, via Pietermaritzburg-General White has commanding the Canadian contingent had a slight attack of fever, but is of troops, is to join the staff of Buller, low convalescent.

All the members of which are proceeding to Natal, indicating that Buller's again in command of the Boers here, sphere will shortly be confined to The military authorities appear confi. Natal.

About 2,000 claims have been filed

New York, Jan. 1 .- A dsipatch to the Herald from Berlin says; The Lokal Anzieger publishes the contents of the German-English-Portuguese secret treaty. This double treaty

will have executive force as soon as the Swiss jurists, Messrs. Blaesi-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 cession of Delagoa bay to England may therefore be

It is possible that President Kruger may now declare war on Portugal and

In order to prevent any interference cluded a secret treaty with Germany regarding the complete partition of the Portuguese colonial possessions. Germany is to receive all the Portuguese possessions in Asia, with 20,000 square itants. Germany further receives in 25,000,000 marks.

REST AT ARLINGTON.

Burial of the Martyred Heroes of the

Washington, Jan. 1 .- Upon the windy heights of Arlington cemetery, the Maine dead, brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, today were laid away in their final resting places, with simple religious services, and the impressive honors of war, in the presence of the president, members of his cabinet, officers of the army and navy and other officers of the government.

A cabinet officer, surveying the flagdraped coffins before the ceremony began, said: "The lives of these men cost Spain her colonies." But there was no note of triupmh in the grim scene today. With a touch of sadness and solemn gravity, the nation per-

Battle With Robbers. passengers inside the car, C. E. Plimp- considerable quantity of stores.

the two bandits. He had been almost passenger's pistol. The body is still with the object of seizing Cape Town unidentified.

Big-Buffalo Mine Turns Out Rich. Baker City, Or., Jan. 1 .- A sensafloor of the building, and escaped with great difficulty. All were severely burned. Shaughnessy and Bessinger west of this city. The miners took were sent to Bellevue hospital. The several samples of ore from the tunnel, other hook-and-ladder men were caught which today tapped the 80-foot ledge. on one of the high window ledges, with By assays just returned to the owner the flames roaring all around them and of the mine, the samples all show gold the dense smoke making them almost values ranging from \$18 to \$102.75 in imperceptible from the street. Exten- gold and five ounces of silver to the sion ladders were run and firemen ton. Mr. Geiser, who was formerly brought them down in an almost un- part owner of the Bonanza mine, said today that if the values hold out Lee Potter, was very severely burned, throughout the Big Buffalo, the property will be equal to the Bonanza. The

Big Buffalo is within plain sight of this city. Killed His Young Wife and Himself. Winnipeg, Jan. 1 .- Pierre Dentzer, German farmer, aged 50, living near Rathwell, 100 miles from Winnipeg, shot and killed his 19-year-old wife in his baby to a neighbors' house and returned home. The authorities were notified, and on approaching the house ound that the woman's body had been aken inside the house and a cross had been raised by Dentzer on the ground where she had been shot. Dentzer had spread a sheet on the floor, placed his

wife's body on it, blew out his brains. Went Through a Bridge. San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 1 .- As No. 33, west-bound freight train over the Sante Fe route, was crossing Cajon Section gangs from Denver yards and creek bridge today, about 12 miles half a dozen passengers occupied the north of this city, nine cars went through the bridge into the creek botcar and the smoker of the flyer were tom. Six of the cars were loaded with cotton, one with telegraph wire, and one with general merchandise and sulceived serious injury. The wounded a terrible conflagration, destroying the one was killed.

A Murderous Collector. Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Samuel jump into the burning wreckage, and Mills, a collector for an installment house, this afternoon attempted to seize furniture in the house of Mary Ven-Baden-Powell makes the extraordi- able, colored, for a small debt. The nary statement that the American gov- woman attempted to prevent it, and in ernment has warned others of her in- the struggle that ensued Mills shot the tentions to side with England should woman and her little son and daughter, all seriously. Mills was arrested.

Buller's Sphere of Action.

Cape Town, Jan. 1 .- Colonel Otter,

Boston Sympathy for Boers. Boston, Jan. 1 .- The common coun-

for the Boers,

General French Has Again Occupied Colesburg.

SUCCESSFUL FLANK MOVEMENT

The Dutch Were Surprised, and, Finding Their Reirest Threatened. Fled in Disorder.

Reinsberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 3 .-General French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesburg. The general continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand, and when day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy.

Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility. started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boer's right. The flank operations were successful. The infantry and field batteries immediately made a feint attack on the Boer front, and while this was proceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's right flank, as ar-

The programme worked without a hitch. The Boers were utterly surprised, and, finding their retreat threatened, fied in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colesburg in General French's

Artillery Duel for Two Hours. London, Jan. 3.—The Daily Mail has

"Yesterday afternoon a big force of that two more regiments be detained cavalry and infantry, with 10 guns, for the protection of Manila. Three under the personal command of General thousand troops are now actually in French, moving by a detour, occupied some hills three miles from Colesburg, where the Boers were in strength, confident in the natural aid afforded them

by the hills around. "The enemy's position extended six daybreak our artillery opened the battle. The Boers were taken by surprise, but replied vigorously. An artillery duel was maintainned for two hours. Then a Boer Hotchkiss collapsed and was abandoned. We captured it. A Boer big gun was silenced, but this and the other Boer guns were withdrawn to the northward, whither we Seattle, Jan. 1 .- Two masked men are harassing the Boer retreat by a

"Colesburg is in our hands, and the passengers aboard, and a regular fusil- | few remaining loyalists are jubilant. lade of shots was fired. One of the We have captured many wagons and a

"Our loss was quite slight, but the were returned. One broke Plimpton's They may stop at Achertang or cross the river altogether at Norvalspont, where the bridge is still intact."

> Rising of Cape Dutch. Cape Town, Jan. 3 .- Ugly rumors are in circulation of a Dutch rising, and the docks and capturing the governor of Cape Colony-Sir Alfred Milner. The center of the movement is said to be Paari, a village about 80 miles from Cape Town, where a meeting of the Afrikanderbund was held yesterday.

mond December 28; and it is reported that the members of the bund in these two towns are acting in concert. schooners Fannie Brown and Margaret The members of the bund at Willing-Roper collided off Hatteras, and the ton and the Dutch in Clan William district are said to be armed with Mausers, and to be anxious to use them

in behalf of the Boers.

A similar meeting was held at Rich-

discredited, the police and military are taking ample precautions. Philippine Hemp Trade. Washington, Jan. 3.—Assistant Secretray of War Meiklejohn, in a letter to Representative Long, of Kansas, re-

garding the opening of the hemp ports

Although the stories of a rising are

in the Phlippine islands, says: "The estimated exports of hemp from the Philippine islands for one year of American occupation will approximate 100,000 tons, of which amount 29,000 tons should be credited to the United States. This places the estimated exports to the United States for the year of American occupation at about 17,000 tons less than the exports of 1897. This is accounted for by the fact that there have been opened for shipment only three ports of the

Philippine islands. "Every effort has been made by the war department in the past and will be made in the future to comply with requests to open all the so-called hemp ports of the islands."

Acetylene Gas Explosion. Stromsberg, Neb., Jan. 8.-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. A large number of people were in the church freman did not notice his absence until

consumed by fire. Great Northern's New Branch.

was not destroyed by the explosion was

Chicago, Jan. 1 .- The Tribune says: December 31 the Sioux City & Northern railroad, from Garretson, S. D., to Sioux City, will pass from the hands of the co-receivers to the control of the J. Cleary and the Hague-McCord Dry Great Northern railway. It is stated that President J. J. Hill, or the Great Northern, contemplates radical changes.

The German press is hostile to the British seizure of a German ship. Two German cruisers have been sent to Del-

SOUTH OF MANILA.

Opening of the Campaign in Southern

Provinces Manila, Jan. 8 .- The first movement of the general southern advance occurred this morning, when two battalions of the Fourth infantry landed and occupied Cabuyao, 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 cascoes. 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 toward Silan. The Americans burned the country around Cabuyao.

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 cascoes loaded with rice. Other regiments are mobilizing tonight at San Pedro Macati and Pasig, preparatory to

centinuing the southern advance. Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents inculpating 1,000 Filipinos who intended to rise 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

the following dispatch, dated January prevented an uprsing.

The provost marshal has requested to the provost marshall have been provost marshall for the protection of Manila. Three

the city. Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and 18 Filipinos have surrendered to Major March's battalion of the Third infantry at Bontoo. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March, and the miles around the entire village. At Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

A GREAT ZING 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 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 zine mines in the Joplin, Mo., district, and 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 as much more as may be necessary, is said to be ready to go into the

scheme."

SCHOONERS IN COLLISION. Phosphate Carrier Goes Down, but Crew Is Saved. Chicago, Jan. 3 .- A special to the Tribune from Norfolk, Va., says: The

Fannie Brown sank. The 10 men of the crew were saved by the crew of the The collision occurred on the night of December 29, during a high wind. The big schooners crashed together before the lookouts saw the danger. The Brown, being loaded with rock and phosphate, filled rapidly, and its crew of 10 had barely time to take to the boats, the schooner sinkly shortly after they put off. The Roper, disabled,

stood by, and after a hard struggle got the Brown's crew safely aboard.

An Interesting Rumor. London, Jan. 1 .- A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated December 23, says a curious story is current, emanating from Boer sources that Matt. Steyn. brother of the president of the Orange Free State, and 800 Free Staters have definitely refused to continue the war. Matt. Steyn, acting as spokesman of the party, is reported to have told the president that he was only authorized to intevene in the interest of peace, and that the burghers did not feel that they were bound by his "unwarrantable conduct," especially as they ran the risk of confiscation of their property, and they simply desried to be permitted to farm in peace and proposed to imme-

diately return to their farms. Train Without an Engineer. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 3 .- The overland limited on the Northwestern railway ran 50 miles last night without an engineer. No one on the train was conscious of the danger until the fireman brought the train to a standstill at Bertram. Near Mechanicsville. Engineer F. J. Fiske, in some unknown manner, fell from the cab, and the just previous to the explosion. The the train had whirled over 50 miles. building was badly wrecked, and what Fiske was picked up unconscious a few hours later, and died in a hospital here

> 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. Goods Company.

tonight.

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