EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic largest banks, has closed its doors, News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

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

An earthquake caused havoc in

Southern California.

Admiral Dewey has reached the age limit of 62 years, but he will continue in service. The Grangers' warehouse at Rose-

burg, Or., was destroyed by fire; loss, 14,000, fully insured. Four men were killed by a train wreck on the Northern Pacific near

Bearmouth, Montana. A six-story building, 90 years old, was destroyed by fire in New York, en-

tailing a loss of \$80,000. At San Francisco the Carlisle Infians defeated the university of California in a football game; score, 2 to 0.

Julius Baldwin is dead at his home at The Dailes. He was one of the oldest and most prominent pioneers of the

Thirty men perished in a colliery at the Braznell mine, near Browns-

Laurier's French-Canadian following body had not been recovered. The is protesting against Canada sending any more troops to help England in

Mrs. Potter Palmer will be appointed American woman's department at the gregate \$34,662. Paris exposition.

The state department will investigate flour off Delagoa bay

The trainwreck near Pomona, Cal. in which one life was lost and four ing of a locomotive wheel.

At Rome the pope solemnly inaugu- San Francisco for assistance. rated the holy year by performing the impressive ceremony of opening the holy door of St. Peter's cathedral.

hamper her operations in sending troops from home ports.

Twenty-one sailors from the British but chocolate.

saving service. home, 11 miles southwest of Chilli. freedom. cothe, Kan. It is supposed that Thomas

murdered the children and then set fire to the house and took his own life. About a year ago Thomas' wife committed suicide by taking poison. Buller's losses at Colenso were 1,119

Chicago poolrooms were closed by the London papers fret under restraint of

censorship. Sol Smith Russell will retire from

the stage for a year. Lieutenant Churchill has arrived

safely at Delagoa bay.

of beef that spoiled.

A receiver has been appointed for the so far for pensions for disabilities re-Globe National bank of Boston.

Near Norwood, O., a man was shot and killed for cutting telegraph wires. Both salt and borax have been dis-

covered in Lake county lakes, Southern Price of hops has already materially

advanced in consequence of the pool formed by Oregon growers. President Kruger has entered protest

against England's being permitted to purchase war supplies in this country. clared open to commerce, and the Venezuela revolution at an

LATER NEWS.

San Franciscans are arranging for big pro-Boer demonstration. E. C. Hodges & Co., one of Boston's

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

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 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 de

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 horror caused by fire damp explosion half miles of Methuen's picket line. The Northern Pacific wreck in Idaho

trainmen were to blame. Should all Spanish war pensions now asked be allowed, it would cost \$2. 725,000. The Seventy-first New Yorks by President McKinley director of the asks for annual allowances which ag-

Governor Geer, of Oregon, does not approve of Oregon citizens contributing jured. the action of the British government to a fund for Lawton's family. He in sezing several cargoes of American thinks the state should look after her own heroes' familes first.

The Countess of Canavarro thought nearby villages. she was a convert to Buddhism. were injured, was caused by the break- entered their convent and changed her mind, and has applied to friends in

Winston Spencer Churchill has Fenians threaten to make as much way overland from Delagoa bay and trouble as possible for Great Britain, scaled walls while guards were not few broken articles of household furnilooking. He walking at night, with nothing to eat

steamship Ariosto were drowned in The president of the New York shock, but no damage was done to ship-Hatteras, N. C., surf. Their lifeboat prison association, who has made an ping. A slighter shock followed the day's news conveys the impression that was swamped. Their companions investigation of the Cuban prisons tells first one a few seconds later. were subsequently rescued by the life- a horrible tale of the conditions there. Offenders of all classes sleep in filth The charred remains of W. J. and vermin. No beds or clean clothing Thomas, a farmer, and his three chil- is provided. Money or influence is dren, were found in the ashes of their necessary before they can secure their

> Christmas seems to have been a day of crimes the country over.

> Over 500 British prisoners captured at Stormberg have reached Pretoria.

Every employe of the American Express Company received \$5 for a Christmas gift. Buller has destroyed the Colenso

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 Swift & Co. are to be paid for a lot he is being held by the authorities.

About 2,000 claims have been filed

ceived during the Spanish-American The currency bill, according to a Washington correspondent, will be

rushed through the senate without amendment. The Great Northern will inaugurate a new departure. A large block of the company's stock is to be distributed "It is impossib

among the employer at par. gainst England's being permitted to urchase war supplies in this country.

Port Macaibo has been officially delared open to commerce, and the Ventage of the

ter prepared. res and the legicans do not seem ake much legicans in whipping avages. An entire Mexican regiseems to have disappeared.

e Fenians are organizing at Buffa-Y., for an invasion of Canada expect, it is said, to raise 125,000 and have two carloads of arms munitons of war in concealment. here is disaffection among the Free er troops. They complain that je's men are overbearing and betfed than they. The Transvaaler's suspicious and the situation is being grave.

he members of the senate committee privileges and elections declare will carry on the investigation of ator Clark's case without regard to decision of the Montana supreme rt under which Wellcome was dised from practice on charges of bribin connection with the senator's

he Pittsburg baseball club has th the pick of the Louisville team sum said to be \$25,000 cash. rs. C. A. Burling, mother-in-law

ear-Admiral William T. Sampson, at her home in Rochester, N. Y. 1 76 years.

x-Sheriff Weis, of Dayton, O., has ived by mail a commission from ident Kruger appointing him s dier-general in the Boer army. is a personal friend of Kruger's once visited him in Africa.

SEVERE SHAKING UP

A Disastrous Earthquake in Southern California.

WAS THE WORST IN MANY YEARS

Shock Caused Great Damage at San Jacinto and Hemet-Six Indian

Women Killed. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27 .- At 4:25 'clock this morning a severe earthquake shock was felt over a large portion of Southern California. The undulations lasted about 12 seconds. The entire center of the shock appears to have been at San Jacinto, a small town in Riverside county. The business portion of San Jacinto consists of two blocks of two-story buildings, some of which are built of brick. Ten or 15 buildings were damaged, chimneys being toppled over and walls cracked and shaken. The total damage at San Jainto and Hemet, a small town near by, is estimated at \$50,000. The large tourist hotel at Hemet was damaged and the hospital at San Jacinto also suffered. The shock was heavy at Santa Ana, Anaheim, San Bernardino, Riverside and other places, but no particular damage is reported, except from San Jacinto and Hemet.

Six Indian Women Killed. San Jacinto, Cal., Dec. 27 .- It is estimated that the damage here caused by the earthquake will aggregate over ceded by a loud roaring, and awakened many just in time to escape from the doomed buildings.

The business street was such a wreck that tons of debris had to be removed before buildings could be entered. At Saboba Indian reservation, six for three hours into the trenches.

equaws were killed by falling walls, two fatally, and many seriously in-The shock caused dry artesian wells They numbered probably 1,000.

to flow larger streams than ever before. Considerable damage is reported in

Tidal Wave at San Diego.

San Diego, Cal., 27.-The most se vere earthquake experienced in this city in 14 years took place at 4:25 A. M. today, and was accompanied by a cabled to the London Post of his escape | loud rumbling noise. The taller buildfrom the Boer prison. He made his ings in the city were severely shaken up, and the plaster shaken off and a Strengthening Positions While Buller

BOERS KEPT AT BAY.

Buller Destroys the Colenso Footbridge -No Further Advance.

London, Dec. 28 .- Up to this hour nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there.

The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounded, as well as counts of sickness. The most serious report of the last class is that horse sickness has broken out in both the British and Boer camps in Natal. Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardy Boer ponies, and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

An undated heliograph message from Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, represents the garrison as in no way daunted by General Buller's reverse at Colenso and is confident of being able to hold out indefinitely. The mails are just arriving from

Ladysmith. All the correspondents comment bitterly upon the superiority of the Boer artillery. The Times' cor-

"It is impossible to evade the opinion that if British gunners were in the Boer position, the loss of life and damage to property in Ladysmith would be 10 times greater." The holidays have brought no sur-

cease of recruiting activity. Lord Alwyn Frederick Compton, unionist member of parliament for the Biggleswade division of Bedfordshire, will raise a corps of mounted men. Lord Salisbury's private secretary, Schomburg McDonnell, who is a volunteer officer, has volunteered for service.

The action of the United States gov ernment causes considerable discussion regarding the contraband question as affecting Delagoa bay and Portugal. Widely divergent opinions are ex-

Mixed Marriages.

New York, Dec. 27 .- Archishop Corrigan has transmitted to the clergy of the diocese a decree from the vatican bearing on the celebration of the jubiles of the holy year. One effect of the decree will be to make difficult the marriage of a Catholic to a Protestant by a priest in 1900. Mixed marriages, as they are commonly termed, are customarily allowed only by dispensation of shal today. The negroes are excited, the bishops, but for the holy year this and are making threats to burn the power is suspended.

Oscar Wilde Challenged. Paris, Dec. 27.-Oscar Wilde, who

has for some time been living in Paris, to the Echo de Paris he became inlast evening with M. Richet, the ex- pital. plorer, and as a result cards were ex-

Little Damage Done at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.-The Boer side in the war is in charge of two most severe earthquake ever felt in Los agents, who operate in a saloon near Angeles came at 4:27 this morning. police headquarters,

WITHDRAWS FROM SAMOA.

England Leaves Islands to the Care of

Washington, Dec. 29.-The British government has acted on the agreement and treaties for the partition of Samoa and has withdrawn the supervisory authority which it has exercised of late years in common with Germany and the United States. This probably MARINES SENT FROM OLONGAPO accounts for the recent reports from Apia that the German flag has been leaves Germany alone in authority. The British have withdrawn their authority in Tutuila. So far as Germany and Great Britain, their interests were settled in a treaty between themselves. This treaty provided for Great Britain's withdrawal from the islands and the German transfer to Great Britain of certain islands in the South Pacific. This treaty has already gone into effect, as it was not delayed by the requirement of submission to the United States senate, and, acting on it, the British authorities have withdrawn their supervisory participation in the government of Samoa. For the present, however, the British consular officers remain there, as the foreign countries are likely to continue their consuls in Samoa, even though these officials no

Strong Band of Filipinos Routed by

Lockett's Forces. Manila, Dec. 29.-Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2,500, including artillery, attacked this morning a strong force of insurgents entrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five was a bad one. After 10 days the last \$50,000. The main shock was pre- miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy were completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, where they fled in every direc-Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire

those who were driven out of San Mateo the day General Lawton was killed.

covered the steep trail through the hills brought them to Granki, Bataan provand likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party consisted of the Fortysixth volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and artillery, Colonel Lockett

Waits for Roberts. London, Dec. 29 .- Winston Churcwas done. A high wave struck the hill's arrival at Cheveley camp is perbeach on the ocean front soon after the haps responsible for some overcoloring of the gravity of the situation, but to-Buller may be intending another at-

tack upon the Boer position. they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defense works, which in both cases are seemingly al-

most impregnable. that General 'Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been supposed. The Boers continue fortifying the hills commanding the town. General White, however, heilographed

WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

and Japan.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29 .- The City of London arrived here today from the Orient, with news of a prospective war between Russia and Japan. Her officers say that all Japan is now of the opinion that hostilities will break out between these nations in the spring. Before the steamer left Japan the insular kingdom was buying up great quantities of rice, and even going so far as to make arrangements for transports to

has dispatched a fleet of three warships to Masampo, the bone of contention which is now causing strained relations between the two nations.

tory and against the English.

Pacific and Great Northern today agreed to continue the homeseekers rate. The agreement will be binding until April 1, at one fare for the round trip, plus \$2. Figures were submitted indicating that several thousand farmers would go West next season.

Killed While Resisting Arrest. Fort White, Fla., Dec. 29 .- Tom White, a negro, while resisting arrest, was shot and killed by the town martown and kill the marshal.

Springfield, O., Dec. 29.-Frank B. Coe shot and killed his wife today and may have to fight a duel. According then shot himself. They were found side by side, Mrs. Coe dead, but Coe volved in an altercation in a restaurant still living. He was taken to the hos- for securing supplies for use in the

raised as the withdrawal of the British Filipinos Were Driven Back, Many Be-

HILLSIDE BATTLE.

It is supposed the insurgents were

A dozen lines of insurgent trenches

ommanding in person. THE BOERS ARE BUSY.

Certainly, the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder river and the Tugela

Dispatches from Cheveley indicate before the arrival of Lord Roberts, vet

that all was well in Ladysmith Decem-

Prospect of Hostilities Between Russia

anese naval circles. A Shanghai report says that Russia

gether in encroaching on Chinese terri-

St. Paul, Dec. 29.-The Northern

Killed His Wife; Shot Himself.

New York, Dec. 29 .- The work of enlisting men in this city to take the

Attacked the American Garrison at Subig.

ing Killed-No Casualties on the American Side. Ana, with a force of insurgents esti- United States Mortgage & Trust Commated at 300, attacked the garrison at pany. Subig yesterday. A body of marines were sent from Olongapo to reinforce

There were no casualties on the Amer-A company of the Forty-sixth volunteer infantry, together with a contingent of marines, has been sent from Manila to reinforce the Subig garrison

Several Small Skirmishes. Manila, Dec. 28.-Colonel Franklin longer carry on the government of the Bell, of the Thirty-sixth infantry, encountered 150 Filipines Thursday, near Alaminos, province of Zambales, and killed, wounded or captured 28 of them. The troops also obtained possession of a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition. One American was wounded.

> A detachment of the Thirty-fourth infantry encountered a band of the enemy Saturday at Aritao, province of Neuva Vizcaya, and routed them, killing two and wounding or capturing 13. The Americans also seized a quantity of ammunition.

The Twenty-first regiment attacked

the Filipino outposts Sunday near Cal-

amba, scattering them and killing five of the enemy. The Thirty-second regiment Sunday had a brush with the enemy from the mountains northwest of Dinalupijan. One American was wounded. troops captured 125 head of cattle and

In the island of Panay, Captain Brownell's company of the Twentysixth infantry fought the enemy near Saia. The rebels lost heavily and the Americans captured a number of rifles. The rebels who fled from Panay to Rombton island are surrendering to an

The funeral of General Lawont will ke place December 30. will be embarked on the transport Thomas.

BOTH SIDES OUIET.

American garrison from Panay.

Neither British Nor Boers are on the Move. London, Dec. 28.-Dispatches from but they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed. There appears to be no great change in the situation. A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated

Thursday, gives the following from the Boer laager, dated Tuesday: "The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer bridge over the Tugela river, with a view to smashing it. The bombardment of can have any hope of any return from Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. Gen- the \$200,000,000 which has gone out of eral Joubert has arrived here, and has France and into the canal, and they be-

"More British prisoners have been countries. sent to Pretoria, including Colonel Bul-A dispatch to the Daily News from

Ladysmith, dated Friday, by helio-'Another sortie last night. General Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one six-inch Creusot gun, one Howitzer, and one Maxim. One Briton was

killed. The Boer gunners fled." Choked His Wife to Death Baltimore, Dec. 28 .- Franklin B. Livingston, a blind man, aged 56, choked his wife, Rosie Livingston, to death at their home in this city, and then gave himself up to the police. Livingston claimed his wife tried to smother him in a feather bed, but he succeeded in choking her and put her body in a bathtub. The police found make a demonstration in Corea. Great the nude body of the woman in the activity prevails on all sides in Jap- bathtub at Livingston's house. Jeal-

ousy is given as the cause of the crime. Foundered in Mid-Ocean. Washington, Dec. 28 .- A special from Norfolk, Va., says: The big Johnston line steamer Noranmore ar-Russia and France are conniving to- rived this afternoon light from Liverpool, after one of the most tempestuous passages on record. Captain Richard son, her commander, reported having seen an unknown bark founder at sea with her crew of 12 men.

> Jealousy Caused Double Murder. Indianapolis, Dec. 28.-John A Hoover, an elevator conductor, aged 24, shot his wife twice in the head, fatally wounding her. He then turned the weapon upon himself and sent the bullet through his brain and died from the effects of the wound an hour later without recovering consciousness. The crime was the result of a quarrel, begun after midnight, when Hoover returned home. Jealousy on his part was the cause.

Where Boers Bought Corn. New Orleans, Dec. 28 .- The British

consul here is authority for the statement that New Orleans has been one of the chief ports used by Boer agents Transvaal, and that British ships have been used largely in their shipment. Corn, it seems, has been one of the principal staples bought for the purpose, and was bought and shipped away from this port without causing the least comment or suspicion.

AMERICANS BUY A CANAL.

At Least They Now Own an Interest in

New York, Dec. 30-The incorpora tion of the Panama Canal Company of America is said to be the first move in a plan to transfer the Panama canal to Americans in order that it may have a better chance in the struggle with the Nicaraguan concessionaries. The banking houses and individuals who are understood to be interested are: August Belmont & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Levi P. Morton, Charles R. Flint, J. E. Simmons, president of the Fourth National bank; Edward Sweet, George Sheldon & Co., Baring, Magoun & Co. Manila, Dec. 28 .- General Santa and George W. Young, president of the

In addition to these, several banking houses in San Francisco and in cities the garrison, and the Filipinos were driven back, several being killed. in the South and West are interested in the company. The Herald says this | 12 up to the time the transport sailed, incorporation of an American company is the result of negotiations between representatives of the French company. including Baron Openheim, who came to this city from Paris several months ago, and leading financiers of America. The representative of the French company came to this country empowered strict quarantine, and no ingress or to transfer the rights of the company having now been incorporated, the transfer will very shortly be effected, the transfer to be given formal approval by the shareholders in France. These shareholders receive shares in the new

their holdings in the old. This "Americanizing" of the Pana ma canal, as one of the gentlemen interested in the new company styled it have subscribed \$25,000 to fight the yesterday, has been brought about in plague. order to place the Panama canal on a footing in America more satisfactory to from Manila in ballast, with no news the French company, and to place it of importance. on the same base as the Nicaragua canal before the United States govern-

An isthmian canal commission, with Rear-Admiral Walker as chairman, is now at work making an exhaustive but still there are many Hawaiian rate study of all possible routes for a canal across the isthmus of Central America. This commission was created in the closing hours of the last congress, and \$1,000,000 was appropriated for its use through tthe river and harbor bills. Its report will undoubtedly be final as far as the United States is concerned as to the best route for a canal. Its parties, both engineering and exploring, are now scattered over Central America, obtaining material to assist the com-

mission in forming conclusions. The French company, realizing the importance of the commission's findbeen described, believing that the canal to judge more impartially between the the undertaking of a canal across Nica-ragua either by the United States or by of knowing the country and of selecting South Africa are still greatly delayed, private parties with the assistance or indorsement of the United States would dens of cumbersome commissariat. be a most serious blow to their project, but the American financiers who have formed the new company, now that the two routes are on an even footing, and the grounds of engineering and general desirability, they argue that the "Americanizing" of Panama is the only way by which the 400 shareholders been accorded a hearty welcome. He lieve that this arrangement can proaddressed the burghers December 18. duce only good feeling between the two

Since 1884, when the French comler, Major Walters, Major Bailwark, pany was formed, there has been expended in work on the canal something like \$8,000,000. Several thousand men, mostly negroes from Jamaica, have been employed, and experts declare that the money has been proprely expended, and that good progress has been made. There is a large number of men at work on the canal at the present time, and this force will be found at work by the canal commission when it goes over the route, which will probably be during February. The canal is about two-fiths completed, and the new American company estimates that the cost of completion would be about \$100,000,000.

> Hilton Paintings at Auction. New York, Dec. 30 .- The gallery of paintings collected by the late Judge Hilton is about to be sold at auction It is composed of nearly 200 paintings, mostly by modern French artists, and is valued at more than \$500,000. Among the masters represented are Meissonier, Cort, Daubigny, Gerome, Vibert, Makart, Munckasy, Bourgereau and Tissot.

Quarantine Against New Caledonia.

Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 30 .- A

passenger who arrived here on board

the steamer Australian from Noumea,

New Caledonia, where the plague is

others have been placed under surveil-Money for Improvement. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30 .- The Great Northern directory today increased its capital stock \$7,500,000. for the purpose of acquiring new properties and making extensions and improvements on the Pacific coast. The which there are 25,000 in this city. Sioux City & Northern and Pacific Short Line, in Iowa and Nebraska, are will help to swell the general fund of

Sousa's Band Goes to Paris. New York, Dec. 30 .- Commissioner-General Ferdinand W. Peck, of the United States commission to the Paris exposition of next year, has appointed Sousa's band as the official American

band to play at the exposition.

A Christmas Poisoning. Barboursville, W. Va., Dec. 28.— Three members of the family of Manford Pollock died last night, having been mysteriously poisoned while eat-ing their Christmas dinner.

PLAGUE IN HONOLULU

The Disease Gets a Foothold in the Islands.

SIX DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED

The Epidemic Is Confined to the Chinese Quarter-Measures Taken to

Stamp It Out.

San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- The transport Centennial, which has reached here from Honolulu, confirms the report that bubonic plague exists in that city. There had been no new cases of the disease, however, from December the 18th. The quarantine at the port was to be raised the 19th. There war little anxiety among the residents & Honolulu, according to Captain Eagles, of the Centennial, as the plague was confined to the Chinese quarter of the city. That part of the city was under egress whatever was allowed. Up to

the time of the sailing of the Centennial, there had been six deaths. The Centennial arrived at Honolulu from this port with horses December 15, but was not allowed to dock until American company in proportion to the 16th. Even then none of the crew was permitted to land. All inter-island traffic was at a full stop, as no steamer could enter the port. The citizens

The transport Newport has arrived

The Centennial will be kept in qaurantine till tomorrow. There is no trace of the disease on the vessel, and as has been demonstrated, there is no likelihood of its finding lodgment there that have made a home on the steamer, and they have all to be caught and sacrificed before the vessel will be allowed to dock. Rats are said to be the most prolific means of spreading the plague.

They carry the germs from port to port.

IN STRONG POSITION. Boers Have Fortified the Hills at Col-

enso-Trenches Bomb Proof.

London, Dec. 30 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, December 23, says: "Every day reveals some fact regardings, has taken the steps which have ing the strength of the Boer position at commission would naturally be enabled | Continental officers, the character of the campaign has changed. We are no two routes with both under American longer fighting a foe who relies upon control. The gentlemen of the French guerrilla tactics, but we have to deal company long since recognized that with what is rapidly becoming a disci-

the scene of contest without the bur-"The Boers have converted the hills near Colenso into fortresses of immense strength. Everywhere they have splendid trenches, many of them bomb that judgment will be made only on proof. Tramway lines permit the shifting of guns with astonishing rapidity. The main positions are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages, and the forts

> mines are laid. Skirmish at Tugela. Cheveley Camp, Natal, Wednesday -A heavy Boer gun on Bulwana hill fired steadily upon Ladysmith through-

proper bristle with machine guns that

command the approaches. Probably

out the morning. Ladysmith did not respond. The enemy having been again detected attempting to improve their trenches facing General Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back into the

The British patrols sighted the en-

emy in force on the extreme left.

Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed, and six Boer wagons were captured.

hills.

Clan-Na-Gael Talk. New York, Dec. 29 .- Relative to the attitude of the Irish revolutionary societies toward the government of Great Britain at the present juncture of affairs, the Evening Post today quotes

an officer of the Clan-na-Gael as say-"England can be only made to feel by physical force, and we're now going to give her some Boer treatment. did intend going out and sinking the first expedition from Canada to South Africa, but thought it better to wait a little. We can mobilize our men without much difficulty for an attack on Canada, and we are fairly well armed -as well as the United States troops in the Spanish war. We have lots of raging, has been quarantined, and eight Springfield rifles, and are handy with

the bayonet. The Movement in Philadelhia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29 .- There is a general movement among the Irish here to aid the Boers in their war with England. A call was sent out today for a special assessment on every member of the Order of Hibernians, of A return of \$25,000 is expected, which among the new properties to be taken \$1,000,000 which organizations throughout the country seek to raise.

> 'Frisco Is Need of Coal. San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- The Examiner says: There are over 60 vessels, each carrying from a few hundred to over 2,000 tons of coal, bound from Newcastle, Australia, to the Hawaiian islands. From the same Australian port to San Francisco there are but 20 vessels bound with similar cargoes. The coal destined for Hawaii is chiefly for use of the sugar plantations, but the diversion of the supply from this port has caused a sea city of fuel and a consequent increase in price.