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## IT IS EASIER

### South African Press Censorship Somewhat Relaxed

### GEN. BULLER DESTROYING A BRIDGE

#### Across the Tugela River—European Military Men in Pretoria Are Held as a Reserve.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Wednesday, 4:50 a. m.)—Dispatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed, 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, Dec. 21st, gives the following from the Boer laager, dated Tuesday, Dec. 19th: "British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading the Bulwer bridge over the Tugela river, with a view of smashing it. The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. General Joubert has arrived here."

### EUROPEAN OFFICERS.

London, Dec. 26.—A Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Wednesday, December 20th, says:

"Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder river about three weeks longer. From Boer sources, hitherto well informed, I learn that there are 8,000 European officers and men, skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria as a reserve."

### VISITED THE QUEEN.

London, Dec. 26.—The wives and families of the guards from Windsor, now serving in South Africa, assembled at St. George's hall, Windsor, this afternoon, to participate in the queen's Christmas tree celebration. Queen Victoria and others of the royal family were present.

### OUT OF ORDER.

New York, Dec. 26.—A resolution, expressing sympathy with the Boers in their war with Great Britain, identical with the one adopted by the board of aldermen last week, was today offered in the city council. President Guggenheimer ruled that the resolution was out of order, and it was laid over.

### SUSPENDED ENLISTMENTS.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—M. Pierre Pettit, a recruiting agent for the ambulance corps for the Boer army, has suspended operations temporarily on account of failure to receive an expected draft from Dr. Leyds. It is said that 500 recruits have been sent from this city.

### AT THE FRONT.

London, Dec. 26.—The latest cable dispatches from South Africa show the situation at the front as practically unchanged. With the exception of desultory artillery practice, to which the Boers did not reply, the British continue to mark time. The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours December 16th, the day after the battle of Tugela river, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Cape Town say the New Zealanders, with General French at Naauwpoort, were in a tight corner December 18th. They were nearly surrounded by Boers, and retired under a hail of bullets fired at short range, but sustained only little loss. Among the Boers killed at Stomberg were many of that locality who had joined the Free State forces.

Several newspaper correspondents

have returned to Cape Town from Modder river, apparently confirming the belief that an immediate advance of the British is not projected. The war office received the following dispatch from Cape Town December 25th:

"There is no change in the situation at Modder river. Methuen is well entrenched, and the Boers have not disturbed him. Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss."

The war office has received a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated December 24th, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith, December 22d, Captains Wathen and Oakes, Lieutenant Hulz and Lieutenant-Colonel Fawcett were wounded and nine noncommissioned officers and men were killed and ten wounded. This battle had not been recorded before this.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(Thursday, 4:30 a. m.)—Winston Churchill's arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all of today's news conveys the impression that Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position.

Certainly, the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder river and Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending the defense works, which, in both cases, are seemingly almost impregnable.

Dispatches from Chieveley indicate that General Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. General White heliographed that all was well in Ladysmith December 26th.

Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and for the lack of adequate transportation. It will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to reorganize and make an effective movement.

### SHELLING BOERS.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 26.—The naval guns began shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock this morning, using lyddite. The shelling continued about two hours.

Ever since the engagement at Colenso the enemy has been energetically opposing their entrenchments. They can be seen galloping freely from hill to hill. Ladysmith also had a busy day, shelling the Boer position on Umbulwana mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley.

### CHRISTMAS IN AFRICA.

Chieveley Camp, Dec. 25.—Although the two armies were in sight of each other, with a temperature of 102 degrees in the shade, the British today enjoyed Christmas cheer. Glenfell and Kirkwood, of the South African light horse, left here yesterday to inspect the patrols along the eastern hills. Their horses returned at night, alone.

### ORDERED TO AFRICA.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—A cablegram, received from England today by the military authorities, here, orders the Leicester regiment, known as the Royal Canadians, now doing duty on this station, to sail on January 10th for duty in South Africa.

### WILL AID BOERS.

New York, Dec. 27.—The work of enlisting men in this city to take the Boer side in the war is in charge of two agents who operate in a saloon near police headquarters.

### FOR THE FRONT.

Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 26.—General Sir Charles Warren, commanding the Fifth division, left for the front today.

### KITCHENER JOINS ROBERTS.

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—The steamer Dunnotar Castle, having on board Lord Roberts, of Kandahar, arrived here yesterday evening. General Sir Kitchener, who came from Egypt to join Lord Roberts as his chief of staff, embarked on the Dunnotar Castle, and the vessel sailed early this morning for Cape Town.

## IT WILL PASS

### The Currency Bill to Be Debated a Month

### AND MANY AMENDMENTS OFFERED

#### Democrats Will Make Many Suggestions—Senator Jones' View of the Philippine Question.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Senator Fairbanks today outlined the senate program and commenting on national questions. He said:

"The first thing after the holiday recess will be the consideration of the currency bill. There will be, in all probability, a month of debate on the question of its passage. It will not take longer than that, however, and the bill will pass the senate beyond all doubt."

### A REPUBLICAN PLAN.

New York, Dec. 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, who will have charge of the republican currency bill in the senate, will try to put it through that body without an amendment.

This is the plan decided upon by the republican leaders. Republicans who may favor changes in the bill are expected to abstain from offering amendments, and bring the matter they think should be changed to the attention of the finance committee. In this way much time will be saved, and the republicans will be able to present at all times a united front to the opposition.

The leaders believe they can carry out their program. Once the bill is in conference, the republican conferees from the two houses can get together and draft the final compromise measure, which will be agreed to by both houses and will become a law.

There is every probability that this measure will resemble the senate bill more than the house bill. It is expected to contain the senate refunding feature, and the house provision authorizing the establishment of national banks with \$25,000 capital. It is probable that the conferees will decide to incorporate in the bill the provision recommended by Controller Dawes, to so modify the provision that national banks may issue currency up to the par value of the bonds deposited, so as to make 10 per cent of that circulation an emergency circulation. This is to be done by imposing a tax of 3 per cent on the additional 10 per cent the banks are to be allowed to issue.

While republican leaders hope to be able to prevent the offering of amendments from their side of the chamber, except by Senators Wolcott and Chandler, who oppose the bill, they will be unable to control the democratic side, and many amendments are expected from that quarter. This will give more political significance to the debate in the senate than attended the discussion in the house.

### A DEMOCRATIC VIEW.

St. Paul, Dec. 26.—Senator J. K. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, ex-Vice President Stevenson, and General P. Watt Hardin, of Kentucky, were here today, and this afternoon met a large gathering of the local democratic leaders. Senator Jones spoke at some length announcing his views of the current political issues. He said:

"My idea about the Philippines is, that it is our duty to restore order there, and allow those people to make a government of their own, and let them manage their own affairs in their own way. The Boers, by their resistance, are making votes for us by every rising and setting of the sun. Our sympathy goes out to those poor fellows in a way that words cannot express."

### A DISASTROUS FLOOD

#### RAGING IN THE NOOKSACK RIVER IN WASHINGTON.

Great Damage Done and the Waters Show No Sign of Subsiding—It Came Suddenly.

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—One of the most disastrous floods in the history of the state is raging along the Nooksack river in Whatcom county. It is estimated that already \$30,000 worth of damage has been done to farms and buildings in the flooded district, and still the waters show no indication of subsiding. Five of the seven bridges over the river have been swept away, four of them being iron bridges. As yet the river has not reached the previous high water mark by five inches, but the destructiveness of the flood is accounted for in its suddenness.

### STILL TALKS SILVER

#### W. J. BRYAN WILL NOT ABANDON HIS PET HOBBY.

Thought Trusts and Expansion Will Claim a Goodly Portion of His Time.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 26.—Upon receipt of a dispatch from Washington, stating that W. J. Bryan had written Congressman Daly, of New Jersey, that he would make several speeches in the

east, discussing trusts and imperialism. Mr. Bryan was asked as to whether the report indicated his intention of abandoning the silver question. He replied:

"Congressman Daly has probably been misquoted. I expect to make several speeches in the east, but I expect to discuss the money question along with the other questions. There are three questions now prominently before the people, to wit: The money question, the trust question and the Philippines question. Whenever I make a political speech I discuss all three questions."

Mrs. Bryan today received a letter from Andrew Carnegie, stating that he

### THE TREMBLER'S EFFECTS

#### EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN CALIFORNIA CLAIMED VICTIMS.

A Number of Lives Lost in an Indian Reservation—Those Killed Were Horribly Crushed.

SAN JACINTO, Cal., Dec. 26.—This little city is the scene of desolation today. The people are beginning to recover from the shock of the earthquake which centered here on Christmas morning and destroyed every brick building in the place.

At the Saboba Indian reservation, near here, a dance had been held the night before, and large quantities of whisky were consumed by the Indians which had sent most of them into a drunken slumber before the shock came. A number of squaws had huddled together in the old adobe building and were sleeping off the effects of the liquor. The heavy walls fell in upon them. Six were killed outright and two died later, while a score more are badly injured. Those killed were horribly crushed.

### THE MONEY STRINGENCY.

#### Only Stock Exchange Gamblers Suffered During Recent Panic.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, was asked today as to whether the present monetary stringency in his opinion signified an actual scarcity of money to meet the present requirements of trade. He said:

"No possible supply of money can prevent the stock exchange panics or a periodical monetary stringency, because speculation and rising prices will absorb any possible increase until the pressure for ready cash is just as great upon the new plan as it was upon the old. The real secret of these reactions is in the speculation on margins. Those people who are crying that they have been forced to throw away their property had never paid for their holdings. They borrowed money on call, to make small payments, hoping that a right turn in the market would give them large profits."

### NO PROTEST MADE.

#### The British Ambassador Has Not Yet Kicked to Hay.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The British ambassador, Lord Pauncefoot, has made no protest to the authorities here relative to the reported organized movements in various parts of the country in behalf of the Boers, including the alleged Fenian movement, although these matters were subjects for discussion between Secretary Hay and the ambassador as late as this afternoon.

### CHURCHILL IS FREE.

Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 27.—Winston Churchill arrived here last night and left for Durban by steamer.

## WAR IN LUZON

### A Filipino Force Scattered by the American Troops

### CIVIL MARRIAGES IN THE ISLANDS

#### Authorized by a Decree of General Otis—Great Work for Missionaries Among the Many Tribes.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2500 men, including artillery, attacked this morning a strong force of insurgents numbering about 1000, entrenched in the mountains near Montalaban, about five miles north-east of San Mateo. The enemies were completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction. Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large.

### CIVIL MARRIAGES.

Washington, Dec. 27.—General Otis has issued a decree authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines. Heretofore marriages were celebrated by the Catholic church so that Protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marrying.

The decree does not interfere with the Catholics, who may be married according to their own rites, but extends the privilege of civil marriage to those who desire it, just as is practiced in the United States.

The subscriptions to the Lawton fund have reached \$31,404.

### WORK FOR MISSIONARIES.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Independent for the current week will contain an article by Jacob C. Schurman, president of Cornell university, chairman of the United States commission to the Philippines, entitled "Our Duty to the Philippines." Prof. Schurman says: "We have forty to fifty tribes to civilize. Priests have ruled in Luzon so long that their influence is widespread and the natives know of no other form of Christianity. The Roman Catholic church has been established there for 300 years and the archipelago was really governed by the priests and not by the Spanish civil or military commanders."

"Missionaries are needed in the islands, and I hope they will be sent there in large numbers. They must realize that they are contending with a Catholic educated population that knows nothing about the fine differences between the Protestant sects and denominations. Therefore, it would be highly impolitic to send missionaries of the different denominations to confuse the minds of the people. I regret that the Americans allowed the saloon to get a foothold on the islands. That has hurt the Americans more than anything else."

### BURIED AT HOME.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Frederick C. Holzer, an ordinary seaman, killed in the explosion of the battleship Maine, is the only one of the 151 bodies disinterred from Colon cemetery, Havana, and brought to Newport News by Captain Sigbee, in the Texas, which will not be buried at Arlington tomorrow. The body of Holzer has been shipped to New York, where it will

be received by relatives. About thirty requests were received by the navy department, for the bodies of victims of the Maine disaster, but in only ten of these cases had the bodies been identified. The other twenty were either in the list of unidentified dead, or among the bodies not recovered.

Owing to the confusion in which the graves were found when the dead were disinterred at Havana, the department has reluctantly decided not to extend to the relatives and friends of the other nine positively identified bodies the privilege of burying the remains at home.

### WILL INVADE CANADA

#### FENIANS AND IRISH NATIONALISTS MAKE PREPARATION

#### To Give British America an Independent Government—Plans Are Being Perfected.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—A movement looking to the invasion of Canada by Fenians and the advanced Irish Nationalists has been agitated for some time by leaders of these organizations in and around Boston. Colonel Roger F. Scannel, who has been identified with Irish agitations for many years, said today that there was to be a meeting of prominent Irish nationalists in Philadelphia, next Sunday or Monday, to discuss the question of invading Canada.

"This meeting," Colonel Scannel says, "will be followed by another in Boston, when reports from the Philadelphia meeting will be made by the Boston delegates."

Colonel Scannel says the present would be a good time for the invasion, as the troops of Canada are being sent away to take part in the African war. "It has been agitated for years," continued the colonel, "that Canada should either be annexed to the United States or should have an independent government of her own. With an army of 100,000 Irish nationalists engaged in the invasion of Canada, it would make things interesting for the English government."

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—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 saying:

"England can only be made to feel by physical force, and we are now going to give her some Boer treatment. We did intend going out and sinking that 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. We have lots of Springfield rifles and are handy with the bayonet."

"No decision has been arrived at. Everything will depend on the immediate future. We have either regiments or companies all over the country, and are fairly well drilled, and a great many of our men are in the militia. The Ancient Order of Hibernians numbers about 250,000, and the majority of its members belong to our organization."

### IRISH RAISE FUNDS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—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 which there are 25,000 in this city. A return of \$25,000 is expected, which will help to swell the general fund of \$1,000,000, which the organizations throughout the country seek to raise.

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## Great Reductions

on Holiday Goods this week. Not many left, but we want to clear them all out.

## New York Racket

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<b>2d WINDOW.</b> 68c a pr—Black grenadine stripe hose for ladies. 42c a pr—Ladies' fancy lisle hose, latest effects. 35c to 75c fans, worth from 50c to \$1.35 each.	<b>4th WINDOW.</b> \$ 5.66 buys a nice black chevrot suit. 6.21 buys an all wool checked suit. 6.60 a very valuable line of working men's suits in gray mixed all wool. 7.64 a very dressy cashmere right style good wearer. .10 a pair men's fancy pin-dot socks in black blue and tan. .18 men's wool and cashmere socks worth 25 cents. .45 Outing flannel gowns.

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