

BRITISH VICTORY. General French Defeats the Boers and Occupies Colesberg. BURGHERS ARE SURPRISED. They Are Outfanked and Flee, With Heavy Losses.

CAPE TOWN, January 1.—Ugly rumors are in circulation here of a Dutch rising with the object of seizing Cape Town and the docks, and capturing the Governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner.

RENSBURG, CAPE COLONY, January 1.—General French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesberg. The Boers 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.

ARTILLERY DUEL. LONDON, January 1.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated January 1st, from Rensburg: "Yesterday afternoon a big force of cavalry and infantry, with ten guns, under the personal command of General French, moving by detour, occupied some hills three miles from Colesberg, where the Boers were in strength, confident in the natural aid afforded them by the hills around."

GOEBEL SLATE GOES THROUGH. Democrats Will Organize Both Houses of Kentucky Legislature. FRANKFORT, KY., January 1.—All doubt as to the ability of the Goebel Democrats to organize both houses of the Legislature was dispelled by the attendance in the Democratic caucus to-night. Senator Goebel was nominated for president pro tem, of the Senate, and the entire Goebel slate went through.

BOER RECRUITING STOPPED. Another account says: "The success of this little party will arrest the progress of the enemy's recruiting in that vicinity."

HE ACCOSTED A LADY. David Perkins is Arrested for Attempted Criminal Assault. IDENTIFIED BY MRS. COLQUITT

Recognizes Him as the Man Who Maltreated Her. OCCURRED NEAR BON AIR. The Lady on Her Way to Carry New Year's Gifts to Her Children at Bethany Home—Perkins Denies His Guilt.

Mrs. Martha J. Colquitt, of No. 618 east Cary street, started the inmates of the Bethany Home, near Bon Air, yesterday afternoon by assuring them that a young negro had made an attempt to assault her.

MRS. COLQUITT'S STORY. Mrs. Colquitt is a widow lady about 28 years of age, and has four little children. The children are all at the Bethany Orphans' Home. She misses her little ones sadly, and whenever she can she goes up to the home to see them.

HE SLAPPED HER FACE. She scarcely heard him, and cried out again and again. Then the youth slapped her face. The print of his fingers was plainly visible on her cheek.

NOTICES OF CONTEST. Attorneys for Goebel and the other contesting Democratic candidates for State offices to-day served notice upon the Republican contestees to take depositions to be used as evidence in the pending contest cases and naming their witnesses.

W. A. CRENSHAW, Agent. It is very probable that Judge CLOPTON will order a special grand jury at once, as the regular grand jury will not meet until March.

CHANGE THE CHARTER. Recommendations Adopted by the Council Last Night. AS TO MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. The City Fathers Oppose the Plans Regarding Street Railways.

TAX THE TRACTION COMPANY. A New Sliding Scale Proposed, But Not Adopted—Mr. Bloomberg Wants Concrete Bed for Lines—Much Rough Line Business Transacted.

THE SESSION IN DETAIL. The following members were present: Messrs. Bloomberg, Camp, Curtis, Grimes, Gunst, Harrison, Heeke, Hobson, McTanner, Minor, Peters, Pollock, Shea, Williams, and Gastie (president).

STREET-RAILWAY OWNERSHIP. Mr. Caskie advised the adoption of the minority report as far as it refers to the ownership of street railways.

WEDDING INVITATIONS. Visiting Cards, Monograms, Coat of Arms, and Wedding Papers stamped, engraved, and printed in all styles.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, January 1.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Fair, with light winds.

W. W. HARDWICK, Agent. You have failed to add to Richmond's prosperity if you have no policies with your city company.

THEY WERE MARRIED AT HOME. Attempted Elopement of Mr. Harris and Miss Holland Ends Happily. A Pretty Marriage at the Home of the Bride was the sequel of the attempt which Mr. Frank O. Harris and Miss Fannie V. Holland, of New Kent, made to elope Saturday.

WOOLLEN-MAKERS' PAY RAISED. Advance Goes Into Effect in New England Mills. BOSTON, January 1.—A happy New Year fell to the lot of nearly every person employed in the great woolen industry of New England to-day, when a general advance in wages went into effect.

MEXICAN ARMY WILL EXPERIMENT WITH NEW ITALIAN INVENTION. CHICAGO, January 1.—A special to the Record from the City of Mexico says: "Apparatus for optical telegraphy," an Italian invention, has been received in Mexico.

NEWFOUNDLAND REMOVES THE DANGER OF TROUBLE WITH FRANCE. LONDON, January 1.—The second edition of the Times publishes a dispatch from St. John's, N. F., dated December 21st, saying: "All the political parties agree that a renewal of the modus vivendi for another year is needed."

WARD LINES HAD BEEN AGROUND TEN DAYS AT SANTIAGO. SANTIAGO DE CUBA, January 1.—The Ward Line steamer Saratoga, after having been ten days aground, was pulled off yesterday by the Santiago and two tugs.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 1.—The annual meeting of the Augusta and Savannah railroad was held here to-day. The road extends from Augusta to Millen. It is leased to the Central of Georgia railway, by which a rental of 5 per cent, on securities is paid.

MR. LEWIS P. BROWN DEAD. Mr. Lewis P. Brown, who is well known in this city, died at Malden, Mass., a few days ago and was buried last Sunday at the First Congregational church.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Brilliant Reception Ushering in the New Year. NUMBER OF GUESTS, 3,354. Mrs. McKinley Present, in Spite of Her Feeble Health.

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PRECEDENCE QUESTION SETTLED. The Result is in Favor of the Army. Dewey Leads Naval Line—Dewey With Receiving Party—Spain Again Represented.

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BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS. With the flush of excitement on her usually pale face, she looked bright and happy, as she led the Cabinet procession down the corridor, with the President, in the Blue Room.

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