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DRIVEN FROM COLESBURG

Defeat of the Boers by a Force Under General French.

Their Position Assniled by Artillery. Cavalry, and Infantry -Taken by Surprise, They Flee in Disorder. Popular Enthusiasm in London Buring Encollment of Volunteers.

The infantry field batteries made a feint to attack the Boers from the front. Meanessfully flanked and completely surprised the Boers, who, finding their rear threatened, fied eastward in disorder and aban doned Colesburg.

Expectations are growing every day that events in South Airica will be materially changed before the landing in Natal of Generals Roberts and Kitchener.

It is argued here that Boer knowledge of the disposition of the English officers to avoid as far as consistent with military propriety any general action at present. will impel the enemy to provoke an engagement without delay. This seems evident by a series of harassing movements and nagging assaults upon the English at

The fact that since the recent repulse of General Buller nothing has been communicated to the War Office of a sufficiently epcouraging character that can be construed nto a success in any degree has not produced a disheartening effect. The people are satisfied to submit to a brief period of omparative military inactivity to be followed by a move upon the entire Boar line, when in the opinion of the commanding generals at the front a decision that the time for it has been agreed upon.

Whether this will be before or after the arrival of General Roberts is generally admitted to be a matter dependent upon daily

It is said that a number of men employ-Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Transvaal, have been seeking enrollment in the Imperial Yeomanry. Two of these men whose services had been accepted were discovered today and discharged.

There was a scene of great popular enthusiasm this morning during the enrollment of the City of London Imperial Volinteers. The approaches to the Guild Hali were thronged with people and barriers had to be erected to keep the crowd back. Lord Mayor Newton made a stirring address to the first 500 volunteers who will leave here on January 13.

FIGHTING AT DORDRECHT. Deails of a Lively Encounter With Transvant Forces.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. I-(10:15 a. m.).-A despatch to the "Cape Times," from Sterkstroom, dated December 31, 10:20 p. m., ays: "A squadron of Brabant's horse, under Captain Montmorency, while reconnoitring eight miles from Dordrecht today. was engaged by a party of Boers.

latter were re-enforced, and the English

fell back into a stronger position "Lieutenants Mitford and Turner with twenty-seven men were cut off from the main body, but succeeded in occupying a they were relieved by Captain Goldsworth; and 100 men of the Cape Mounted Rifles, who rode up with two guns and drove the Boers helter-skelter away from the hills. It is reported that the Boers had seven The British casualties were 400 wounded and seven missing. Some of the

latter are expected to turn up, however. It is said officially that hereafter Boer prisoners will be sent to Simon's Town in-

Another account from Sterkstroom of the same date as the above says Montmorency's scouts were cut off in a donga six miles north of Dordrecht Saturday night. Lieutenant Warren had been wounded and his men refused to leave him. These forty He Proposes to Have a Thorough men beat off repeated attacks of 800 Boers

On Sunday morning the Boers renewed the attack, but Captain Goldsworthy with 115 men and four guns arrived from Dordrecht at 5:15 a, m. and the burghers retired. The British losses were two wounded. The Boers had eight killed and twenty

CONSTANT ARTILLERY FIRING. A Ducl at Long Range Reported

From Modder River. MODDER RIVER, Dec. 31-(Delayed in transmission) .- An artillery duel at long range, which caused no damage to either side, has been the only firing since last Wednesday night. On that occasion the Boers kept up a purposeless fusillade for several hours. It is believed that they were misled by the extinction of the Brit ish searchlight into believing that a night

attack was contemplated. Three native runners started especially from the Modder River headquarters for Kimberley. They carried despatches for the commander here. The inactivity is

The outworks that have been thrown up cover an enormous area and extend southward to Enslin. Lord Methuen has ordered a large marble headstone which is to be erected in the burial ground near headquarters. It will be inscribed with the "Erected to the memory of the officers and men who fell at Megarsfontein."

The burial spot has noow been fenced in It is reported that General Cronje has signed the death warrant of a Free Stater who had been commandeered and who was arrested while trekking homeward.

ON A TRANSVAAL MISSION. Arrival in Amsterdam of an Agent

From Pretoria. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—Commandant De Waard, of the Hollander Corps at Pretoria, has arrived here. He is entrusted with a mission to Europe of behalf of the Transvaal. He refuses to give any information as to the object of his mission, but it is believed that he is here to make purchases.

supplied with ammunition, especially Mauser cartridges which are being manu actured at Pretoria.

ENLISTING FOR BOER SERVICE. Many Recruits Gathered at Nebraska

Employment Offices. athered at regular employment offices at for service in South Afri a rgainst the Eog. \$15,000.

feat of the Boers at Colesioning and the occupation of that place by the British forces.

All of General French's cavalry, artitlery, and infantry, the latter being carried in wagons in order to expedite the movement, left Rensburg during the Boers' right flank. His forces arrived within striking distance at daybreak.

The meeting of English societies in Omaha vesterday brought out the truth and the figures exhibited showed 800 already enlisted for this work. At the pro-Boer meeting Adjutant General Barry, of the State, was one of the leading men present. Of there pro-Boer more than their receipts will be forwarded in a few days, and by the last of the week it is expected to have considerably over \$50,000 in cash on hand.

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Dr. Leyds Declares His People Are A Terrific Storm Raging in North-Supplied With All Necessaries.

Orange Free State have no reason to fear history of the State has such a terrific the results of England's commercial block- blizzard raged within her borders as that ade, which, he declares, is odious. The Republics, he says, are dependent on Bur rope only for juxuries, such as English clothes, wines, eigars, and spirits, which has been driving everything before the past week.

Snow has fallen to great depth in this show from the north and piled snow in tities who are struggling for liberty. He likens are struggling for liberty. He likens who are struggling for libert ade, which, he declares, is odious. The which has been driving everything before

RUMORED ARMY CHANGES.

Plans for Cuba Said to Be Contemplated by General Wood.

Several changes are said be be contem plated in the army during the coming week, especially in Cuba. General Wood t is reported, has plans on foot to reduce the four military departments in Cuba to wo, which will dispense with the services of two of the brigadier generals now on duty there.

General James H. Wilson and General Department, will be sent back to this last treasurer. country, and General Chaffee, now chief of staff, and General Ludlow will be assigned to the two new military depart ments into which the island will be divided. General Wood, it is said, is anxious to have complete control of the military establishment in Cuba and by reducing the number of brigadier generals will do away with much of the possibility of friction between himself and those under his com-

The fact that no officer has yet been named to succeed General Wood as commander of the Department of Santiago is pointed out as being an indication that General Wood will combine that department with one of the others of the island The Fifteenth Infantry and four troops of the Tenth Cavalry will leave Cuba this week and will be followed, it is said, by other troops, which will be withdrawn from the island as rapidly as possible until

given every opportunity to show how they can govern the island, but that a sufficient The differen anders are said to be very jealous of each ther, and it is feared trouble may follow he elections which place either faction in

Changes are also said to have been de ermined upon in the army in the Philip-ines. General MacArthur's friends are onfident that he will be made a brigadier general in the regular army as soon as the Senate convenes and it is believed he will be given charge of the troops which were commanded by General Lawton. General John C. Bates and General S. M. B. Young n the rank of brigadier general.

AN ADDRESS BY THE KAISER.

Naval Organization.

BERLIN, Jan. 1 .- The Emperor William eccived the generals of the army at the rsenal this morning. He made an address

"As my grandfather reorganized the army, so shall I reorganize the navy. The navy must be equal to the army. Then it will be enabled to procure for Germany a place among the nations which she has not yet obtained.

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO. Shocks in the Mountain Districts of

Guerrero. CHILPANCINGO, State of Guerrero, Mex., Jan. 1.-The mountainous districts outh of here have been visited by a series of seismic disturbances during the past untain towns. The tremors were accom-

A volcano near Tecuanapa shows signs of activity. The earthquake shocks were plainly felt in Chilpaneingo, but did no damage here. Owing to the remoteness of the many small mountain towns it will be some time before definite reports are received as to the damage done to them.

The Peace Treaty With Spain. MADRID, Jan. 1 .- At yesterday's cabine seeting Premier Silvela read the Treaty of Peace with the United States and the Com-Treaty regarding industrial affairs

An Advance in Iron Prices. LONDON, Jan. 1.- The Staffordshire and

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Worcestershire Ironworks have advanced the price of iron ten shillings per ton. The price of this article is now higher than at any time since 1875.

Battery Horses for South Africa BOMBAY, Jan. 1 .- The War Office has cepted an offer made by the Maharajah believed that he is here to make purchases.

He states that the Transvaal is abundantly try horses for use in South Africa.

THE LAWTON HOME FUND.

Cash Receipts and Pledges Nov Amount to \$50,000.

The Lawton home fund reached \$50,000 oday in cash and pledged subscriptions Because today is a legal holiday and the OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 1.-Men are being President's reception requiring the presence of Adjutant General Corbin, it was incoln, Norfolk, Chadron, Beatrice, Hast- found impossible to give out a detailed ings, and Grand Island for service in the statement of the cash receipts to the fund, Boer army. When the men apply in an- but the committee has passed the \$35,000 swer to advertisements for laborers and mark of cash on hand, and the amount clerks they are asked if they would enlist being raised in various cities easily exceed

lish if transported and armed free and assured of an allotment of land from the Transvaal Republic in the event of Boer cities announce that their receipts will be forwarded in a few days, and by the last success.

western Pennsylvania. BRUSSELS, Jan. 1.-Dr. Leyds, the CORRY, Pa., Jan. 1.-The New Year iplomatic agent of the Transvaal in Eu- marks a notable event in the storm hisope, states that the Transvaal and the tory of the Keystone State. Never in the

ed. The Erie has kept its lines practically clear by means of the rotary snow plow. AFTER MANY YEARS.

An Old County Office in New York Abolished.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-With the going own of the sun Saturday night the office of treasurer of Queens county, which has been in existence more than two and a half enturies and is one of the oldest offices in the State, was abolished and wiped out under the provisions of the Greater New Fitzhugh Lee, it is believed at the War York charter. Charles L. Phipps was the The charter is very explicit in the mat

er, and the office is abolished," said Mr. hipps. "I never had the least intention of trying to hold over." Mr. Phipps will continue in charge of the office as the representative of the comp-troller until the city takes full charge of the county's affairs.

DEATH BEFORE DISGRACE.

Boy Commits Suicide to Escape Arrest for Forgery. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 1.-Frederick Ed-

ward Becker, aged eighteen years, sent a Hotel yesterday as Detective William Shore rapped for admittance to his room. Becker lived with his aunt, Mrs. Jane Wormers

MINERS AGREE TO WORK. Satisfactory Settlement of the

Threatened Strike.

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 1.—The striking biminous miners in the Portage and Puriin regions have agreed to return to work brough the efforts of District President Wilson, of the United Mine Workers. The en now consent to await the action of the nited Mine Workers' national convent chich will be held on January 21.

Operators regard the return of the men
o work as a signal victory for the con-

ative element of the order. They say the national organization will not sa strike at this time, hence the danger on immense strike is at least postponed.

FOUND HEADLESS IN A SWAMP. A Son Discovers the Mutilated Body of His Mother.

NORFOLK, Conn., Jan. 1 .- The body of Mrs. Fidelia Brewer, aged eiginty, who n which he spoke of the seven years of mysteriously disappeared from her home in slavery at the beginning of the closing Suoth Sandisfield, Mass., twelve weeks ago. century, which was followed by his grand. was found yesterady in a swamp about two father's reorganization of the army. Re- miles from her home by her oldest son carding Germany's present position he Julius.

He says a Chicago clairvoyant told him he would find his mother in the swamp The body was dug out of the frozen earth with crowbars and pickaxes. The head was detached. The body is being thawed out preparatory to an examination being mad ascertain the cause of death. The swamp had thoroughly been searched a number of times before, and it is suspected the body was placed in the swamp only a few days

A MARINE SCARE DISSIPATED. A Dead Whale's Body Taken for Wrecked Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.-A derelict that looked like an overturned bark has three days. These earthquake shocks have been sighted by a score of vessels recently been very severe at times, and have caus- and it was suggested that a revenue cutter ed much damage to a number of smaller be sent to remove it as a menace to naviga-

Examination showed that it was the body of a dead whale.

The Texas at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Captain Sigsbe brought the United States battleship Texas to port today and anchored her off Tompinsville, Staten Island. The Texas went to Havana for the remains of the victims of the Maine and brought them to New-port News, Va., for interment in the Na-tional Cemetery at Arlington. The ship passed in Sandy Hook at 9:50 and 1-ing the first warship to arrive here this year, she received a great evation from passing

Mr. Hardin's Friends Confident. FANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 1 .- The legisla-

tive session opens here tomorrow. The riends of P. Watt Hardin seem confident f his election to the United States Senate

New Year Ceremonies in Berlin. BERLIN, Jan. 1.-Religious services and state reception were held last night on the opening of the New Year.

The New Year Reception at the Executive Mansion.

The East Room, Profusely Decorated With Falms and Flowers, Present a Brilliant Scene-Elaborate Uniforms of the Members of the Diplomatic Corps-Those Belilud the Line

New Year Day was observed at the White House in the usual way, by a public reception. Hundreds of persons, prominent and obscure, wished the President of the United States a happy New Year. For three and one half hours tides of people flowed through the corredors and eddied about the rooms of the Executive Mansion. "I wish you a bappy New Year," is what

everybody said. People offered that sen-timent so often that it seemed to come time, so that neither heard what the other said-but that mattered not. Men in pub- American wife. lic life whose personal relations are known to be inharmonious, automatically repeated the sentence, "I wish you a happy New

But in much of this there was a lack of heart action. Many voices that said these words were as cold as the wind that came

or, more accurately speaking, of gold braid underlaid with blue of th. Only here and there did a little blue show through the gleaming gold. His bright, sword clanked at every step. The secretaries and attaches every step. The secretaries and attaches the Embassy were uniforms made after e fashion of that worn by Lord Paunce but somewhat less remarkable for the he other conspicuous figures in

East Room was the Austrian minister were dark red tights and short top is. O or his right shoulder was thrown ed veive brocade cape, which hung from left shoulder, to which it was secured a caain. The cape was trimmed with a chain. The cape was trimmed with He carried a sword and wore gold

In the centre of a group of people were e Chinese minister and his wife. The inister wore a black hat, with a bunch of ishy red tassels, a red silk garment and white silk shoes. Mrs. Wu Ting-fang wore a gown of Oriental cut, made of rare blue and white figured silk. A swon of silver, gold and carved red coral was upon her jet builte through his left breast at the Central black hair. Blue diamonds weighting three carats each flashed in her ears

The Floral Decorations.

Though the floral decorations were not as the Tenth Cavairy will leave Cuba this week and will be followed, it is said, by other troops, which will be withdrawn from the island as rapidly as possible until only a few troops are left to assist the native police in preserving order.

General Wood is preparing for the civil government of Cuba which is to be inaugurated in April.

It is believed that the Cubans will be given every opportunity to show how they can govern the island, but that a sufficient and carnations. Delicate green vines were wreathed amid the pendants of the crystal chandeliers and in the Blue Room were ils of the crystal Blue Room were rnishings of azure and gold at 11 o'clock a corre

tioned in the corridor, sounded a salute the Commander-in-Chief of the Army immediately afterward Colonel Bing-and Major McCawley, each in the full uniform of his rank, descended the stair way followed by the President and Mrs. McKinley. Behind them were the members of the Cabinet with their wives and daughters, and a number of prominent matrons and maids whom the President and Mrs. McKinley had invited to stand behind the line. As the Presidential party cross ed the corridor and through the golder gate into the Blue Parlor where the recep-tion was to be held, the Marine Band play the stirring strains of "Hall to the

Mrs. McKinley, superbly gowned in deli-ate silver grey satin that scintillated with pangles, and wearing her famous neckce of diamonds, seated herself, as is her om in one of the blue and gold chair hat define the line. The President stood ther left and the ladies of the Cabinet to er right, with Mrs. Hay, wife of the Secretary of State, in the post of honor at he

Missing From the Line.

The changes that have occurred in the resident's official family during the past welve mouths was a matter of comment among those who attended the reception last year. Mrs. Hobart, wife of the late Vice President, was miss d from the plac occupied by Mrs. Hay this morning. Las year, splendidly gowned and leweled, ra diantly good humored and so tactful that her always cordially extended hand saved Mrs. McKinley from an exhaustive siege of hand shaking-hers was the most imposng present in the line.

Mrs. Alger, wife of the former Secretary of War, whose gowns were always so beau-tiful, and who, like Mrs. Hobart, had a smile for everyone, was also missing, her place in the line today being filled by Mrs.

Mrs. Griggs, wife of the Attorney Gen eral, has been detained in Paterson of the illness of her mother and her place was Mrs. Hay was resplendent in point lac

over yellow chiffon, with a knot of blue on the corcage. A white osprey tip was fastened in her black hair and her jewels ere diamonds. Mrs. Gage, whose toilets are always as andsome as they are artistic, wore pur-

with white lace. Her hair was dressed with a white aigrette and she wore her splendid dog collar of diamonds. Mrs. Root's gown was of black plaited chiffon over white sain, the overdress sparkling with tiny spangles of silver.

Miss Long, daughter of the Secretary of the Navy, who, as usual, represented Mrs. Long in the Cabinet line, wore delicate blue silk, with yoke and sieeves of white chiffon

le crepe de chine, the skirt paneled widely

Mrs. Smith, who was looking unusuall bright and well, though she has not been in the best of health of late, was gowned in soft grey bengaline, the bodice showing touches of blue velvet. A tunic effect was

given to the skirt by the bands of silk em-broidery and white lace. Miss Wilson wore a very pretty toilet of white satin that harmonized effectively with her rich soles. coloring and dark bair.

ands with the President was a it it, broad-houldered, unmistakably English gende-nan, resplendent in a uniform gorgeously wrought in gold lace, and wearing acloss his rather portly tody a wide, crimson hash. It was Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambrasador, and dean of the Diplom tic Corps. He stopped to exchange rather more inan the customary greeting with the President and Mrs. McKinley. Perhaps hey were expressing their mutual regret that this was the last New Year day that his excellency would press down the line. Lord Pauncefote was accompanied by the lodging of the tentile and the standard for the second secon

adies of his family and the attaches of his suite, one of whom, Mr. Eliot, Second Sec-retary of the Embassy, has just received a ditle as a New Year gift.

The diplomatic courtesy of the great na-tions of the world was incarnated in the forms of the fitled foreigners, who passed

forms of the titled foreigners, who passed bowing and smiling down the line, their gorgeous costumes making a brilliam con-trast to the conventional black of our own. Count de Cassini, who is the first Russian iplomat to be elevated to the rank of ambassador, presented a splen-id soldierly appearance in his national court uniform, and with him was his captivatingly prety niece, who wore a modish tolicte of silvery grey, with the skirt embroidered in darker

tint in arabesque design.

That all is well again between America from their lips and tongues mechanically. It frequently happened that two persons would say the same thing at the same time so that neither heard what the same tion as, uniformed in black and gold, he passed down the line, accompanied by his

The well-known figure of the Chinese dinister, whose gorgeous brocades, big liamond, and suave smile are always a cature at Presidential receptions, was resent with Madame Wu, who wore a na-

be dealing and sidewalls, and hedges of bright green had been planted in the windows and upon the mantels. The crowd of holiday callers was densest there. For half an hour, the Ambasador of Groat Britain and several of those connected with the British Embassy held a little side reception beneath the central chandelier, the spot which guides point out to strangers as that on which the casket of President Lincoln once rested.

Lord Pauncefote was dressed in a uniform, which in elaborateness view with that worn by Minister Hengelmuller and Minister Wu Ting-fang. Lord Pauncefote's dress was of blue cloth, overlaid with gold braid, or, more accurately speaking, of go'd braid.

Pehind the Line.

The guests invited behind the line were: The young ladies of the Cabinet: The lisses Hay, Miss Root, the Misses Griggs, he Misses Long, the Misses Hitchcock Miss Grace McKirley, Miss Sarah Duncan Mrs. John Addison Porter, Mrs. T. A

man K. Davis, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, Mrs. James McMillan, Miss McMillan, the Misses Morgan, Mrs. O. H. Platt, Mrs. T. C. Platt, Mrs. Redfie'd Proc-tor, Miss Froctor, Mrs. Henry M. Teller, Mrs. Campbell, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Joseph B. Foraker, the Misses Foraker, Mrs. Wil-

B. Foraker, the Misses Forake, liam B. Bate. Mrs. D. B. Henderson, Miss Henderson, Mrs. John Dalzell, Miss Kitzmiller, Mrs. Charles H. Grosvenor, Mrs. George B. Mc-Clellan, Mrs. S. E. Payne, Mrs. George W.

Rand.

Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. James G. Blaine,
Mrs. H. S. B. Beale, Mrs. Paillp Sheridan,
the Misses Sheridan, Mrs. Harriet Lane
Johnston, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Daniel
Manning, Mrs. Charles G. Dawes, Mrs. Mrs.
B. Dawes, Miss Dawes, Mrs. Mrs.
Mrs. Dewey's mother, Mrs. Washington
McLean, 1705 K Street.
General Miles, accompanied by his full
staff, called at 1:45 o'clock, the orchestra
announcing their entrance with a burst of
martial music. In addition to the officers
of the navy and army together.

oldest inhabitants of the District of Columoia. Then the great mass of the people he public-filed through. When the doo equited for their long wait in the wind

THE DIPLOMATIC BREAKFAST. A Brilliant State Occasion at Secre

tary Hay's Residence. Socially and spectacularly considered, no vent of the year given outside of the banueting hall of the Executive Mansion an surpass the international breakfas which the Secretary of State gives each New Year morning in honor of the Diolomatic Corps. It is a breakfast with a significance. It means peace and good will to all nations represented at the American Capital and is an individual tribute to the dignitaries here who combine loyalty to their own Government with

Secretary Hay received his distinguished uests today as they arrived at the splen-id mansion on Sixteenth Street. Mrs. Hay, was gowned superbly in white lace over yellow chiffon that harmonized effectively with her rich color and dark hair. With the host and hostess were their young daughters, the Misses Hay ting also were Mrs.

Hill, Miss Boardman, Thomas W. Cridler. SECRETARY AND MRS. GAGE.

Catlers Being Received at the Massa chusetts Avenue flouse. The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs age are receiving at their home on Massa-Avenue, otherwise "Cabine Square." Mrs. Gage, who is one of the

oopular, women in the official circle, vearing the beautiful habit she appeared in it the White House reception this morning. The large drawing-room, with its Nile green furnishings and nymph-frescoed cellng, is as fragrant as a conservatory, and the vista seen through open doorwa s beyond show glimpses of tall, graceful palms.
Assisting Mrs. Gage are: Mrs. Charles

handsomest, as she is one of the most

Assisting and dage are. Ars. Chartes E. Spaulding, Mrs. J. Stanley Brown, Miss Lucy Page, Miss Cassini, Miss Ethel Horst-mann, Miss Swarzy, the Misses Griggs, and Miss Jessie Gary, daughter of the former Postmaster General, who is spending a portion of the holidays with Mrs. Gage

THE SECRETARY OF WAR. Mr. and Mrs. Root Holding a New

Year Reception. The Secretary of War and Mrs. Root are eceiving a seemingly endless flow of callrs, among whom are many officers, both the regular and volunteer service.

It is the Secretary's first official recep-The first foreign dignitary to shake tion, and the charm of novelty is added to

the conventional pleasure he and his charming wife are deriving from the exhanging of happy New Year greetings with heir guests of the afternoon: Miss Edit Reot, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Postlewaite, Mrs. McCleilan, Mrs. Parcons, the Misses Bates, Miss Sher-idan, Miss Sanger, Miss Hawley, Miss Adola Greely, Miss Patten, Mis Davis, Miss McKenna, Miss Hagner, and Mis

LEVEE AT THE PORTLAND. The Navy Pays Its Respects to Secretary Long The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs

ong are receiving in the parlors of the Portland. The rooms are elaborately dec orated with foliage plants and the mantels re banked with cut flowers and ferns.

Miss Long is assisting in welcoming the men who go down to the sea in ships," and the other ladies in the receiving party are Mrs. Charles H. Allen, Mrs. Fre Rogers, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Mulligan, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. W. W. Phelps, Miss Satterlee, Miss Allen, Miss Benham, Miss Evans, Miss Gallaudet, Miss Gilmore, Mis; Bradford, Miss-Wallace, and Miss Painter

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL. New Year Callers.

The Postmaster General and Mrs. Smith re receiving the chiefs of the Postoffice Department and a large contingent of callers, the Postmaster General having made himself extremely popular in Washington tive costume of pink and blue Chinese brocade that was a marvel of richness.

Another picturesque little woman was
the wife of the Korean Minister, who wore
a waist of black satin embroidered with

Marie McKenna, the Misses Maury, Miss

MISS WILSON AS HOSTESS. The Daughter of the Secretary of Ag riculture Receives Callers. The Secretary of Agriculture and Mis

Wilson are giving, socially, one of the pleasantest receptions of the day. The hirs. John Addison Porter, Mrs. T. A. Bingham, Mrs. David J. Hill, Mrs. Fuller, Miss Fuller, Mrs. Barveller, Mrs. Brown, the Misses Herlan, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. White, Miss Brewer, Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. McKenna, the Misses Herlan, Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Pierce.

Mrs. William P. Frye, Mrs. M. A. Hanna, Mrs. J. C. Burrows, Mrs. Shelby M. Cullom, Mrs. Ridgely, Miss Ridgely, Miss Fisher, Mrs. John W. Daniel, Mrs. Cushraa K. Davis, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Davis, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Davis, Mrs. Stephen B. Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Davis, Mrs. Stephen B. Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Davis, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Davis, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Flerence Forman K. Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Wilson has with her Mgs. Dalzell.
Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Raymond Patterson, Mrs.
Willis Moore, Mrs. Perry Alien, Mrs. C. D.
Clark, Mrs. Callaudet, Miss Florence Foraker, and Miss Emily Colton. ADMIRAL DEWEY RECEIVING.

The Navy, Army, and Diplomati-Corps Early Callers,

The Admiral of the Navy is enjoying tolay the official and social laurels that come of being a dignitary at the Nation's Capi-The reception of the Admiral and Mrs.

Dewey to the officers of the Navy, Army, and Marine Corps and to other gentlemen commenced at 1 o'clock and is still in prog ress. It is being held at the residence of Mrs. Dewey's mother, Mrs. Washington McLean, 1705 K Street.

A number of the Justices of the Supreme ourt called in a body, headed by Chief

most the entire Diplomatic Co

Justice Fuiler.

Mrs. Dewey is assisted by her mother Mrs. McLean, Mrs. John R. McLean, Mrs. Ludlow and Miss Cassinif niece of the Rus.

About fifty young ladies prominent i ag the gracious hospitalities of the after acoon. Among them are: Misses Kean of New Jersey; the Misses Josephine and Florence Boardman, the Misses Wetmore Miss MacVeagh, Miss Alice Warder, the Misses Wallace, the Misses Lambert, th Misses Owen, Miss Hunt, Miss Sara Walker, Miss Goodfellow, Miss McKeeve Miss Ashton, Miss Isabel May, the Misse Bates, Miss Sanger, Miss Mary Hopkin Miss Hare, of Philadelphia; Miss Sargen Miss Hoff, the Misses, Berry, Miss Mathil de Townsend, and Miss Sallie Schroeder The receiving party were entertained at

A MARTIAL SCENE. Veteraus of Two Wars Greet Major

General Miles.

fternoon the officers of the regular army and veterans of the Spanish war who are now in the city. The drawing-room is patriotic with flags, to which is added the allitary colors, red, blue and yellow of trimmings of the uniforms of the va-us branches of the service, and the flash brass buttons and lace.

The floral decorations show a touch of Christmas greens, which serve as an artis-tic background for the beautiful toilets worn by the ladics who are assisting Mrs. Among them are Miss Miles, Mrs. Stern

oerg, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Mrs. Gil-more, Mrs. Andenried, Mrs. McCallum frs. Wiborg, of Cincinnati; Miss Gilmore Miss Colton, Miss Sawtelle, Miss Webb Miss Horstmann, Miss Ruggles, and Mis-Mitchell. Frozen to Death Beside a Stove. ELKTON, Md., Jan. 1 .- Henry Gordon lored, aged eighty-five years, was found rozen to death in his home, on Water Street, last night. He had been missing for several days. Chief of Police Biddle went to the Gordon home, and, on breaking

down the door, found Gordon lying dead alongside the stove. Reception at the Y. M. C. A.

A reception will be held at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. A number of the friends of the association have accepted invitaons to assist in receiving the guests, and is expected that a large crowd will attend. The handsome parlors have been tend. decorated in evergreens and holly, and light refreshments will be served.

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PRICE ONE CENT.

The Seizure of the Bundesrath Vig-

orously Denounced.

Redress to Be Demanded From Great Britain-A Belief That the Vessel's Release Will Be Insisted Upon-An Announcement That Warships Are

Now on the Way to Delagon Bay.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.- The newspapers here oday all vigorously denounce the British ction in the Bundesrath seizure. The enire nation is declared to be stirred with

The German protected cruisers Schwalbe nd Condon, it is announced, are already on their way to Delagoa Bay, and other warships are likely to be started for the cepe of the trouble at once. Redress for he seizure doubtless will be demanded. The affair was the subject of discussion oday at a special meeting of the cabinet. t is believed here that England is intendng shortly to declare an effective blockade of Delagoa Bay.

It is believed that the German Government will at once make representations to Great Britain demanding the release of the vessel which is now in Durban, held as a prize by the British cruiser Magleienne.

The "Vossische Zeitung" expects that England will not increase her internal difficulties, but will soon settle the affair in a friendly manner. It is not be leved here that the Bundesrath had on board any property for the Boer government or any subjects of the Boer republic. The Foreign Office has said nothing openly on the subject, but that the incident created ill-humor among officials, and that event Von Buelow will not treat the matter with laxity is certain.

A prominent official in the Foreign Office declared today that he corside s the capture of the Bundesrath a high-handed outrage. He says that Great Britain will have to recognize the right of German citizens to travel in the Transvasl unhindered and that Germany will protect its citizens in their rights.

It is also asserted in government circles that the British right of search is questioned, and that in any event the British right to stop passengers, whether they intend to fight for the Boers or not, is strenuously disputed, as the vessel upon which they were is neutral and the terriory to which they were proceeding, namely, Delagon Bay, is also neutral.

Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chan-

ellor, has received a telegram from Herr Adolph Woermann, President of the Hamurg Chamber of Commerce, who in the name of that body demands the government's intervention in the matter, and future protection of German trade in all parts of the world.

DISTRICT DAY IN THE HOUSE.

Few Bills Will Be Ready for Consid-

The first District day in the House this ession will be next Monday, but it is not likely that Chairman Babcock will have many local measures ready to report, for the reason that he has not yet organized the District Committee. More than half a hundred bills of a local character of more or less importance have already been inroduced in the House, and most of the more important measures have been re rred to the District Commissioners for

Chairman Babcock says there will be lenty of work for his committee this ses-

the evening—times when men and women go to and from work.

Mr. Berry says in his opinion the street rallroads of this city can easily afford to make the concession to the working people, and he is satisfied that his bill will have and he is satisfied that his bill will have the endorsement of all the labor organiza-tions in the city. He has secured much data on the subject to prove that the plan of giving a reduced fare two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening has worked successfully in other cities.

MORMON WORK IN THE SOUTH Arraignment of the Cause by a Chat-

tanooga Preacher. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The Southern States Mission of the Mormon Church, covering fifteen States, has its neadquarters here. Ben. E. Rich has charge of the work of over 600 Mornion dissionaries in the territory. A lively controversy is in progress between Mr. Rich and Rev. J. Whitcomb Braugher, formerly of Paterson, N. J., now pastor of the First Baptist Church here. Last night Mexi always in interest to the diplomatic breakfast given by the Secretary of State is the reception of the General Commanding to the officers of the army.

General Miles.

Mr. Braugher preached a sermon to an audience that packed the big church on "The Mormon and the Christian." The sermon was in reply to an open letter from Rich, in which he arraigned Pastor Braugher and the Baptist faith.

Mr. Braugher said he had heard a num-Mr. Braugher said he had heard a number of explanations favoring the organization of a committee to lead the Mormons out of town, but he would not approve such a course. He claimed that the Mormons are indirectly teaching pelygamy in violation of the law in that they claim that the Bible teaches polygamy. Mr. Braugher states that the Mormons, particularly in headquarters here, are being watched and that the Government at Washington may soon take a hand in it. He dwelt at length on the statements that Mormonism is antion the statements that Mormonism is anti-Christian and un-American,

The Beach Family Reunion.

Friday from Chicago, where he spent the holidays with his parents. There was a union of the Beach family at the old ome on Christmas Day, when everyone of the sons and daughters, with their vives, were present. Captain Beach said hat the occasion was very enjoyable, and that he had not heard of for years. Good Police Arrangements.

The police arrangements at the Presiient's reception this morning were under

the charge of Lieutenant Boyle, of the Third precinct. The detail for the occasion was made up by the lieutenant in charge. Several of the army officers present hear-tily commended the manner in which the crowds were handled, and the reception seemed to lack the push and crush that have characterized previous events of this

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