RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1900.

FIRE IN C. & O. OFFICES

The Top Story of the Pace Building is Badly Damaged.

FIGHT FLAMES IN THE COLD

Firemen, Though Almost Frezen, Do Heroic and Effective Work.

INCONVENIENCE MORE THAN LOSS

Papers of the Railroad Company

That Are Burned Not of Great

ness-Temporary Offices to Be Used.

Pace building, at the southeast corner of Eighth and Main streets, were greatly damaged by fire early yesterday morn-

The damage was confined chiefly to the fourth story, in the office of the car-service agent, but the water injured to a greater or less extent the records in the departments on the second and third

The stock of Mr. Muscoe H. Garnett, desks. hatter and dealer in gents' furnishngs, on the first floor, was also damfices of the Commercial Building and Loan Association, on the ground floor, were also flooded. The water was wholly responsible for the latter damage. The loss on the building is covered by insur-

The offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio, removed to the Mayo building, No. 705 east Main street, and while everything Il not be working with entire smoothness for several days or weeks, owing to the destruction of records, yet the busi-

It is believed the fire originated from a efective flue. It was confined wholly to the fourth floor, on which was located the flice of the car-service agent. All other

FIRST SAW THE FLAMES. few minutes after 6 c'clock Mr. W.

M. Mountesatle, the night superintendent of Sutherland's livery stables, Nos. 7 and north Eighth street, chancing to glance house. Another ran to turn in an at Ninth and Main. On the way vere on the ground. Fifteen minutes of Germany, \$5,000; Hamburg-Loren a private alarm was turned in from At 6:15 the companies name Shortly after wards President John H. Prischkorn, of had arrived on the scene, sent in a general alarm, which brought out every ene in the city save the Church Hill re-

FOUGHT AGAINST HEAVY ODDS. The responses which the department made to the calls could not have been more prompt. The work done was as effective as could be, owing to the difficul-ties which confronted the firemen. The thermometer was not far from zero. The nermometer was more with ice. The cose were soon coated with ice. The wind was coming from the east, and as the firemen could work only from the Main-street side, the breeze blew back on them a heavy mist, which froze as on as it formed. They were soon cover-i with a sheathing of ice. For a time old hardly summon resolution sufent to withstand the cold, and it was long before several of them had to

id be carried away. as though it could be easily con-But owing to the difficulty in g on a strong stream because of short time the flames were ig from the windows up under the crowd gathered to witness the

ey lingered as long as possible.

ELECTRIC CURRENT CUT OFF. nen worked with the utmost d fearlessness. It looked at though a portion of the man topple into the street. The egraph, telephone, and elec-wires which encircled the soon coated with ice, and icicles began to form until ged down to the point of th their tremendous load. breaking be The current the danger off finally, and o the firemen from as obviated, but through

he flames were under control. But out and it was noon and hose trucks had before the eng t was a bad locality

WHERE THEFIRE STARTED. the building during The scenes insi the progress of the fire were decidedly lively, but hardly tilling. Harry Starwood, the chief jattor, discovered the flames shortly after 6 o'clock, a few minutes after the a lan had been turned stafrom Sutherland's in by Mr. Mountcast stables. The flame Car-Service Agent C in the office of fourth floor. It did it look very dangerous, but was in sun a position that the janitors could not each it.

When the first clouder smoke swept into the office of the ain dispatchers, on the same floor as the fire, there was a general rush for the tairways. Dispatchers Forster, Bibl. Bales, and Faulkner were in the one at the time with Mr. Goodwin. The perators could not save anything, not on the train sheets of the Eastern Disjon. It was high time to get out, and be men got Mr. E. G. Goodwin, the chi dispatcher dispatcher, nce took his men to the ard offices of the company and soon and another train sheet made up and the moving as usual. There was not an of trains because of the fire THE OFFICERS AT WORK.

Mr. C. C. Walker, superingdent of

ed in directing the preservation of the contents of the building. Mr. Decatur Axtell, second vice-president of the Chesapeake and Ohio, arrived soon after-wards, and, accompanied by Presiden Frischkorn, of the Fire Board, and Mr Lonnie Graves, of Fire Department head-quarters, entered the building and went to Secretary Wellford's office, on the se-cond floor. Tarpaulins from the hose-wagons were procured and with these practically all the records of the office were covered up and protected from the torrents of water. They are almost en-

It was nearly 9 o'clock before the flames were under control. It lacked but a few minutes of 16 when the fire was out. The Intense cold and the inaccessibility of the flames made the firemen's work very difficult. Chief Shaw directed the work in person, and was assisted by Superintendent Thompson and Captain Joynes. They worked with fine skill and judgment. The firemen seemed utteriy unmindful of danger. Captain Dorset, of Truck No. 1, was aimost frozen, but was carried into Stumpf's restaurant, across the street and soon revived. It was not carried into Stumpf's restaurant, across the street, and soon revived. It was not half an hour after the fire began before Mr. Robert Lecky, of the Virginia State Insurance C...npañy, ordered that the men be furnished with hot coffee from Rueger's, at Ninth and Bank, and this stimulant helped the men wonderfully. Mr. E. A. Stumpf kept negroes busy carrying coffee to the men, and Mr. Charles O. Saville was also active in helping them to bear their discomforts.

MOVE INTO OTHER OFFICES

MOVE INTO OTHER OFFICES. soon as the fire was out the railroad new offices. They were secured with but ittle trouble, and the work of removing papers and furniture was begin soon in afternoon. The offices of Generalbuilding at No. 705 east Main street. Se will locate in the Hannewinckel building

the loss in his department would be very assistant general passenger agent, has been temporarily established in the heretofore occupied by the Citizens' Ex-

change Bank. The other offices in the building were practically untouched. SAVED TICKETS AND MONEY. Mr. Henry Lee Valentine heard the alarm when it was turned in and hurried to the scene. He paid special atten-tion to the office of Passenger-Agent Potts, and with the help of several other ater were removed into the temporary DAMAGE NOT VERY GREAT.

Axtell, and were untouched. The carvice records, in Mr. Sipp's office, were destroyed, but can be duplicated from There will be a great deal truction of the records for some time e met Hoseman Stephen M. Chaisa, of London, \$5,000; Finiadelphia Uniteramer Company No. 7, and Chaisa sent an alarm. This slarm called out Engine ompanies Nos. 3, 4, and 7, and Chemical opponies Nos. 3, 4, and 7, and Chaisa sent land, \$5,000; Palatine, of England, \$5,000; United Fire, of Bultimore, \$5,000; St. Paul Fire

Mr. Muscoe H. Garnett is unable to es-He was insured for \$5,500, as follows Manchester, of England, T. L. Alfriend agent, \$500; Orient, of Hartford, J. B. Moore & Co., agents, \$500; Aetna, of Hartford, W. Talley, agent; \$1,000; Agricultural, of Watertown, N. Y., G. D. New York, S. H. Pulliam & Co., agents Ston; Hartford Fire, of Hartford, George C. Jefferson, agent, \$500; Dime Savings Bank, \$500; Liverpool and London and

Total, \$5,500. GETTING NEW OFFICES READY. A force of carpenters was at work on night, getting it in readiness for its new tenants. Although the clerical corps of the Chesapeake and Ohio here had a holiday yesterday, they will all be at work to-day, orders having been issued them to report for duty this morning. amount of stationery burned.

yesterday, and a diamond ring belonging to Dispatcher Bibb. had only started their cars when they had to stop, the current being cut off by order of Superintendent Thompson, who feared that the firemen would be by coming in contact with live wires broken by reason of the loads of ice upon them. It was 10 o'clock before ice upon them. It was 10 o'clock before a new circuit was made, and the cars were started to running as usual.

FIREMEN DID FINE WORK.

The officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio, as well as the crowd of spectators, were unanimous yesterday in their praise of the plucky and intelligent work of the firemen. It could not have been excelled. They were utterly careless of danger and cold. Firemen Wade and Carlton were almost suffocated while at work on the fourth floor, but Chief Shaw rushed in through the smoke and dragged them into the fresh air. They quickly revived and went to work again. Lieutenant Shaw, A. F. George Mackie, of No. 7 Company, were temporarily overcome by the smoke in

the building, but when they recovered, rushed back to work. E. Mercer Ball the engineer of Company No. taken very ill while at his post, and had to be given medical aid. As soon was better he returned to his post.

HE SAVED THE ENGINE. The coolness of Mr. David Garthright, a substitute on Company No. 4, averted a bad accident at Seventh and Lain streets after the fire. The horses had been brought up to be attached to the engine, when it began slipping down Seventh street. The men standing by Seventh street. The men standing by tried to stop it by throwing blocks of wood in front of the wheels. The mo-mentum was too great, however, and the mentum was too great, noweer, and big engine kept going, gathering speed every foot. The men had to get out of the way and let her go. It looked as though nothing would save it from being hurled into the canal at the foot of the street. Garthright, however, saw what was to be done, and did it. He sprang up into the driver's seat and applied the brakes, and the speed of the engine kept at once. Garthright kept turning the brakes, and the speed of the engir It was almost on the canal

bank when it stopped. Engineer Jonic-

MRS. YAGER IN CANADA

The Missing Rockingham Woman Said to Be There.

REPORT BELIEVED TO BE TRUE

Comes Through Direct Source and Thought to Be Authentic.

HER STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

Came Here for Medical Treatment But Left Next Morning Without

Seeing the Doctor, and Nothing

Further Heard from Her.

It was stated last night in the mos authoritative way that Mrs. T. P. Yager, who came to this city from Rockingham county nearly a month ago and then dis-

The statement was made by a gentleman from a county adjoining Rockingrate information. He stated that though the fact had not been publicly announced. woman was in a Canadian city.

The disappearance of Mrs. Yager has attracted much attention. She left home early in December to come to this city for medical treatment. She telegraphed wrote him the next day a very cheerful, bright letter. That was the last he heard from, or of, her, unless it be true that he has now learned that she is across the border. After waiting anxiously for ten to the boarding-house at which he expectunder whose treatment she was to place herself, Mr. Yager and his father-in-law Dr. Webb, came to Richmond to try and find her. Failing to find any clue whatever here, they visited Washington and Baltimore in prosecution of their search Still they were unsuccessful.

Learning that a woman had been seen at Reservoir lake acting rather strangely, the husband and father returned to Richmond, and the water was turned out of the lake, but the body was not found. Then Mr. Yager determined to place the case in the hands of Detective W. G. Baldwin, of Roanoke, who, among other things, issued circulars, giving the pic-ture and a description of Mrs. Yager. The gentleman from whom the Dispatch heard that Mrs. Yager was believed to be in Canada said it was not thought that her husband would try to have her

brought back.

The Baldwin circular describes Mrs. Yager as about 35 years old; weight, about 107 pounds; height, about 5 feet 5 inches; complexion, dark; eyes, very dark and sparkling; hair-black, worn curled over forchead; figure, medium, but waist weather harms wells; in and days stars rather large; walks up and down step with difficulty; hands medium size, but feet rather small; wears about No. 11-2 shoe; were plain gold ring on third finger, left hand, with initials T. P. Y. to O. J. W.; also, wore King's Daughters' silver badge. Mrs. Yager had one pecufarity that can be easily noticed. From her childhood she would twirl a small button between the thumb and forefinger of the right hand. This she does at all

GRIDIRONERS AT SUMMERVILLE. They Visit a Real Tea, Not Cold Tea.

times, usually using a small white but-

ton. She would also often rub the button

Farm. CHARLESTON, S. C., January 2.-The members of the Gridiron Club and their the Mayo building until a late hour last guests, Senators Depew and Tillman, Representative Champ Clark and Dr. Edward Bedloe, of Philadelphia, were taken to Summerville, the famous winter resort near this city, to-day. The visitors were entertained at the Pinehurst tea farm, The damage to the Chesapeake and Ohio records is very much less than was guests of Dr. Charles U. Shepard. They at first expected. There was a large were subsequently driven about the town Among of Summerville for an hour or more, and the articles left in the dispatcher's-room the went to the Pine Forest Inn. where when they had to rush out was a gold-headed cane, which the operators intend-Wagener, the proprietor of the hotel, at ed presenting to Superintendent Walker an elaborate and perfectly appointed din-

The traditions of the members of the The Main street and Forest Hill lines club for wit and humor were maintained throughout the day. While dinner was being served at the Pine Forest Inn, a number of entertaining incidents wer introduced. The leading speech of the occasion was made by Senator Chauncey M. Depew, and it was a perfect gem post-prandial oratory. Several other extemporaneous addresses were made, among them a clever speech by Presient H. L. West, of the Gridiron Club, extending thanks to the people of Charleson and to the people who had entertained himself and his friends. The special train of the Gridiron Club

immerville, over the Southern, for Washington, at 5 o'clock this evening.

MISSISSIPPI'S SENATORSHIPS.

The Short-Term Contest Scheduled for To-Day.

JACKSON, MISS., January 2.-The Mississippi Legislature met to-day. Informal Henson is now at the point of death, caucauses were held by the members during the day, on the short-term senatorship contest between Hon. W. V. Sullivan and ex-Governor Lowry. van and ex-Governor box. test will be quite close, although the Sullivan supporters claim they have a Sullivan supporter on joint ballot. The majority of 12 votes on joint ballot. Lowry supporters make no assertions as

o their strength. The short-term contest is scheduled to be brought up to-morrow. The settlement of the long-term senatorship will not be brought up until next Tuesday. It is not attracting any interest, as the election of Governor McLaurin is asof sured.

FIGHT FOR A RAILWAY.

Police Take Possession of Elevated Structure-Train Crew Arrested.

CHICAGO, January 2.-After an exciting struggle, stretching over miles of elevated railway track, the police to-day took possession of the whole line of the new Northwestern Elevated railway, in this city. To-night, the police have erected a barrier of ties and rails junction of the Northwestern Elevated tracks with those of (CONCLUDED ON FIFTH PAGE.) Fifth avenue and Lake street, and the

regular crew of the company's one train

is under arrest.

The arrests are the result of a refusal on the part of the railway officials to comply with an order from the Commissional Complex with a complex trains. sioner of Public Works to cease train running, that official claiming that the company's structure was unsafe in its present alleged incomplete state, and that it not come within the requirements of the ordinance that it be completed for operation by January 1st.

CONFERENCE WITH BRYAN.

Meeting of Democrats and Fusionists at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, NEB., January 2.- The return of William J. Bryan to-morrow will be followed by a conference of Nebraske Fusion leaders, as well as some Demo crats of prominence from other States Committeeman Miller leads the advance of the outsiders, and has been here several days, waiting for Colonel Bryan.

It is the plan to get an expression from Mr. Bryan on what he deems wise in the way of preliminary action by the national convention.

The Central committees of the Democrats, Populists, and Free-Silver Republicans will meet on Friday.

ALLEN NOT FOR PRESIDENCY. WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2. Senator Allen, in an interview to-night authorized an absolute denial of the report that he would be a candidate for the presidency on the part of the Fusior forces. He said:

"I would not accept the nomination i it were unanimously tendered me. Bryan undoubtedly will be the candidate of the Democratic, Populist, and Free Silver parties for the presidency. Nebraska will give him a united, active delegation to all three of the conventions." Senator Allen declared emphatically that, so far as he knew, Mr. Bryan had not aided him in his candidacy for the

MGR. CHAPELLE AT MANILA.

Question of Support of Church

Brotherhoods in Philippines. MANILA, January 2 .- 9:45 P. M .- Arch-Philippines, arrived here to-day, on th United States transport Sherman, which sailed from San Francisco December 8th and now a regular army chaplain, who was also a passenger on the Sherman. It is said that the Friars are striving

to secure Monsignor Chapelle's ear, for the purpose of securing better protection or individual interests. Revolutionists have started the rumor that Monsignor Chapelle intends eventu-ally to recommend the appointment of Father McKinnon as Archbishop of the Philippines, the latter's defence of the brotherhoods in the American newspapers has been translated and circulated among the natives, for the purpose, it is declared, of showing that Father McKin-non will support the protherhoods, if he is selected. Such statements as these create uneasiness among the natives, which is increased by recent news, received from Spain, to the effect that Monsignor Chapelle will support the brother-left their laager and opened fire, but the signor Chapelle will support the brother-

The Tagalos, it is declared, have become more embittered against the Church since Archbilding Nozafeda excommunicated an insurgent priest, and it is said the number of Protestant marriages among the natives continually increases.

THE MANAUENSE HORRORS.

They Are Fully Confirmed by Official

Reports. worthy, undermanned, and short of proof the whole battalion, which were ruin ed during the passage.

COVINGTON, VA., January 2 .- (Spe to nominate a successor to Senator Mcname was before the convention. Forge, was requested to cast the vote.

Mine Difficulty Adjusted.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., January 2.—The trouble between the mine-operators in Walker county and the United Mine-Workers has been adjusted, and the miners, who have been on strike for eleven weeks, will return to work. The trouble was caused by a demand for increased wages, but this was refused. The miners affiliated with the Knights of Labor did not quit work when the United Mine-Workers made their demands. Both organizations have now been recognized by the mine operators.

Fatal Result of a Feud.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., January 2—As the result of a family feud, Jerome Henson and Thomas Jones, both of Walker county. Ga., engaged in a quarrel at Cedar Grove. Jones knocked Henson down with a weight, crushing his skull. Henson managed to rise, got his pistol, and, following Jones, overtook him as he was entering his store. Henson emptied the contents of his pistol into Jones's body, the latter falling dead. Henson is now at the point of death.

NEW YORK, January 2.—The three-masted schooner Eva D. Rose, from Norfolk for Camden, N. J., laden with pigriron, is ashere at Cold Spring Harbor, near Cape May, N. J. Life-savers have gone to her assistance.

Croker Progressing Favorably.

LONDON, January 2.—Richard Croker, of New York, who broke his leg yester-day near Wantage, while mounting a horse, is reported this evering to be pro-gressing favorably towards recovery.

The Nashville Reaches Manila. WASHINGTON, January 2.—The Nash-ville arrived at Manila Saturday, making the fourth of the five vessels recently ordered to Manila at the suggestion of

Keep the money for fire-insurance at home by insuring with Virginia State Insurance Company.

BOERS AGAIN BEATEN.

British Score a Success at the Orange River,

ANOTHER FLANK MOVEMENT

It Turns Out as Well as Did French's at Colesberg.

COLONIAL TROOPS DO THE WORK.

They Have Been Longing to Be Al-

wounded. Our casualties are two privates

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

BELMONT, CAPE COLONY, January

2.-A dispatch from the Associated Press

"A mounted force, consisting of 100

Canadians of the Toronto company, and

200 Queenslanders, commanded by Colonel

under Major DeRougemont; forty mount

ed infantry, under Lieutenant Ryan, and

200 of the Cornwall Light Infantry, the

whole commanded by Colonel Pilcher, left

Belmont vesterday at noon on a march

westward, covering twenty miles before

sunset. The force encamped at Cook's

Farm, where the troops were welcomed

BOERS' FLANK TURNED.

"At 6 o'clock this morning the force ap-

broached a spot where a laager of the

Boers was reported. Colonel Pilcher, on

approaching the position, which was a line of strong kopjes, detached Major De

queenslanders completing the movement

the laager was captured, with forty

prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three men wounded, and

"The whole force worked admirably. The

COLONIALS DO THE WORK.

"The Colonial troops, who have

longing to be allowed to meet the Boers

have at last been given an opportunity to do so, and have scored a brilliant suc

cess. The raid conducted by Colonel Pil-cher was very difficult, owing to the fact that the movements of the troops were

immediately communicated to the Boers by natives. In order to prevent this, Colonel Pilcher, in making his forced

march from Belmont, left a British trooper at every farm-house, with in-

tructions not to allow the natives to

eave their huts, the patrols calling the

names of the natives hourly, in order to

Colonel Pilcher sent mounted patrols

east. One of these, consisting of four

men, commanded by Lieutenant Adie, suddenly encountered fourteen Boers.

who opened fire. The Lieutenant was severely wounded, and Private Butler

ave up his horse in order to carry the

Lieutenant out of range. Another pri-vate, whose horse had bolted, returned

pluckily to render service. He was wound

ed in the leg and his horse was killed.

BURGHERS SURPRISED.

"Meanwhile, Lieutenant Ryan, who had

worked magnificently, reported that the veldt on the right of the enemy was

lear, whereupon Major De Rougemont

ordered the guns to advance at a trot. They arrived within 500 yards of the

laager, unlimbered, and planted five shells in as many minutes within the laager. Immediately the enemy could be

seen streaming over the kopje. They were completely surprised, but quickly

"A representative of the Associated Press had the privilege of carrying an

order to the Toronto company, which

sent them at double-quick into action. The order was received with great satis-

faction. The company rushed forward until within 1,000 yards of the enemy's position, when it opened a hot fire upon

the kopje, and completely subdued the Boer fire. The British artillery shelled

the position with wonderful accuracy

while Lieutenant Ryan, with the mount ed infantry, worked round and completely

uncovered the fire of the Boers, who had

AUSTRALIANS LAUGH AND CHAFF.

"Meanwhile, Colonel Pilcher, with the

Queenslanders, taking advantage of every

cover, made a direct attack, the Austra-

Queenslanders behaved with great cool-ness, laughing and chaffing, even at the

PILCHER OCCUPIES DOUGLASS.

DOUGLASS, CAPE COLONY, January

Colonel Pilcher has occupied Douglass, without opposition, and has been received with enthusiasm by the Loyalists.

GERMAN CRUISER FOR DELAGOA.

BERLIN, January 2.-The German se

ond-class cruiser Schwalb has left Dar es-Salaam, a scaport of Africa, twenty-five

niles south of Zanzibar, for Lorenzo Mar

ANOTHER GERMAN SHIP SEIZED.

HAMBURG, January 2.-The Hamburger

Correspondenz announces that the German ark Hans Wagner, of Hamburg, was selzed by the British at Delagoa

lians moving slowly but surely.

een ensconsed in the bushes.

moment of greatest peril."

opened a well-directed fire.

'In the manoeuvre at Cook's Farm,

Another dispatch from Dover Farm

representative at Dover Farm, dated Jan-

Given an Opportunity, Which They

uary 1st. says:

enthusiastically.

one man missing.

dated January 1st, says:

revent their escape

land contingent.

LONDON, January 2.- The War Office has received the following from Cape Town, under to-day's date: "Colonel Pilcher reports, through the officer commanding at the Orange river "I have completely defeated a hostile commando at the Sunnyside laager, this

day. January 1st, taking the laager and forty prisoners, besides the killed and

killed and Lieutenant Adie wounded. Am encomped at Dover Farm, twenty miles northwest of Belmont, and ten miles from

bishop Chapelle, the Papal delegate to the He will lodge in the house formerly oc-cupied by Charles Denby, of the Philip-pine Advisory Commission. This action on the part of Monsignor Chapelle setthe contest between the various Friar brotherhoods in Manila, who, sepa-rately, have been using their influence to obtain the privilege of entertaining the Archbishop and the Rev. Father McKin-non, late of the California volunteers,

MANILA, January 2-6:40 P. M.-Colonel Pettit, commanding the Thirty-first Infantry, and Lieutenant-Colonel Hayes, who commanded the three companies of that regiment on board the transport Manauense, which arrived here November 20th, and reported terrible experiences at sea, the steamer being classed as unseavisions, have filed official reports corrobo-rating in every detail the exclusive story of the Associated Press at the time, de scribing the hardships of the soldiers. The Colonel's report, which is particuarly vigorous, recommends a claim against the ship's owners for the uniforms

Bath Instructs for Jones.

cial.)—The Democratic convention at Warm Springs to-day sent delegates from Bath to the senatorial convention Corkle. The delegates were instructed to vote for Hon. C. P. Jones as long as his delegates present are authorized to cast the full vote of the county, and in the event of failure of all delegates to attend. e Hon. George K. Anderson, of Clifton

Mine Difficulty Adjusted.

Schooner Rose Ashore.

Bay on December 21st, and that her owners have lodged a complaint with the British Foreign Office. BULLER'S ARMY CONFIDENT. LONDON, January 3.-The Daily Tele graph has received the following, dated January 2d, from Frere Camp: "The weather is fine. The Tugela river is now Count you Enlenberg Now a Prince BERLIN, January 2.—Emperor William has conferred the title of prince on Count von Eulenberg, the German Ambassador fordable. General Buller's army is in fine form, ready and confident for the work

> BRITISH? T. L. ALFRIEND, Agent.

Babington, commanding the Ninth and Twelfth Lancers, proves to have been in co-operation with a similar movement

from Belmont. This, directed by General Wood, consisted of a hying column and a force under Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher, from Belmont. This force moved into the territory between the Orange and Riet rivers. At Sunnyside, northwest of Douglass, it encountered a considerable com-mando, believed to be wholly composed of disloyal British subjects. General-Babing-ton's force proceeded in the same direc-tion, but on the north side of Riet river. The result of this reconnoissance has not yet been reported.
THE BUNDESRATH INCIDENT.

BERLIN, January 2.—Strict silence is naintained in official circles regarding the Bundesrath incident, but the correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the affair has created an extremely painful impression in political circles.

Energetic diplomatic steps were immetations. diately taken in London, and the inad-missibility of the right of a British cruiser to search a German mail steamer on the high seas has been emphatically asserted. The government is awaiting London's response before taking furthe

action.

The owners of the Deutschland deny positively that she contained persons of goods justifying seizure.

PORTUGUESE RULER MUM. LISBON, January 2.—The Cortes was opened to-day. No mention was made of Great Britain or the Transvaal in the speech from the throne.

PRECAUTIONS AT DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, January 2.—Extra precautions have been adopted by the military authorities here. The constabulary has been fully armed, and the sentries from sundown to morning have been increased at the barracks. Patrois march around, and all leaves of absence are suspended. ERENCH'S VICTORY CONFIRMED. LONDON, January 2.—The success of General French's column is at length confirmed officially, the War Office this

afternoon issuing a dispatch from Cape Town, Monday, January 1st, as follows: "French reports at 2 P. M. to-day from Coleskop, by heliograph, as follows:
"'Leaving, at Rensburg, holding the enemy in front, half of the First Suffolks and a section of the Royal Horse Artillery, I started thence at 5 in the afternoon. December alst, taking with me five squadrons of cavelry, half of the Second Berks, and eighty mounted infantry, infantry carried in wagons, and

ten guns.
"I halted for four hours at Maidor's
Farm, and at 3:30 this morning occupied
the kopje overlooking and westward of Colesberg. The enemy's outposts were taken completely by surprise.

BOERS USE BRITISH AMMUNITION. "'At daylight we shelled the laager and enfiladed the right of the enemy's and enmaded the right of the enemy's position. The artillery fire in reply was very hot from a 15-pounder, using Royal Laboratory ammunition, and other guns. We silenced the guns on the enemy's right flank, demonstrating with cavalry and guns to the north of Colesbarg towards the inection, where a strong berg towards the junction, where a strong laager of the enemy was holding a hill, and a position southeast of Colesberg, as far as the junction. Our position cuts the line of retreat via the road and bridge. Some thousands of Boers, withtwo guns, are reported to be retiring to-wards Norvalspont. All Remington's scouts proceeded towards Achterland yes-terday marning. Slight accumulates terday morning. Slight casualties, About three killed and few wounded. Details

BOER VIEW OF COLESBERG FIGHT. PRETORIA. January 2.—Last night (Sunday) the British, in great force, attacked Commandant Schooman's contacked Commandant Schooman's commando, in the Colesberg District, and tried to storm the position. They repeated the attack this morning, but were forced to retreat, the Boers holding the position. The loss of the British is not become but it is reported to have been known, but it is reported to have been

COMPLIMENT TO THE TRANSVAAL The Boers consider it a compliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts should have been selected for the supreme command of the British forces.

WANT TO FIGHT FOR VICTORIA.

Organize a VANCOUVER, B. C., January 2 .- Considerable disappointment has been caused throughout this province by the failure of the Dominion Government to include in the second Canadian regiment for south Africa a company from British Columbia. Prominent citizens of Vanconver have decided to raise a corps of mounted infantry, providing horses and defraying all expenses. At a meet-

ing called by Mayor Garden, it was de

cided to try to induce the government to accept this corps. Three hundred applications have been received from young men of this city and district. All are skilled horsemen and good rifle-shots, and many offer to provide their own mounts and equipments.

Attaches Lunch With Withelm.

BERLIN, January 2.—The foreign mili-ary attaches lunched with the Emperor esterday. The Emperor and the Crown Prince, at noon, received the Japanese Minister, who presented the Order of the Carysanthemum to the Crown Prince.

Many thousand dollars are brought to Richmond each year by local insurance companies, and many thousands are sent away by citizens to foreign comanies. Moral: Insure with the Virginia

Don't fail to attend the Inventory Sale, going on at the MILLER CHINA STORE.

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Duly Nominated by Democratic Caucus for Senator.

BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE.

Galaxy of Kentucky Beauties and Throng

of Blackburn Admirers.

BLUE GRASS LEGISLATURE MEETS.

cratic Nominees-Goebel Presiden

Pro Tem. of the Senate-Governor Message Anti-Cigarette.

FRANKFORT, KY., January 2 .- After four years' retirement, former Senato Joseph Clay Styles Blackburn was chose to-night, by the joint caucus of the De mocratic members of the Legislature, the successor of William Lindsay in the

United States Senate. Notwithstanding the fact that Black burn's nomination was a foregone conci sion, and his election morally co tain, the proceedings to-night were er acted in the presence of a galaxy of Ken tucky beauties and a dense throng Blackburn admirers.

The caucus convened at 8 o'clock, a was called to order by Senator Goebe chairman of the joint caucus. There w wild demonstration in the galleric when Goebel came into the hall before calling the caucus to order, the cheering continuing several minutes.

TWO DEMOCRATIC DISSENTERS. Senators Alexander and Hayes (Dem crats) and McConnell (Populist), staye out of the caucus. Senator Blackburn was placed in nom nation by Senator Goebel, who said the

the longest and bitterest fight ever fough for senator in this State, which bega four years ago (when Deboe defeate Blackburn), was about to reach its h termination. The State Capitol rang wi cheers as he placed Blackburn in non Senator Thomas asked that the roll called, so that every Democratic memb

might have an opportunity to go record for Blackburn. Senators Alexa der and Hayes failed to respond to th names, otherwise the vote was unar mous. Goebel was applauded when voted for Blackburn. LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED. FRANKFORT, KY., January 2 .- Bo ouses of the Legislature organized

night's Democratic caucus. House, South Trimble, for Speaker, clived the full fifty-eight Democra otes and J. P. Haswell all cf the for two Republican votes. For president tem. of the Senate, Goebel was elect The four Democratic senators who holy Citizens of British Columbia Will the caucus last night voted for the caucus nominees to-day.

Governor W. S. Taylor submitted

message of over 40,000 words, coveri State affairs, and presenting elaborareasons for repeal of the Goebel elect law, which he called the "infamy of 1 which had demoralized, disturbed.

The Governor recommends a stringe law against lynching and all mobs, as the prohibition of the use, as well as sale, of cigarettes. WHALLEN GIVES BOND.

FRANKFORT, KY., January 2.-Joi H. Whallen, who is accused by Senat S. B. Harrell of having attempted bribe him by offering him \$1,500 to vagainst Goebel in the gubernatorial c test, arrived here this afternoon, gave bond in the sum of \$10,000. He w accompanied to the Sherift's office General P. Wat. Hardin and ot anti-Goebel leaders. His examining tr is set for 2 o'clock to-morrow, when attorneys will enter a plea against i jurisdiction of the local courts, claim

that the offence, if there is one, w committed in Louisville. WATCH ON BRIBE MONEY. LOUISVILLE, KY., January 2.-Coun Attorney Polsgrove and Sheriff Sutt came here from Frankfort to-day w subpoenas for President Loring a Vault-Clerk Speed, of the Louisville Tr Company, to appear before Judge Cantri of the Franklin County Circuit Cou with the box in which Senator S. B. Ha rell and John H. Whallen, according the former's story, placed \$4,500, the pr which Harrell says was agreed upon

leave for Frankfort to-morrow morni At the request of the Franklin cour officers, the Louisville police have ke a watch on the box since a late ho last night.

his vote against Goebel.

The officers of the Louisville Trust Co

pany, at a conference to-night, decided

answer the subpoenas in person, and

GOEBEL NOTICE OF CONTEST. Nine Different Grounds for Su Action Set Out.

FRANKFORT, KY., January 2.—T notice of contest by Senator Goebel, a J. C. W. Beckham against Governor or and Lieutenant-Governor Marsh was served late to-day. Nine differ grounds of contest are embraced in totice, the substance of which is as i

lows:
1. Alleged use of tissue ballots in for counties. 2. Military interference with the el (CONCLUDED ON FIFTH PAGE)

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, January Forecast for Wednesday FAIR Thursday: Virginia-Fair Wednesday

Thursday; light westerly winds. North and South Carolina-Fair; not cold Wednesday; fair Thursday; lig westerly winds.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMON YESTERDAY was clear and cold, thou nilder in the afternoon and at night th for several days.
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