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from Rensburg, Cape Colony, received here last evening, says that General French, has completely defeated the Boers and has occupied Colesburg. The general has been keeping the

Boers on the move and he 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. Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right, The flank operations were successful. The infantry and field batteries made a feint attack upon the Boer front, and while this was pro-Boer front, and while this was pro-ceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's right flank, as arranged. The pro-gram worked without a hitch. The Boers were utterly surprised, and finding their retreat threatened, fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colesburg in Gen. French's hands.

TOOK THEM BY SURPRISE . London, Jan. 2—The Daily Mail has the following despatch, dated Jan. 1. from Rensburg:—"Yesterday afternoon, a big force of cavalry and artillery, with ten guns, under the personal command of Gen. French, moving by detour, occupied some hills three miles from Colesburg, where the Boers miles from Colesburg, where the Boers were in strength, confident in the natural aid afforded them by the natural aid afforded them by the hills. The enemy's position extended six miles around the entire village. At daybreak our artillery opened the battle. The Boers were taken by sur-prise, but replied vigorously. An ar-

London, Jan. 2.—A special despatch | tillery duel was maintained for two lapsed and was abandoned. We cap-tured it. A Boer big gun was silenced, but this and the other Boer guns were withdrawn to the northward, whither withdrawn to the northward, whither we are harassing the Boer retreat by a damaging shell fire. Colesburg is in our hands. The few remaining loyalists are jubilant. We have captured many wagons and a considerable quantity of stores. Our losses were slight, but the Boers must have suffered heavily. They may stop at Acterang or cross the river at Norval's point, where the bridge is still intact."

London, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 4a. m.—

London, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 4 a. m .-The success of General French in driving the Boers from Colesburg has sent a welcome ray of light through the gloom of the campaign in South Africa. Everywhere it is commented upon as an example of sound tactics and as an example of what may be done when the right methods are employed with the Boers. The government is urged to take the lesson to heart, and to see that no stone is left unturned in that no stone is left unturned in the endeavor to get the largest pos-sible forces of cavalry and mounted infantry to the front. Now that Gen. French has the Boers on the run the hope is expressed that he will give them no rest, but will harass them until they have found their way across the Orange River, which is twelve miles distant. The old wagon route to the Free State traverses Colesburg and crosses the river by a fine bridge, 1,340 feet long. It is believed that the Boers; retreated towards Norval's Point further east; and the question is whether Gen. French will be able to secure these two bridges before the Boers destroy them. One important effect of the success of Gen. French is that it will probably have a deterrent influence on Dutch disaffection ..

# Triangle Block FOR A HOSS THIEF ALL STILL QUIET

Lady Wilson Finally Consented to be Traded.

Her Thrilling Experiences Among the Boers -- If She had Been a Man She Would Probably Hay: Been Shot.

Mafeking, Sunday, Dec. 10.-(By naive runner to Mochudi).-Lady Sarah Wilson, who has returned here, is living in a bomb-proof shelter of her own, constructed under the private residence of Mr. Weil. There she is enabled to exist with some degree of comfort; and, if she chooses, to spend part of the time in the house, where shelter is close enough to enable her to take cover between the ring of the warning bell and the arrival of the projectile. She is unquestionably an d campaigner. Even in this noisom dark hole, dug under the ground, she nanages to make herself comfortable. HER ADVENTURES.

Lady Sarah's adventures were exciting, sometimes amusing, and often spiced with considerable danger. It was on Thursday that she left Mafeking. She arrived at Setlagolia Hotel that night. Before morning she was aroused by a rattle of musketry and the boom of guns. It was Capt. Nes-bitt, of the Mashonaland Mounted Pobitt, of the Mashonaland Mounted Po-lice, now a prisoner in the hands of the Boers, who was fighting desperately, unable to get back or to go forward, but holding the wrecked armored train until the last. As soon as day-light would allow, Lady Sarah pluckily rode to the scene of action and photo-graphed the wreck. Finding that her presence at Setlagoli exposed her to insults, the Boers moved her to Mosuti, where she enjoyed the hospitality of a Colonial farmer. By many of of a Colonial farmer. By means of heavy bribes, she persuaded natives to carry information to and fro.

WILD BOER GUESSES. Extraordinary stories regarding her were circulated among the Boers. One was that she was the wife of an English general; another that she was grand-daughter of the Queen, who had come to spy on the doings of the Boers; and a third that she was the only male survivor of Mafeking, having escaped in the guise of a woman. Lady Sarah visited Vryburg. She was driven there by a young Boer, who passed her off as his sister. She found Loyalists, who gave her official despatches and news. She stayed in the hotel all day, and stole out by night to do some shopping. On visiting the hospital, she found that orders had been issued that no one should leave the town. The gallant Boer had to answer some curious questions put by the landrost before he could get permission for himself and his "sister" to leave. They set out at 4 o'clock in the morning, in fear of being recognized, and got safely away.

After the Boers discovered that she had been mixed up in despatch running, she went to Commandant Snyman's camp with a view of getting back to Mafeking or even to Setlagoli. He proposed sending her to Zerust as a prisoner of war, or as an alternative, to release her, if Viljoens, a horse thief and suspected spy, were given up by the British. answer some curious questions put by

a horse thier and suspected spy, were given up by the British.

At first she refused to ask Col. Baden-Powell to do this, but finally she changed her mind. Lady Sarah gathered, from her varied experiences among the Boers that they are heartily sick of the war.

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Boeis Forming New Lasgers Along the Tugela and Modder.

Contract Let for the Re-building of the Tugela Railway Bridge-War Notes.

London, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 4 a. m.-At Modder River, the Boers appear to be modifying somewhat their line of defence. Gen. Buller's scouts have discovered a Boer camp established in the vicinity of Springfield, south-west of Colenso, by a Free State commando. A similar move has been made at Modder River. A large force of Boers, it is reported, has formed a new laager about fifteen miles down the stream at Kameelhoek.

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Heliograph reports from Ladysmith
show that all was well on Dec. 31.
The bombardment was being continubut its intensity had relaxed. official despatch from Ladysmith con-firms the report cabled yesterday that several officers of the Devonshire Reg-iment were severely wounded by the explosion of a Bogr shell in the mess

A new armored train has reached Gen. Buller from Durban.

A Cape Town despatch says that an exchange of prisoners is under

The entire seventh division will have sailed from England by Jan. 11. Lord Wolseley, reply to a correspondent, who had asked for information regarding British artillery, wrote: "Our field artillery is at least as good as any field artillery in Europe."

A British firm, according to the Daily News, after keen competition with several American firms, has recurred the Government contract for

secured the Government contract for the new seven-span bridge over the Tugela River at Colenso. The firm is working night and day to complete

The Fenians are reported to be storing large quantities of dynamite and lyddite along the borders of Maine and Vermont

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outside his shop: "Wear our 21s Sults and you will have a fit." While the number of children and youth in the United States is 21,082,

472, the total enrollment of American Sunday schools is but 9,718,432. German Anthony Comstocks has had photographs of Lucas Cranach's "Adam and Eve" and Adrian Van der Werff's "Diana and Callisto" removed

from Stuttgart shop windows. Duke Karl Theodor of Bavaria, the sculist and brother of the late Empress of Austria and of the ex-Queen of Naples, has just celebrated his silver wedding at the castle of Tegernsee.

Klaus Groth, the Piattdeutsch poet whose verses encouraged Fritz Reuter to write in his native dialect, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. It is twenty-five years since Reuter died.

A gold cross of honor has been given to a Berlin cook, Johanna Mock, by the Empress Augusta for fifty-five years' faithful service in one family. She was passed on from mother to daugh-

In nearly every street in Japanes cities is a public oven, where, for a small fee, housewives may have their dinners and suppers cooked for them.

The proposal that the German empire should contribute \$12,000 towards the Goethe monument in Strassburg has met with determined opposition in the Reichstag.

Herr Pollock, a well-known engineer and electrician, at Vienna, is said to have discovered a means to telegraph 60,000 words per hour over a single wire.

According to statistics gathered regarding the ubonic plague, it is established that there have been 250,000 deaths recorded in India since its beginning. These figures, however, are undoubtedly far below the actual total, as the natives are known to have concealed many deaths.

It is not generally known that the remains of all the Czars of Russia since Peter the Great lie in a memorial chaplet built on one of the islands of the Neva. All the cenotaphs are exactly alike, each being a block of white marble, without any decoration whatever. The only distinction by which one is marked is the name of the deceased Emperor.

Miss Blunt, a great-great-granddaughter of Lord Byron, was lately married to Neville Lytton, a member of the Bulwer-Lytton family. After the wedding at Cairo the couple rode ten miles across the desert to her father's place, near Heliopolis, where they were welcomed by a troupe of Arabs and Bedouins, who, in honor of the festival, roasted a whole flock of

Judge Davis, a new occupant of the bench on the Lafayette county (Mo.) circuit, has set aside the long followed practice in that jurisdiction of locking up juries. At the conclusion of the evidence and argument in a criminal case a day or two ago the judge said: 'Mr. Sheriff, show the members of the jury to their room, and give them the key and let them lock themselves in, There is no more reason wby a jury should be locked up than that a judge should when he is considering a case." One of the oldest milestones is to

be seen in the museum at Leicester, England. It is a cylindrical block of andston, roughly inscribed with an abbreviated statement to the effect hat it was erected during the emperorship of Caesar Hadrian, son of Trajan, conqueror of Parthia. It also says: To Leicester, two miles." The Hadrian milestone was discovered over a century ago beside the ancient Fosse way, and narrowly escaped being converted into a lawn roller by the unromantic and practical finder.

### SALUTES OF RULERS.

Emperor William is one of the two European monarchs who delight in a hearty handshake. He has a strong grip, and the person honored by him with a clasp of the hand it apt to remember the dignity thrust upon him. William usually kisses royal friends. When he visits or is visited by a monarch he kisses him three times on each,

Under no circumstances will Frans losef of Austria shake hands with anypody except brother sovereigns. A nod and kindly smile is all he ever vouchsafes the most distinguished of his subjects.

Nicholas of Russia shakes hands with no one but a fellow monarch. Relatives he kisses on the forehead. Every one who comes to see the king of Italy finds a handshake and hearty greeting if the king likes him. Humboldt is a democratic king.

Sweden's king does not like official handshaking, and rarely gives one of his ministers his hand. When he is off the throne and free to be himself he is different, however, and shakes hands as heartly as one of his own subjects.

Only with relatives will Queen Victoria shake hands. Outside her own family she occasionally gives her hand to be kissed. The Prince of Wales, on the contrary, likes to shake hands, and always offers his hand to the pe

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BALDOON.

The Christmas entertainments this section were all very successful. Mitchell's Bay, first in order, with enough snow to make a sleigh slip along well, a glorious moonlight night a full house and a splendid pro-gram, with refreshments during the gram, with refreshments during the evening, will prove a bright spot in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to be present. W. S. Bell, school teacher, had the children in splendid shape for singing, and the girls of the parsonage also took part.

Oldfield S. S. Xmas tree was in full bloom when we got there, and the choir and two orehestras, and the children with their singing, under the training of their teacher, Robert Watson, their recitations, and a couple of tableaux, filled in a very pleasant evening. Then came Mr. and Mrs, Santa Claus on the scene, and plucking the various kinds of fruits from the well-laden tree, every child and a number of others were very kindly remembered. Before closing. and a number of others were very kindly remembered. Before closing, three cheers were given for our be-loved Queen, and a tiger for our brave Canadian boys in South Africa. Pro-ceeds, \$15.31.

For some time the young people of For some time the young people of Grace Church school had been gracticing and preparing for their Xmas arch and concert, and on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, when the curtain rose, they were greeted by a full house. Expectation had been running very high, and every one seemed bent on having a good time, and every number on the program was well carried out. The boot-black with his song, "Shine, Sir," the six little fairies in the doll drill, the sixteen young ladies in the fan drill, the orchestra ladies in the fan drill, the orchestra in full numbers with up-to-date music and all who took part, may congratu-late themselves in furnishing a firstlate themselves in furnishing a first-class entertainment. Noted as this place is for ability, those who have lived here most of their lives say it was the best of the kind ever held in the place. A very unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Haylock for her work in preparation. The national anthem was sung right royally, and three cheers for our gracious sovereign and her Canadian troops were given. The proceeds netted \$31.35, and will go towards the new organ

Rev. Mr. Haylock and Rev. Mr Currie exchanged pulpits on Sunday brought slim congregations.

Mrs. Angus, on Baldoon St., as mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, was surrounded on Christmas day by a big crowd of her

numerous family.

The suggestion is gaining ground that the S. S. repeat their Xmas concert at Easter. Many say it was well worth a quarter.

Watch night services will be held in Grace Chuech on Sunday evening next, commencing at half-past ten. The old custom of watching the year out and the new year in, is one dear to thousands, and we hope to see a good congregation unite in this last service of the year.
Our teachers, Messrs. Bell and Wil-

son, have gone to their homes for the vacation, and our best wishes follow The principal of the Bear Line Aca

demy, had a very enjoyable concert a few days ago ,and the children took occasion to present their teacher with a very beautiful Xmas remem-

brance.

A plan of Sabbath school visitation for the township by the workers in the churches, is being prepared for the winter months, which we think will be of very great benefit to all con-

Some 34 of our sportsmen are doing their level best in depleting the spar-row tribe, and a big oyster supper will be the wind-up.

# LOCAL BRIEFS

Frank Gonne, of Detroit, spent New Year's with relatives in the city,

Jas. H. Broad and Miss Hattie Broad, son and daughter of J. W. Broad, of this city, left for their respective schools to-day. Jas. H. Broad takes the school at McKay's Corners and Miss Hattie Broad assumes charge of No. 19 Sombra township.

Two girls drove into the city Saturday, using a warm brick to keep their feet hot. When they arrived in the city they found that their skirts had been badly burned. The girls knew no ore in the city, so they got the livery man to make their purchases for them and they returned home.

Miss Hattie Lecocq, of this city, and Chas. Vince, of Walkerville, were married in Windsor on Dec. 23rd by the Rev. Mr. Tolmie. Miss Lecocq was one of Chatham's popular young ladies, and her many friends wish her success in her future life.

Alice and Edith Neilson, of this city, had an unusual experience on Sunday. They were driving home from Mun and The lantern set fire to their dresse and the glove was ourned from one of Miss Edith Neilson's bands. With great presence of mind the girls threw out the lantern and put out the fire. Their dresses were hadly burned, and in addition Edith's hand was scorched.

Miss Edith Northwood, who for the past year has been teaching the Bux-ton school, went on a visit to Chica-go this Christmas. While there she secured a situation in the schools at Evanstown, a suburb of Chicago, at a salary of \$700 per annum. Miss Northwood is a graduate of the Collegiate Institute and an exceedingly clever young lady. Her many Chatham friends will be pleased to hear of her success. Miss Broadbent takes Miss Northwood's position at Buxton.

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In conclusion I would say that Dodd's Kidney Pills are all and even more than is claimed for them. If this is of any benefit to the proprietors in any way they are at liberty to make use of it as they may deem advise blo

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