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## New Years Greeting!

We beg to extend to all our best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year. The year just passed has been a record breaker for us, as our sales book shows the largest year's sales since we began business away back in 1852.

We begin to take stock at once, and from now until February 1st when our stock is entered we will place before you in this space a special list of bargains for each day's selling. In addition to these daily bargains, "Our Administration Sale" prices will continue throughout the month. The stock is not yet as low as required and it must be very largely reduced before Feb 1st, when the business will be taken over by the junior partner and carried on under the old firm name of Thomas Stone & Son. In a few days we will open our Annual January "White Wear Sale" for which we have made the biggest preparation possible and will eclipse every previous year's showing. Further notice of this will appear later.

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## Old Year, Good-Bye

THE last hours of the dying year are fraught with memories. Instead of pounding away at prices, we look backward and make comparisons; we look forward and commence cutting the leaves of a new volume. Old year, gratefully good-bye. When we have closed our doors to-night we have finished a most successful year's business. 1899 has come and gone and with it its successes and failures. Trade conditions demand constant improvement. There must be no backsliding. We gather inspiration from past successes; we open the new volume and will endeavor to have its pages record 1900 a worthy successor to 1899. We judge everything by results, shoppers will go where their interests are most carefully guarded. You can see the practical side of that here everyday. Anybody can buy newspaper space and give full vent to their egotism, regardless of facts. You may possibly question what is written here, but no one hesitates to believe what they see. During the coming year the same opportunity for development and growth will continue. The same feeling and purpose will animate us. The same influences will be at work, and we believe we shall deserve better than ever the confidence and good will of all discerning people within trading distance. Experience lends force to the prospectus of the New Year and makes success more promised. Monday the store will be closed and we give the day to rest and enjoyment, while wishing you and yours

### A Happy And Prosperous New Year

## JOHN NORTHWAY & CO., DIRECT IMPORTERS & MANUFACTURERS

### AT MODDER RIVER.

The Boers are Wearing Themselves Out

Watching for a British Attack—They May Retreat to Spytfontein.

London, Dec. 30.—The Modder River correspondent of the Times, referring to the scare-firing of the Boers, says: "Their nervousness causes very much amusement among the British. It is quite certain that half the Boer force is employed watching by day and the other half by night. Probably the consequent weariness, with the scarcity of water and the presence of ty-

phoid fever, will render the Boer position intolerable. Their present action is due either to a scare, or to a wish to cover retreat to Spytfontein."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says: "A leading resident of Vryburg, who was released by the Boers, saw 2000 colonials from Griqualand West. He says colonial forces are to be seen everywhere in the Boer ranks."

The War Office has received this despatch:—"Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—The Indwe colliery line is now working again."

The Daily Mail asserts that several guns have been removed from the forts of Plymouth by night, and that these will be sent to Cape Town.

A reconnaissance from Kimberley shows that the Boers still have batteries turned on the town and can summon reinforcements readily.

### THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 30.—"An evening in the Transvaal," will be given on Monday, Jan. 1st, in the Opera House, in the interests of the Methodist Sabbath school.

Miss McKnight, a former teacher in this vicinity is visiting friends in town.

Guy Young, of Croton, died on Friday, Dec. 29th, after a lingering attack of typhoid. The funeral services will be held in the Croton church on Sunday at one o'clock, p. m. Deceased was a very popular young man and his death will be much regretted by a host of friends.

Good ice has been secured in the rink and curling and skating will now be the popular amusements.

John Hogg, of Selton, is seriously ill.

Miss Lydia Duffus returned from Hamilton yesterday. She will recite in Wheatley on New Year's night.



GEN. ROBERTS, THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN SOUTH AFRICA.

## AN ATTACK PROBABLE

### On the Boer Position Monday.

#### BULLER MAY AGAIN TRY TO REACH LADYSMITH—WAR NOTES.

London, Saturday, Dec. 30, 5 a. m.—The latest special despatches from Chieveley Camp hint at some important movement as imminent. This is interpreted to mean that Gen. Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith on New Year's day, when the Boers may not be expecting an attack. It is reported by the same despatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of bringing further pressure on the garrison which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment. It is difficult, however, to conceive that General Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere. The Boer movements northward from the Tugela river are quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Gen. Buller, but the belief here is that his forces even then will be too weak.

#### PROVISIONS CAPTURED.

London, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated December 27, says six wagons conveying provisions

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to the Boers were captured and taken to Frere Camp. The Boers heliographed, among other questions, "How is Buller?" The ruse failed to draw any reply from the British.

It is still very hot and the grass is badly burned up. The Times publishes the following despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Dec. 24:—"Parties of Boers appeared to-day within three miles of Chieveley camp, threatening our watering parties, who are compelled to go some two miles, owing to the scarcity of water."

It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie on Thursday and captured a hill.

#### FIRE GETTING HOTTER.

Ladysmith, Sunday, December 24, via Pietermaritzburg.—Gen. White has had a slight attack of fever, but he is now convalescent. The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed fourteen horses. Another just missed the Fifth Lancers lines, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to Gen. White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another point. It is reported that Gen. Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent. Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers.

#### WAR NOTES.

It is rumored that General Methuen's big naval gun has exploded.

Three transports with the second contingent will sail from Halifax, two on January 16 and the third on Jan. 20.

William Waldorf Astor has subscribed £1000 to the Buckinghamshire fund to equip the county's contingent of yeomanry.

There is nothing in the threat the Boers will reduce the rations of their prisoners if foodstuffs are blockaded from Delagoa Bay.

The Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, brother of Lord Lansdowne, says the war office would countenance a scheme to enroll volunteers in a sort of preparatory stage in order to learn drills and the like.

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