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TO BE TREATED AS PIRATES

Vessels Which Attack England Under Boer Letters of Marque.

The Transvaal Has No Right to Grant Such Letters—Is Not an Independent Power.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Dec. 28.—Vessels which attack England under Boer letters of marque, it is declared here, would be treated as pirates. Every man on such vessels, according to the view of good lawyers, might be summarily hanged by the captain of any English or other cruiser into whose hands they might fall. Such are the expressions used by competent authorities with reference to reports from the continent of Europe that the Boers might send out privateers to attack British troop ships and British commerce.

The Transvaal government, in the first

country without seaports in attempting to issue letters of marque. The vessels to which they might be issued could not be armed and equipped in any neutral port without making the neutral government liable in heavy damages to the British government under the principles laid down in the Alabama case.

They could not procure coal in any port in the world without a violation of the principles of neutrality. If any nation should allow privateers of the Transvaal to issue from its ports or to coal in its ports, it would be almost equivalent to a declaration of war against Great Britain.

By the declaration of Paris, the signatory powers agreed to the abolition of privateering. The only maritime nations not joining in this declaration were the United States, Spain and Mexico. The United States refused to join only because it was unable to secure from other nations a declaration exempting all private property at sea from capture. In the recent war with this country Spain was forced by the public of Europe to abstain from issuing letters of marque.

every single man of ours who could carry a weapon.

It was indeed a magnificent sight to see how the little garrison turned out to meet a numerically overwhelming foe. There was a fearful rifle fire.

The Maxims sent a hurricane of shot right in the teeth of the Boers, who wavered, broke, and stampeded in mad panic.

They must undoubtedly have suffered great loss, and they were completely driven off.

All efforts to storm Mafeking so far have been thwarted, and the garrison is in the highest spirits.

Indeed, Baden-Powell is in danger of becoming a victim of hero-worship.

To Celebrate New Year's.

There is a big time ahead for New Year's night at the Last Chance roadhouse. Dick Crane the popular proprietor of that favorite stopping place is preparing for a grand masque ball to be given on the date mentioned. There will be plenty of the best to eat, to say nothing of what there will be to drink. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time.

BAZAAR A GREAT SUCCESS.

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With the close of this week will come the close of the St. Mary's bazaar which will then have had a run of one week during which it has received most flattering and substantial support. From a financial standpoint Christmas was the banner day in the history of the bazaar the receipts amounting to \$2400. For the other days the receipts from admission, articles sold and all sources have footed up to from \$1000 to \$1200 each day and at the closing of Thursday's business the whole amount taken aggregated in the neighborhood of \$7000.



SOME PROMINENT FEATURES OF THE BAZAAR.

place is said to have no right to issue letters of marque. The Boers having accepted British suzerainty in 1881, are held to be bound by the declaration of Paris of 1885 against privateering, to which England was a party. This recognition of suzerainty in 1881, whatever was the effect of the convention of 1884, makes the international status of the Boer flag very doubtful.

There are also other difficulties for a

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At Mafeking Again.

London, Dec. 20.—(Special to Daily Mail from Mafeking.)—The Boers have bombarded the town for several days past with five 7-pounders, one 10-pounder two Krupp 12-pounders, and one Krupp 94-pounder.

Three hundred shells were fired in the course of 36 hours.

We had four men only wounded, and the damage to the town was inconsiderable.

Having indulged in preliminary artillery fire, the Boers closed in on all sides, and made a determined attempt to "rush" the town.

This attempt at storming brought out

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It would be unfair to say that the credit for the great success with which the bazaar is being attended is due to

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