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EXPERT ON PAPER.

sist on Military Dictatorship eans to End of Carrying the Boer Earthworks.

Dec. 29.-Mr. Henry Spencer the Morning Post's military a review of the situation to-

to Raise a Company of

r. Dec. 30.-Ald. Neelands is itizen asked by the Deadman's ich, and other demands of a ure would become to him if he ed. His refusal was final. own this morning informed the 's Island committee that he nd for mayor. The labor vote wided, but Ald, Brown expects ercentage, as he considers himend of lahor.

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the Deadman's Island

the stated this morning that at a
held in the Trades and Labor
reen his committee and the parry committee to discuss the canof Ald. William Brown for
hat no unanimous decision had
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wn would get two-thirds of the
the. The labor people, according
triliamentary committee, are not
place a candidate in the field,

pear the union label upon them. Brown does not agree with the Council on this point. He said Deadman's Island committeer of contractors tendered for city and the goods of one bore the abel and the goods of the other, and the labeled goods were n price, but were accepted by the incil because they bore the union at the other goods were rejected they did not bear the union hough they were lower in price, council would be guilty of acting y to the city charter, which rethat the lowest tender must be d."

good riders and straight shots ting the raising of a troop of lers. Two men have offered rices and \$100. The idea is to ficient number of rough riders hemselves, their equipment and h. Several letters have been to the press regarding the mat-

Holland. agent for the Equity surance Company, was fined yesfor doing business without a The police magistrate decided to burden of proof rested with 1, not with the prosecution, which Inderwriters' Association of Van-The Equity was cutting rates; e charge laid by the underwriters will be appealed.

3. Dalton, the Socialist labor from Washington, will deliver a of lectures for the Socialistic party here next week. The lecommence on January 2 in the P. hall.

Sirrell has six months in gaol to of his foolish conduct in annoying sarnes, of Cambie street, by writchish notes and leaving them at dy's door.

dy's door, Quinn was yesterday committed al, charged with administering ining liquors to Eliza Gazely for er purposes. Quinn subsequently d the girl, who is very young. American Consul and Mrs. Dudley ceive friends and especially Americans between 1 and 5 o'clock on lear's Day.

ear's Day.
as decided by the finance commit-

terday that the city should pur-vith \$42,000 sinking fund money the bank, city debentures of the ue to that amount.

rs. Armstrong & Morrison have sed the entire quarry business of Nichol, situated on the North Arm Inlet. From this quarry most building stone comes to Vancou-che new proprietors will establish in the city.

STMINSTER'S OBSEQUIES.

don, Dec. 28.—The ashes of the of Westminster whose remains remated at Woking cemetery, Der 24, were to-day privy oly interthe church yard of Eton Hall, ire, in the presence of his relatives

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FORTY SECOND YEAR.

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Canadians In Action

Toronto Company Suppor British Artiflery in Capture of Boer Laager.

Surprised Enemy on the Flank While Queenslanders Made Frontal Attack.

edians in Small Casu sity List-a Lot of Boer Equipment Taken.

ont, Cape Colony, Jan. 2 .- A de spatch from Bover Farm, dated January have at last been given an apportunity to do so and scored a brilliant suc

the Toronto company, and 200 Queens-ianders, commanded by Col. Rickards, two guns and a horse battery under Major De Rougement, 40 mousted in-fantry under Lieut. Ryan, and 200 of the Gornwall Light Infantry, the whole com-manded by Col. Pitcher, left Belmont

London, Jan. 2.—The war office received the following from Capetown under to-day's date:

"Col. Pilcher reports through the officer commanding at Orange River:

"I have completely defeated a hostile command at Sunnys'de daager this day (January 1), taking the laager and forty prisoners, besides the killed and wounded. Our casualties are two privates killed and Lieut. Adie wounded. I am encamped at Dover Farm, 20 miles northwest of Belmont, and 10 miles from Sunnyside."

Douglass, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—Col. Pilcher has occupied Douglass without opposition, and has been received with enthusiasm by loyalists.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—A despatch from Belmont, referring to the participation of the Teronto men in Col. Pilcher's engagement, says the other companies are all there and in good health.

The Toronto company, or "C" Company, as it is designated in the battalion, was raised in Toronto, and is officered as follows: Capt. R. K. Barker, Q. O. R., Lieut. W. R. Marchall, 18th Battalion, Lieut. C. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, B. C. A. S. Wilkie, 10th Royal Grenadiers; and Lieut. F.

FRIENDS OF THE YEOMANRY... eading Women of the British Aristo racy Arranging for a Hospital

Loudon, Jan. 3.—At a meeting had at the London residence of Viscount Curricon pesterday a committee of ladies was formed to equip a hospital base for the Yeomanry. The Princess of Wales accepted the presidency of the committee. The Duchess of York agreed to serve as vice-presidents. The members of the committee includes most of the leading women of the British aristocracy, including the Duchess of Marlborough.

PROUD BAY FOR COLONIALS.

Great Enthusiasm at Douglas on Wel coming the Victors of Sunnyside.

London, Jan. 3.—Locking news from the British camps in South Africa the British public is making the most of Col. Pilcher's miniature battle. Unbounded tribute is paid to the provess of the Canadians and Australians, and graphic accounts are published of the enthusiasse in Douglas as the victorious troops entered that place.

The representative of the Associated Press with the flying column says: "The immediate result of Col. Pilcher's success is the entire dispersal of the rebels who have been governing the country for the past six weeks. After Sunnyside was captured, the Torontos occupied the laager for the night, joining the main body the following morning, bringing the whole of leaving the Cornwalls garrisoned at Sunnyside.

"The British force then started for Douglas, the Torontos bringing up the rear in wagons. In the afternoon the troops entered the town unopposed and amid extraordinary scenes. The inhabitants were overloyed and crowded about the soldiers, shaking hands with them, and when they learned that their deliverers were Canadians and Australians, the enthusiasm became frenzied. There were deafening cheers as the troops traversed the main street, and it was almost impossible for them to make progress, the crowds being so eager to shake hands with the Colonials. "It appears that the Landrost and all the mounted rebels evacuated the place on the previous night. The unmounted rebels were reported to be entrenched in the vicinity. Quantities of ammunition were captured and destroyed."

A despatch from Modder River intimates that the Sunnyside prisoners will not be treated as prisoners of war, but as British subjects caught in open rebellion.

At the Modder River camp the conduct of the Colonials is greatly admired, and all are delighted that they have struck the first blow on the western frontlers since the battle of Magersfontein.

THE SCOURGE AT HONOLULU. Bubonic Plague Has Broken Out Again

Lieut. Adie, suddenly encountered four tenant was severely wounded, and Private Butler gave up his horse in order to carry his lieutenant out of range. Another private whose horse had botted plackly returned to render assistance. He was wounded in the leg and his horse was killed.

Meanwhile Deut. Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported that the weldt on the right of the enemy was clear, and thereupon Major De Rougemont ordered the guns to a trot. They arrived within 1,500 yards of the laager, unlimbered, and planted five shells in as many minutes within the laager. Improved the stablishment of a quarantine system for the neighborhood of San Paulo.

CORPUMITION JUGGLING.

to 'Organize Under Law She
Will Provide.

New York, Jan. 2.—Lynn T. Leet, a Montreal banker, who has been in this city for several days securing information regarding the New Jersey corporation laws, left for Canada to-night. Mr. Leet says that when the Quebec legislature meets on January 18 there is little doubt but that a bill will be presented making it possible for the province not only to get all the benefits through taxation, etc., that now accrue to American states where Canadian companies are incorporated, but also making it attractive for new companies of the United States to take out their incorporation papers in Quebec and thus, as foreign corporations, escape the hostille legislation threatened by many states of the union, or unfriendly laws which are already an accomplished fact.

New York, Jan. 2.—Lynn T. Leet, a pondent of the Standard says: "It is reported here that Great Britain officially acknowledged the correctness of the attitude of Portugal regarding Delagoa Bay. It is also asserted that inquiries matitude by the British consul at Lorento Marques show that since hostilities began nothing contraband has been imported there except barbed wire and the clared that the cordiality of Portugal's relations with the other powers was the shown by the presence in the Tagus of fields of France, Germany and Great Britain. No mention was made of the War between Great Britain and the Transvasi.

AMERICAN DELINQUENTS.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The state department tooday received from United States

Toronto, Jan. 2. Senator Geo. A. Cox was to-day unanimously elected president of the Canada Life Assurance Company, in succession to Mr. Bamsay, who re-

CHAMBERLAIN ON CANADIANS Men, Money

The British. Congratulation—Movement of Second Contingent.

ssla Makes Known That Boers Have No Sympathy in That Quarter.

German Expectation of Profit able Trade With New British Dominions.

Europe With

Seizures Off Delagoa Bay Made ubject of Friendly Negotiations.

London, Jan. 4.-The Vienna co ondent of the Standard says: "Emper plication. This may fairly be interpreted

London, Jan. 4.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says: "The German government is making inquiries of Berlin manufacturers and traders as to the extent of their exports to the Transvaal, the view being that German trade with the Transvaal will increase after the war."

SEIZED GERMAN LINERS.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The German foreign office informed the correspondent of the Associated Press this afternoon that Great Britain had not yet answered Germany's note of protest regarding the seizure by the British cruiser Magicienne of the German imperial mail steamer Bundesrath off Delagoa Bay. The correspondent of the Associated Press has received information going to show that the Bundesrath was possibly guilty of carrying contraband. Heavy shipments of arms and ammunition were shipped in December to Macao and Hongkong consigned to order. It is surmised that their ultimate destination was either the Philippines or the Transvaal. In any event the Bundesrath incident is being worked to create sentiment in favor of SEIZED GERMAN LINERS.

is every reason to believe the incident will speedily be closed."

Official circles consider it imperative that Great Britain adopt some definite attitude regarding the whole question of contraband of war, and are surprised the base and adopted a firmer policy on

PORTUGAL ALL RIGHT.

of the union, or unfriendly laws which are already an accomplished fact.

SWISS RECRUITING.

Young Men Engaged Ostensibly for British and Tricked Into Enlisting With Boers.

London, Jan. 3.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "The British representative at Berne has lodged a protest with the Swiss government, calling attention to the fact that recruiting for the Transvaal is in progress in Swiss territory.

Many young men who have engaged to go to England for service were told, on arriving at Marseilles, that England no longer needed them, but they could go to the Transvaal. It is stated that many have accepted this suggestion and one bundred are reported to have salled for Delagoa Bay in a French wessel.

ORDER OF CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The foreign military attaches lunched with the Emperor yesterday. The Emperor and the Crown Prince at noon received the Japanese minister who presented the order of the AN OLD TIMER.

New York, Jan. 2.—Thomas Rigney, one of the men most influential in putting through the reciprocity treaty with Canada before the civil war, died at his home here to-day in his 88th year.

Ottawa, Jan. 3—His Excellency received the following message to-day:
"I congratulate Canada on gallant be haviour of contingent in engagement a (Signed) "CHAMBERLAIN."

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A militis order issued to-day ennounces a provisional alloument of troops to the transports for conveyance to South Africa. The Montezuma will carry the first hattalion of Mounted Rifles, along with one field battery. The Laurentian will carry the other field batteries with the brigade division staff. The Pomeranian will accommodate the second battalion Canadiam Mounted Rifles. The Monteguma and Laurentian will probably sail on the 18th instant and the Pomeranian on the 28th.

Kingston, Jan. 3.—The local detachment of artillery left this morning for Ottawa to join "D" Battery, Capt. Eaton in command. The detachments from Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines reached the barracks here early thismorning. The mobilization of "C" Battery will be complete when the Winnipegers arrive.

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Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—The departure of "B" squadron, Canadian Mointed Rifles, has been postponed until Wednesday next, January 10.

Calgary, Jan. 3.—Over \$900 was collected here in a few hours for the Calgary contingent to South Africa, numbering, including the police, about fifty men.

Frozen to Death On Yukon Trail.

Supt. Summerville of the B. A C. Perishes Alone on a Day's Journey.

Returning Victorians Bring the News-A Proof of Insanity In Dawson.

Seattle, Jan. 3.—The rigors of the Yu on climate fell heavily upon Wm. Sum nerville, superintendent of the British

or Klondikers arriving via the City of Topeka to-day.

D. Carmody, H. R. Ella and F. J.
Holland of Victoria, members of the Victoria-Yukon Trading Company, were among the latest Klondike arrivals. This company had some 50 scows frozen in on the Yukon between White Horse and Dawson all loaded with supplies including much mining machinery. Carmody reports that the cargoes were removed from these scows as also those from as many more and taken on sleds to Dawson. The scows can all be saved, he saved the supplies including much mining machinery. Carmody reports that the cargoes were removed from these scows as also those from as many more and taken on sleds to Dawson. The scows can all be saved, he saved, he saved the same and the saved the

son. The scows can all be saved, he save.

Friends of James Hall, one of the richest men in all the Klondike and half owner of No. 17 Eldorado, have caused Grace Anderson, a vaudeville actress.
He had given his bride-to-be a check for \$10,000, payment of which was subquently stopped.

VILLE MARIE FRAUDS. Montreal Money Lender Arrested For

Montreal, Jan. 2.—James Baxter, a will serve in freland, repla lars sent to South Africa Sidney Robert Greville, e Prince of Wales, has a police record gained in the early seventies in Chicago, is under arrest. The character against him is that he aided and assisted James Herbert, the defaulting teller of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, to escape. Herbert was arrested the other day, and it was in his examination to-day that the fact came out that ever since the failure of the bank he had been paid \$12 per week by Baxter to maintain himself in hiding. The payments are said to have been made because it was essential that Herbert should not tell all he knew about Baxter's account with the defunct bank. The case promises to be a sensational one.

The last time Baxter ran into the grip of the United States law was about four years ago, when he was arrested in New York, charged with smuggling diamonds across the line. He was taken to Plattsburg, N. Y., where the offence was technically committed, and while awaiting trial there managed to escape.

RIDGETOWN'S LOSS.

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Ridgetown, Jan. 2.—H. M. Green's hardware store, Baden's drug store, L. J. Reicraft's law office, the police magistrate's office, the lodge room of the A. O. U. W., and John Jacob's shop were completely destroyed by fire this afternoon. The total loss is \$25,000, with \$12,000 insurance. Green is the heaviest loser, his loss being \$12,000.

The British replied: "Ike our lyddite in the battle London. Jan. 3.—Gen."

Fargo, Out., Jan. 3.—The Michigan Central railway oil well here blew up last night, demolishing the pumping house and fatally injuring pumper Hough. The explosion was caused by natural gas entering the well.

DEFECTIVE WIRING.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—The stock of Bernier & West, dry goods, St. Catherine street, was damaged by fire this morning to the extent of \$5,000. It is supposed the fire was caused by defective electric light wiring.

Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers and others, whose occupation gives but little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and billiousness. You is a dose.

And Pluck.

Volunteering for Africa Brisk and Subscriptions of Generous Proportion.

Col. Pilcher Returns to His Base Thus Dissipating Interesting Theory.

Kimberley Stoutly Meeting the Boer Assault - Losses at Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 4.-(4:30 a. m.)-In the His request for reinforcements dispels any present hope that he will be able to

It is probable that when Lord Roberts arrives, Gen. French will be ordered to quit his present unsupported position and to concentrate his command at De Aar or Orange River. As the Dally Telegraph says: "Gen. French appears to be in the position of a man having a tiger cat in a trap and unable to kill it for want of a stick."

A despatch from Dover Farm an-

A despatch from Dover Farm announces that Lieut.-Col. Pilcher has returned there from Douglas. A NOW-EXPLODED THEORY.

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Londen, Jan. 3.—From a source which has many facilities for gaining inside news from South Africa, a representative of the Associated Press learns that Col. Pilcher's occupation of Douglas is regarded as merely the first step of Gen. Methuen's carefully matured plans to outflank the Boers. According to this authority, it is probable Col. Pilcher, in conjunction with Gen. Babington's force from Modder River, will proceed to the rear of the entrenchments which now prevent Gen. Methuen from proceeding to Kimberley. Col. Pilcher has only about forty miles travelling before he achieves this end. If understanding is correct, an attack by Gen. Methuen and a determined effort to relieve Kimberley may be expected any day.

THE LADYSMITH ORDEAL.

THE LADYSMITH ORDEAL the trail between White Horse Rapids and the company's camp. Summerville had started alone from White Horse to the mines, about a day's journey, and he undoubtedly froze to death as reported to Klondikers arriving via the City of Topeka to-day.

D. Carmody, H. R. Ella and F. J.

London, Jan. 4.—Since Commandant General Joubert's return to the front the cannonade of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between December 28 and December 29 four shells killed 1 officer and 3 men, and wounded 13 officers and 11 men.

London, Jan. 4.—The war office has authorized the equipment of the new battery attached to the new London Volunteer corps with Vickers and Maxims and has ordered 100 of these quick-firers built immediately. The officers and men of the new battery will be supplied from the Honorable Artillery Company.

Mr. Tyson is responsible for the state ment made to the Colonist correspondent to-day that the new newspaper, the Argus, who would support the Deadman's Island party in the municipal contest, had come to stay, and would be continued as an out and out Liberal paper.

infantry division, instead of Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent, colonel of the Westminster Volunteers, who has failed to pass the medical examination.

Mr. Harry McAlmont, the well known sportsman, has been ordered to South Africa with the Warwichshire militia.

Mr. Geo. Lynch, the newspaper correspondent who was captured outside of Ladysmith and imprisoned at Pretoria, has been released and has arrived at Lorenzo Marques.

Sir William Thomson has been appoint.

MONEY FOR ARTILLERY.

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London, Jan. 3.—The Daily Mail makes the following statement this morning: "We understand that the defence committee of the cabinet after careful consideration of the question of the defence of the Empire, particularly with regard to artillery will shortly call for the expenditure of £5,000,000, to make good deficiencies and to place the nation a par with other great powers.

Another Week Will See the Thirty-thre

Million Dollar Experiment in Use. into the \$33,000,000 drainage canal at 9 a. m. to-day, and began to flow toward Lockport, where it will fall into the Despiaines river and thence through Illinois and Mississippi rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. The engineers of the sanitary district have cut a channel to carry 300,000 cubic feet of water a minute. The water was allowed to flow into the canal at the rate of 50,000 cubic feet a minute to-day, and the amount will be gradually increased. Probably a week will elapse before the canal is full of water and is carrying away the sewage that floats

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MR. MARTIN'S BACKING. Public Meeting Held to Show That Elec torate Endorse His Crusade Against

were the uninvited guests. Mr. Martin's former supporters to a man endorsed his actions in the local legislature.

"Mr. Martin before leaving for Victoria wished to strengthen his hands by receiving an assurance from his supporters that they approved of his actions as a member of the legislature, and that he still retained their confidence. Those who elected him to the legislature have given him that assurance in a most public and most hearty manner and he goes to Victoria more determined, more confident than ever, to carry out a line of action which he believes to be to the best interests of Vancouver and the provuce."

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A LINEMAN'S PERIL.

Bight additional militia regiments will sever in Ireland. Pelacing the regulars sent to South Africa. The Honorable Africa the Prince of Wales, has obtained the Prince of Wales, has obtained the Prince's permission to go to the front. Recently he has been acting as Lord alliabury's secretary instead of Mr. Schomberg McDonnell, who has gone to south Africa. The Maximo St. Jean, while the port lively be have been acting as Lord and the Prince's permission to go to the front. Recently the has been acting as Lord and the Prince's permission to go to the front. Recently the has been acting as Lord and the Prince's permission to go to the front. Recently the has been acting as Lord and the Prince's permission to go to the front. Recently the has been acting as Lord and the Prince's permission to go to the front. Recently the has been acting as Lord and the Prince's permission to go to the front. A LINEMAN'S PERIL.

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THE LONDON VOLUNTEERS. Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Miledon, Jan 3 The Earl of Albert and all the lils produced by dismarle will command the City of London ordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

Boers In Check

Their Retreat Blocked But He Asks Reinforcements to Complete Movement.

Armored Train Lured Too Close to Enemy's Artillery and Destroyed.

Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, Jan. 2. ornly resisted the British at every point but gradually retreated. The British old the extreme position to the south inges, but in groups, making it very difcult to hunt the Boers out. Sixteen wounded have arrived at Arun

London, Jan. 3.—A special despatch from Naauwpoort, dated Tuesday, Jan. 2, says the British command Norval's Pont bridge with two guns, and also command the Colesberg bridge, and that the Boers have no way to retreat except by way of Normberg. The despatch adds that big developments are expected to more than the comparison.

The war office this afternoon issued a despatch received from Gen. French, under yesterday's date, saying his position was the same as the previous day, and that with small reinforcements he could dislodge the Boers from Colesberg, and in the meantime he continued manoeuvaring

ering.

The total British casualties about
Colesberg in two days were six men
killed and 20 wounded.

ARMORED TRAIN LOST. ARMORED TRAIN LOSI.

London, Jan. 3.—A special despatch from Rensburg, dated Tuesday, January 2, says a supply train, without a locomotive, was set in motion within the British lines near Colesberg and proceeded senear the Boer position that it was impossible to recover it, and the British guns therefore, destroyed the trucks. It is suspected that this was the act of the states.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Tribune says:
"News reached London after midnight
that the Boers returned with reinforcements during the night and occupied the
position from which they were driven
by Gen. French on Monday."

ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT. progress.
London, Jan. 3.—A despatch from Sterkstroom announces that Swaneless, the Boer commander at Stormberg, has died of his wounds.

BULLER ABOUT TO STRIKE. Stretcher Bearers Again Requisitio

London, Jan. 3.—Gen. Buller continues his night bombardments and patrol surprises. As the Tugela river is again fordable and the stretcheris again fordable and the stretcher-bearers have again been requisitioned at Durban and Pietermaritzburg, there is a disposition to believe that the British advance will not be long delayed. It is reported at Durban that the captured German steamer Bundesrath had on board five big guns, 50 tons of shells and 180 trained artillerymen.

New York, Jan. 3—London cables say there is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received. Gen. White reports a fist of nearly 20 deaths from enteric fever and dysentery, and 71 serious cases in the hospital. Dr. Jameson has all the work he can do.

It is evident the garrison cannot hold out long, and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass without striking a blow. Transports with fresh battalions and batteries have arrived at Durban, and within 24 hours Sir Redvers ought to be in readiness for a supreme effort.

The Boer line of defence is now described as 16 miles in length, having been extended up and down the Tugela in order to prevent a turning movement.

ROYAL YACHT A WRECK.

London, Jan. 3.—An attempt made to undock the new foyal yacht at Pembroke this morning proved disastrous. Immediately after she floated the yacht listed 30 degrees to port, and her starboard bilge keel became jammed. The strain was so great that shores 16 inches square, used in an attempt to prop her, were doubled up and snapped like matchwood.

An immense gang of workmen are employed in the work of shoring the vessel, so as to prevent her capsizing, and 300 tons of iron ballast have been taken out.