

### ONLY A KAFFIR STORY.

London, Dec. 30.—The reported sortie from Ladysmith resulting in the capture of a Boer position is not confirmed and apparently is only a Kaffir story. A despatch dated December 29 makes no mention of it, and the same message shows renewed activity on the part of the British apparently preparatory to some action. The Boer position eastward of the camp was thoroughly reconnoitered December 18th without drawing the enemy. The naval guns engage in daily practice, and it is said on good authority that thirty or Than our beloved New Brunswick boys, forty Boers have been killed by the firing Who have left their own home-land. during the two days. A despatch from Durban predicts that Ladysmith will be relieved on or about January 7. While there is nothing to hear out this forecast, there is some disposition to believe that Gen. Buller is preparing another attempt to advance, this time by an attack on the | Were found no greater heroes Boer position on Indwe mountain. OFF FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- Mr. Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States consul at Pietoria, left Waterloo Railroad station this morning for Southampton on his way to Capetown. The same train took Lord Edward Stanley, one of the junior lords of the treasury, who has been appointed to a position on General Robert's staff Sir William Stokes, surgeon in ordinary to the Queen in Ireland, and surgeon to the Meath Hospital, Dublin, and a number of hospital nurses left London for Southampton this morning enroute to Cape Town.

### FRENCH INTEREST RENEWED.

PARIS, Dec. 30 .- The virtual seizure by British officials of vessels laden with American flour consigned to the Boers and the statement of the Local Anzeiger regarding an alleged Anglo German Portuguese treaty for the division of the Portuguese colonies between England and Germany has aroused renewed interest in Paris. While there is a desire to discredit the Lokal Anzeiger's statement its publication has occasioned undoubted uneasiness, because the consumption of such a plan would be a diplomatic stroke un tavorable to France and Russia. The pos aession of Delagoa Bay is believed to be essential to British success in South Africa, as the victory over the Boers is essential to British, interest in South Africa. It is felt that, if necessary Great Britain will take extreme measures.

### GERMAN STEAMER SEIZED BY THE BRITISH.

LORENZO MARQUES, Dec. 30.- A British cruiser has captured the German steamer, Bundersrath, as a prize and has taken her to Durban.

### LYDDITE SHELLS TROUBLE THE BOERS.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Friday, Dec. 29 .-At both Ladysmith and Chieveley the cannonade was lighter this morning than last evening. Our big naval guns shelled The Improved Blower the trenches before Colenso at night and sent some Lyddite shells hurling into the town. The enemy daily suffer loss from lyddite shells. They are still adding to their trenches and adding to their defences during the cessation of our shelling when they turn out and are seen digging and building A small body of cavalry scouled eight miles east of the camp last night and saw no sign of the enemy.

### TWENTY BOERS KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- A despatch from Capetown yesterday states that a Boer mail bag intercepted near Mafeking shows that 20" Boers were killed and many wounded during the British attack on the Sequani hager.

### SCALDED HAND.

Mrs. T. Wannamker, Frankford, Ont. states. Eight years ago I scalded my hand very badly and took cold in it. My hand swelled and was very painful but . . . Sone half a bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil

Another year has flown; Old century, thy life is waning fast, And we hear thy dving groan And it comes from Africa's blood-stained

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Who to victory their comrades led, We wish St. John's favorite paper-the

Success and prosperity; And we hope to read in its columns good

For in the far off Transvaal No nobler subjects stand

Of our soldier boys over the sea;

To go to distant Africa To fight for Empire and Queen, Girt about with good wishes and prayers of friends,

Though oceans roll between. At Telana hill, Elandslaagte, Modder River and Glencoe, Than our boys when asked to go.

And we know the trust reposed in them Will never be betrayed, They'll face with courage the shot and

As ever true veterans hid.'
In fancy we hear the bugle's blast, As our boys go marching en Behind the Highland regiments To reinforce Methuen.

We were glad to hear of Kuchener in When he conquered at Ondurman,
And we welcomed news of Wingate
When he opened up the Soudan;
But news of greater victories yet
Will fill our hearts With jost

And we'll give three cheers for old Eng-Whose flag none shall ever destroy. MBS. D. MCLEAN.

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## INSURANCE FOR SOMEBODY.

A native of P. E. Island, now a resident-of Marshfield. Oregon, writing under date of December 17th, gives some important information regarding the death of an Islander, Frank Thomas, in Portland, Oregonatel occurred last Angust He was temployed by the Portland General Electric Co. Death was caused by a live wire. It appears that the company in sures each of its employes for \$1,000, and that Frank Thomas was insured The insurance goes to the company if no heir are found: If he has relatives on the Island the insurance would no doubt bene fit them. The man was heavy set, and had a red complexion. His age is not stated -Charlo tetown Examiner.

The annual meeting of the Commercia Travellers' association in Toronto voted one thousand dollars to provide comforts for the Canadian troops, now in the field. The association reported an increase of 438 in membership during the past year, the total being 4,837. A substantial crease in the mortuary benefit fund is also

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He sat in the reading room of a Chicago hotel with a notebook and pencil in his hand, and after wetting the pencil on his tongue a dozen times with-

out writing anything he turned to the man on his left and said: "I want to get at an expression, but can't think of it. I want something synonymous with avalanche."

"Would landslide do?" "I've got that." "In what sense are you going to us

"Well, I'm running for alderman at a special election in my town, and L want to make a memorandum of how it resulted."

"Oh, I see! You could say you were snowed under." "Yes; but that's hardly strong.

"Buried out of sight."

"That's better, but lacks strength." "How badly were you beaten?" "By over 300, where I ought to have had 450 majority."

"Then I should put it that you were literally swiped off the face of the earth.'

"That's good—that's the idea. That's strong and euphonious and has rhythm in it. Yes: I was on the ticket and sure of election. I had \$500 up that I had a walkover. I was swiped, and there are not enough of my mangled remains left to fill a thimble. Thank you, sirliterally swiped off the face of the earth and be hanged to me!"-Wash-

A Complicated Flag. The Spanish royal standard is most complicated. The red and yellow of the Spanish flag is said to be derived from this occurrence: In 1378 Charles the Bold dipped his fingers in the blood of Geoffrey, count of Barcelona, and drew them down the count's golden

shield in token of his appreciation of the latter's bravery. The shield, so marked, became the arms of Barcelona, which became part of Aragon, and its arms were taken by that king-

Now to the royal standard: In the first quarter or upper left hand part of | you know. the flag are the arms of Leon and Castile, the lion and the castle; the second quarter is taken up, one-half by the arms of Aragon, one-half by the arms of Sicily. The upper third of the quarter (directly under the first) shows the Austrian colors, the lower two-thirds is divided between the flag of Burgundy and the black lion of Flanders; the upper third of the fourth quarter shows the checkers, another Burgundian device, while the lower two-thirds is shared by the red eagle of Antwerp and the golden lion of Brabant, and onthe top of all this are two shields, one showing the Portuguese arms, the other the French fleur de-lis, Considerable of a flag that! Ale on while

Got the Watch. cessfully not long ago. A client came fors failed to benefit.

to him and explained that, a soung the long age of Mrs. John man had bought a watch from him on a Douglas. Fuller, Ont., an actument, gave the watch to a word for the long age. ment, gave the watch to a young lady count of which she gives. worth, except the young woman could be bluffed. .. The client said a bluffwould be paid for if successful, and the lawyer posted the following letter: "Dear Madam-The watch recently presented to you by Mr. Blank was obtained surreptitiously from the establishment of my client, and unless it is: returned by next Tuesday morning I

patch a judicial functionary to your residence with process." The watch was delivered the follow: cinal use write to: ing morning and the lawyer received a fine gold chain for writing the letter.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

will be obliged to, very reluctantly dis-

The Sponge Animal.

If the sponge as brought up fresh. from the sea bottom were a familiar object, says Dr. Ledekker, few would be in doubt as to its being an animal. When fresh, it is a fleshy looking sub- 110 & 112 PRINCE WILLIAM ST., stance covered with a firm skin, and if cut it presents somewhat the appearance of raw meat. Its cavities are filled with a gelatinous substance called "milk." American spouges, and those of all other parts of the world. his family list. are inferior to the sponges of the east ern shores of the Mediterranean. The finest of all sponges is the Turkey tollet sponge, which is cup shaped. The American sponge most nearly approaching it in quality is the West Indian glove sponge.-Youth's Compan-

Dewey Had No Grievance. Where do you take command of the fleet?" a lady friend asked Dewey just

"At Hongkong," he replied After a silence the lady said: Aren't you aggrieved, in view of our possible trouble with Spain, over being ordered to the remote Asiatic station. which can hardly be in the picture in

"Sailor's luck!" replied Dewey. "Moreover, I haven't entertained griev-

ances for years! And then he added, evidently as an after thought, Besides, you know, Spain oxeds the Philippines."-Ladies' Home Journal.

Giving Him a Hint. "John." she said softly, "have you been saying anything about me to mother lately?"

"No." replied John. "Why do you

"Because she said this morning that she believed you were on the eve of proposing to me. Now, I do not wish you to speak to mother when you have anything of that kind to say, Speak to

And John sald be would.

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