

You made a study of the writing of Molliere... I have... How long?... For over a year... Yes, very close... And do you feel certain he wrote exhibit A?... Yes, very certain... Now, there is another man, Bustanoby; what did he think about this writing?... Weren't Helles, Barnet, Cornish, Harpster and Molliere all in the club at the same time?... Who left first?... I think Helles... Who next?... Harpster... And then?... Molliere... Molliere left Barnet and Cornish in the club... Yes... That's all, Mr. Adams... Helles is the man who testified earlier in the case that he had written, at the instigation of Molliere, the letter to the Detroit firm making inquiries concerning Harpster.

BEERS' SINK OF WAR

Free Staters Anxious to Return to Their Farms. THEY FEAR CONFISCATION. Col. Baden-Powell Issues Proclamation to Burghers.

FACTS AS TO UNITED STATES

LONDON, December 29.—Dispatches from all parts of South Africa emphasize the great enthusiasm among the troops and public, occasioned by the appointment of Gen. Roberts and Kitchener. The announcement that the former will have supreme command and that the latter will be chief of staff has largely dispelled the depression in Cape Colony caused by the recent reverses, while the soldiers anticipated everything from the presence of "Boys," from success in battle to cheaper bread.

WELL-KNOWN LAWYER DEAD

Isaac La Rue Johnson, the Title Expert, Passes Away. He was an Eminent Mason—Another Death in the Same Family—Funeral Arrangements.

Isaac La Rue Johnson, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed members of the local bar, an eminent Mason and a gentleman of wide personal popularity, died yesterday at his residence, No. 914 New York avenue, of heart failure, after an illness of three months.

ORATORS OF TITLE COMPANIES

In following this subject, he realized the necessity for recording titles of property and eliminating, as far as possible, the clouds that might rest upon them, owing to the many uncertainties regarding them which existed on account of the peculiar customs that had been in vogue in connection with transfers and sales of realty in the District of Columbia.

BOERS RUN TRAINS TO COLENZO

PRETORIA, December 25 (Monday).—Gen. Schalk-Burger reports under date of December 25 that trains are now running to Colenso, indicating that the Boers have built a connection around Ladysmith.

CONSOLE HOLLIS' REPORTS DO NOT CORROBORATE REPORTS ABOUT BOERS' THREATS

The reports that the Boer authorities have threatened to reduce the rations of the British prisoners at Pretoria in case Great Britain stops the entry of food supplies at Delagoa bay are not borne out by the communications of United States Consul Hollis.

THE SEIZED AMERICAN FLOUR

Contention Regarding the Rights of the British. The seizure by British warships of several merchant ships carrying cargoes of American goods to Delagoa bay, on the ground that the goods were destined for the Boers, is bringing out the fact that several new contentions on the law of contraband are involved in the case.

MR. ATOR GIVES TO WAR FUND

LONDON, December 29.—Wm. Waldorf Astor has subscribed £100 to the Buckingham fund to equip the county's contingent of yeomanry.

BOER SYMPATHY IN MEXICO

CITY OF MEXICO, December 29.—There is a marked display in the press here of sympathy with the Boers. It is reported that British residents are raising volunteers to join the army in South Africa.

BRITISH CABINET BLAMED

London Post Advocates a Military Dictator as Minister. The British government now evinces a marked change from its attitude in the early stages of the war, and shows a disposition to accept assistance from any quarter.

NAVY VESSELS TO BE SOLD

The Secretary of the Navy has arranged for the sale of the collier Scipio to Ludwig Hebel of Philadelphia, at \$145,000, and for the sale of the collier Scipio to James Tregarther & Son of New York, at \$125,000.

TO REPORT TO GEN. HEYWOOD

Second Lieutenants F. M. Edick, J. M. Salladay, R. R. Wallace, M. Habb and H. L. Roosevelt, recently appointed to the Marine Corps, have been ordered to procure their uniforms and report to the general commissary of the Marine Corps for orders.

TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Instructions to Gen. Merritt by the War Department Regarding Capt. Shufeldt. Jurisdiction of Maryland. Civil Courts.

The War Department has accepted the def. of Capt. R. W. Shufeldt, U. S. A., retired, and has transmitted all the papers referring to the case of that officer to Maj. Gen. Merritt, commanding the Department of the East, at New York, for court-martial proceedings.

Several days ago the adjutant general, by direction of the Secretary of War, ordered Capt. Shufeldt to place himself within the jurisdiction of the civil courts of Maryland, before which that officer was the defendant in divorce proceedings.

Subsequently the officer's counsel informed the War Department that, acting on the advice of the military authorities, he declined to comply with the order to place himself within the jurisdiction of the court.

Letter to the Secretary of War. Captain Shufeldt also wrote a letter to the Secretary of War protesting against the order to place himself within the jurisdiction of the Maryland court.

Change in Wording of the White House Program. The program for the President's New Year reception, issued today, is accepted as settling all questions of precedence at official receptions in the three branches of the military service, the army, the navy and Marine Corps.

M. PIROT RECEIVES WARNING. Must Not Enlist Men Even for Boer Hospital Corps. CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 29.—Mr. Pirot was arraigned before United States Attorney W. E. Bundy on a charge of violating the neutrality laws.

Counterfeiter Arrested. The secret service has received information of the arrest of A. Guadello in San Francisco. The detective who made the arrest captured Guadello in the act of counterfeiting \$5 gold pieces.

Export of Watches to Russia. Vice Consul General Hanner writes from Frankfort, November 18: "During late years Warsaw has become the center of the watch trade in Russia.

A Satisfactory Trial Made of the Miller Coaling System. The naval board which conducted the trial of the Miller coaling system has submitted its report to Admiral Bradford.

Army Orders. On his own application, Maj. John Egan has been detailed as professor of military tactics and tactics at St. John's College, Fordham, N. Y.

American Missionaries Criticized. CITY OF MEXICO, December 29.—El Pais, the Catholic penny daily, attacks the American missionaries, charging them with misrepresenting Mexico in their organs, depicting as barbarous the land where they labor among the heathen.

Smallpox Among the Indians. SPOKANE, Wash., December 29.—A telephone message received here reports that smallpox has broken out among the Indians in the southern half of the Colville reservation.

Rev. Sylvester Malone Dead. NEW YORK, December 29.—Rev. Sylvester Malone, pastor of the Roman Catholic church of Saints Peter and Paul, Brooklyn, and a member of the board of regents of the University of New York, died yesterday, aged seventy-nine years.

Diels-Snyder Nuptials. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., December 29.—Miss Gertrude May Diels, daughter of J. Frank Diels, and Mr. Warren Snyder of Washington, D. C., were married yesterday at Bedford by Rev. Emory M. Stevens.

Gold Going Out Tomorrow. NEW YORK, December 29.—Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. will ship \$1,600,000 worth of tomorrow's steamers. This makes a total for tomorrow so far engaged of \$2,850,000.

Official Changes. Promotions, Appointments and Resignations in Interior Department. The following official changes have been made in the Department of the Interior: Office of the Secretary: Promotion—E. Harry Welsh of Pennsylvania, assistant engineer, \$1,000, to engineer, \$1,200; John L. Booth, do.

FINANCE AND TRADE

Baltimore and Ohio Shares Show Strength Again. RUMORS OF TRAFFIC POOL REVIVED. Higher Price on Short Covering and Good Demand. GENERAL MARKET REPORTS.

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Should the market continue its advance under the general demand, and the impression obtained that it will, the eastern trunk lines are considered to be among the probable leaders of the movement.

Gold shipments aggregating about \$3,000,000 were announced, but were passed over as a matter of course, and were not taken up to any great extent.

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ADMITTED TO SCHOOLS.

Opinion of Attorney for the District. The attorney for the District today advised the Commissioners as to the enforcement of the law requiring non-residents to pay for tuition of their children attending the local public schools.

CAVEAT WITHDRAWN.

W. C. Mott Appointed Executor of the Estate of Louis Dorr's Estate. In the matter of the estate of Louis A. Dorr, deceased, the executors, Mrs. Ann C. Bruell and Mrs. Clara Augusta Stenoth, today, through Attorneys Lambert & Lambert, withdrew their caveat, heretofore filed against the will of Mr. Dorr.

LOCAL PENSIONERS ISSUED.

Pensioners were issued today in the following residents of the District of Columbia: Joseph C. Windsor, 80; Lydia M. Granger, 88; A. J. Tate, 86; Maggie Finane, increase, 81; J. T. and Rebecca A. McCauley, 88.

CHANGES IN MEDICAL PENSION BODIES.

The commissary of pensions today made the following changes in the local medical pension examining board: Dr. W. B. Baker to succeed Dr. J. P. Burwell, and Dr. W. B. Brooks to succeed Dr. A. C. Latimer as alternate to the several boards.

TO RECRUIT WESTERS FOR THE NAVY.

The Navy Department has decided to open a recruiting rendezvous at Cleveland, Ohio, in accordance with its policy of enlisting men from the interior, as far as possible. Lieutenant R. L. Russell has been placed in charge of the office at Cleveland, and is expected to be in the city by the end of the month.

AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS, AS RECOMMENDED, ADOPTED BY COMMISSIONERS.

Conditions Upon Which Permits Are to Be Hereafter Issued—Attorney Davall's Suggestion. Mr. W. C. Allen, the District electrical engineer, several days ago recommended to the Commissioners that article 11 of the police regulations be amended so as to enable the Commissioners to fix the responsibility for unauthorized stringing of wires and to identify the workmen engaged in such work.

PROVIDING FOR IDENTIFICATION.

To provide for the identification of the workmen engaged in stringing wires, the following as a section of the article: "Each lineman, repair man or other employee of any telegraph, telephone, messenger, signal or electric lighting company, while engaged in stringing, repairing or replacing any overhead wire, or while engaged in erecting, restoring or repairing any pole of such company, or while doing any other work in connection with such poles or wires, shall conspicuously number and badge indicating the name of the company by which he is employed.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Market. American Cotton Oil, 35 1/2; American Petroleum, 35 1/2; American Sugar, 125 1/2; American Tobacco, 125 1/2; American Telephone and Telegraph, 115 1/2; American Traction, 45 1/2; Washington Gas, 10 1/2; American Electric Light, 11 1/2; American Gas, 11 1/2.

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