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THE BOERS are still making a very gallant fight against the English. So far nearly all the battles have resulted in their favor. Unless the English gain a victory in a very short time, they will be threatened with dangers from other sources.

Another suspicious circumstance is that the Boers have for years been preparing for war, and many are of the opinion that they were only waiting for an opportune time to make the effort to drive the English out of South Africa.

HOW BOERS WERE FLANKED. Rensberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—General French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colerberg.

The general continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand. When day broke Monday he was within striking distance of them.

Last night a large body of cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were successful.

The program worked without hitch. The Boers were surprised, and, finding their retreat threatened, fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colerberg in General French's hands.

Buller Now Has 60 Guns. London, Jan. 1.—That General Buller will once more attempt at an early date to force the passage of the Tugela seems to be the fixed opinion at Frere. He has been considerably strengthened by troops of the Fifth Division and fresh artillery, including several five-inch and six-inch howitzers from the siege train, and must now have 60 guns without the naval complement.

He is not strong in cavalry, though with the irregulars he should have about 4,000. The problem before him is one of the most difficult that war can offer. He has to cross a river all the tords of which are commanded by earthworks, mounting powerful guns, served by expert marks men. The Boers are superior to him in mobility and can follow his movements with such rapidity should be able to frustrate attempts to turn their positions. They are not greatly inferior in number and have 20,000 or 25,000 men on the Tugela.

A large Free State commando is on the Tugela west of Colenso and guns are mounted at Potgieter's Drift, evidently to defeat any turning movement from the west.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Old as the White House, yet new and interesting each year is the annual pageant which passes through the White House the 1st of January, and is known as the President's New Year Reception. Today's pageant has never been eclipsed for brilliancy as a show, and the attendance seldom, if ever has been larger. The reception lasted two hours and a half, the first hour and a half, beginning at eleven o'clock, contained the picturesque part of the show, the diplomats in their gorgeous Court Costumes gold lace and medals, and the officers of the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the local militia in full dress uniform, and the last hour was given up to vox populi. Gen. Miles and the officers of the Army were received ahead of Admiral Dewey and the officers of the Navy, just as Army officers have received ahead of Navy officers ever since the Presidents of the U. S. began to hold New Year receptions. There was an attempt made to change this in order that Dewey might be given precedence as a special mark of honor for his accomplishments in behalf of the country, and for a time, it looked as though it might succeed, but the President finally decided to leave the custom as he had found it.

Representative Taylor, who is Chairman of the Roberts Committee, says the report on the case will be made in about two weeks, unless some unexpected complication turns up to delay it. It is evident from the talk of Senators that the Senate is likely to adopt some sort of a resolution dealing with the policy of this government towards its new possessions. Among the score or more of such resolutions already offered, is one by Senator Morgan, which is the shortest of them all, and about the only one that would be likely to get support from both sides of the expansion question. It reads as follows: "Resolved, That in pursuance of section 4 of Article IV of the Constitution, the U. S. will guarantee to the people of Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands and all other states and peoples within its so-called jurisdiction and control, a republican form of government, and will protect them against invasion." There may be other resolutions offered that will be more acceptable, but this one is more favored than any of those already offered.

The movement to place the clerks of members of the House on the annual pay roll and to require them to be sworn in, which failed in the last Congress, is again being agitated. The law provides that each member of the House be allowed \$1200 a year for the employment of a clerk. All the members draw this money, but it is an open secret that many of them use but a small portion of it to hire a clerk. Some have their wives, daughters, sons, or other relatives—in some instances, school-children—sign vouchers as their clerks, and pocket the money themselves, and many employ clerks as cheap as they can get them and keep what remains of the \$100 a month, after paying them. This law was not intended to add to the prerequisites of members, it was intended to supply them with clerical help which they were supposed to need, and a few of them actually do spend twice that amount in the employ of clerical help. It isn't a very big thing, but participating in the profits of a small abuse often prepares a man for stretching his conscience into endorsing a big abuse.

The reciprocity treaties negotiated under the Tugela tariff law must be ratified by the Senate and approved by the House, before becoming effective. That fact is being taken advantage of by the interests affected by the several treaties to try to defeat the treaties, and members of the House, being more susceptible to influence than Senators, are being put under pressure. It is said that efforts are being made to pool all the opposition to the treaties for the purpose of combining the votes against them, but it is doubtful, even if this can be accomplished, whether the treaties can be defeated.

Real friends of the early building of an Isthmian Canal were not pleased with the announcement that a company controlled by New York bankers had arranged to take over the property held by the French Company in the Panama Railroad and the hardly fairly started Panama Canal. A manly bitter fight on the Nicaragua Canal, and an attempt to prevent any Canal legislation, unless it be in favor of the Panama Canal, backed by influences, which have in the past been all too potent in Congress.

An attempt will be made to get early action in the House on the Senate bill, providing for a non-partisan Commission to revise and codify the pension laws, and to report to Congress whether any change in those laws would be advisable, and if so, why? The bill provides that at least one member of the Commission shall be a G. A. R. man.

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LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

[Special to the Herald.] The following letter is from Mr. Russell C. Gill, a Woodstock boy now serving in the 18th U. S. Infantry Regiment in the Philippines. He first served in Co. A, Second Va. Regiment, until that command was mustered out at the close of the Spanish war. HANO, P. I., VIA LOLOLO, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 1898. DEAR HERALD:— As some of my Woodstock friends may have been wondering about me, and as most of them doubtless are readers of the old well known HERALD, I thought they might feel interested in a few lines from me which I write from "Uncle Sam's" new possessions in this far away part of the world. Well to give you all a little of the news from the islands I will first try to correct a few of the mistakes made by some of our American newspapers in regard to the natives. Some of our people are opposed to the war, and in order to try to make "Uncle Sam's" fighting blood ashamed of themselves have reported that we are fighting a nation that possessed no arms but bows and arrows. That is a sad mistake, and I only wish you could see the Americans marching in the captured natives they caught armed with Mausers and Remington rifles of the best patterns. This is a very rich country and lots of valuable minerals of different kinds have been discovered in this neighborhood. These islands will not only be a source of great wealth and benefit to us, but we must also consider the immense number of people here who will learn of the true God and religion, something they now seem to know nothing about. The Umbras, or rather the natives, like to dress well, and as soon as they are paid off by some mysterious means. They invade the town a few at a time, most of them unarmed, but we have recognized quite a number of them to be insurgents and have a good many of them prisoners. I learn from the Philippine papers that quite a number of the insurgent officers have led men from their lines and surrendered them to the nearest military garrison. Everyone seems to think the war is near its end. It is quiet around here at the present time except a few volleys we get from the insurgents at night, but we are cautious, and the most important work is to protect our lines. Not an American has been shot on our post. Our boys are in fine condition here, not much sickness and the doctors and nurses have had so much experience attending the wounded and sick insurgents that they help 99 out of every hundred to pull through. The weather is very pleasant here as the dry and healthy season is just starting in, instead of too much rain we scarcely have enough. We have to boil the water instead of drinking the fresh rain water. When I came here the rainy season was just playing its last act, the water was from two to three feet deep in the streets and I didn't see the sun shine for two weeks. So far as I can see and learn this is a fine country to live in, it is not for the rainy season. There are great quantities of bananas and coconuts and they raise an immense lot of rice and sugar cane, and many kinds of fruits and vegetables that I am not acquainted with, but hope to know more about this country and tell you all about it in person. I have not noticed any beast of burden excepting the very small horses, not as large as the Texas ponies we have in the states. I must not forget to mention the faithful carbon or water buffalo, which has the appearance of oxen as near as I can describe it. They are generally very slow, patient and strong. The natives drive them in an old fashioned cart covered with bamboo. The natives recognize us as their equals and of course not their superiors. They keep themselves clean and I will venture to say they are half civilized. Their color is a tawny brown or walnut stain, and the average Philippine is about five feet high, generally heavily built, high cheek bones and are very cunning. We have just come in from a skirmish in which five Philippines are reported to have been killed and thirteen wounded with not an American hurt. We captured 5000 rounds of ammunition, three prisoners and two Mauser rifles. As I now have to go in service again I will bring my letter to a close with the promise of a more interesting letter next time. Yours respectfully, RUSSELL C. GILL, Co. D, 18th U. S. Infantry.

He Fooled The Surgeons. All doctors told R. Nick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Recital Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Backlen's Armer Salve, the surest Plaster on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by B. Schmidt, Druggist.

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GRADING OUR SCHOOLS.

[For the Herald.] School work, like any other work, to prove a success must be done systematically. Until this school year there has been no organized effort made to grade the schools of the county. Every school was a "law unto itself." Now we have a course of study officially indorsed by the County School Board. There can be no doubt that when all the schools of the county are once thoroughly graded this course will be found most advantageous. To what extent the teachers of the county have succeeded in putting into force this course of study in their respective schools, we have no means of knowing. It should be observed that this cannot be accomplished in a single term, yet a great deal can be done. Uniform classification of pupils is impossible for several years, but each pupil can be assigned his proper place in determining what studies he or she shall pursue, with a course of study as a guide, it ought to be easier to organize any school with a definite course for each pupil than without a course or plan of grading. It is hoped that every teacher will strive earnestly to put his or her school into the best possible condition with respect to grading. In future the work will be less difficult from year to year until system and perfect order shall pervade all our country schools as it does now or less prevail in the village schools. No college could succeed without a good curriculum, why should not a course of study be just as essential to the true success of our elementary schools? It is so. We hope no teacher will fail to introduce the adopted course of study during this term of school as far as practicable. If teachers will study their schools—The needs of each individual pupil—carefully noting the provisions of the published plan for grading the schools, there will be no doubt in partially succeeding, at least. Those who have not yet made a determined effort have three months time to test the value of the course until another year, when, if changes are needed, they will no doubt be made. It is hardly necessary to say that in this matter we have "put our hands to the plow," and who would now "look back?" Jay Ell Kay.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT. At a meeting of Hunter Lodge, No. 135, A. F. and A. M., held in their Hall Jan. 1, 1900, the following resolutions as to the death of brother C. P. Hisey were adopted: Whereas, It has pleased the all-wise Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst our beloved brother, C. P. Hisey, therefore be it Resolved, 1st.—That while we bow in humble submission to the superior will of Him who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind, we express our sincere sorrow at the loss of our esteemed brother, whose loss will not only be felt by the Fraternity but by the town of which he was an esteemed citizen. 2nd.—That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife and the family of the deceased brother in this their dark hour of bereavement and sad affliction, that we point them to Him who always worketh good to them that trust Him, and hope our beloved brother has gone to receive the crown of a faithful servant of his Master. 3rd.—That the Lodge Room be draped in mourning and the brethren wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. 4th.—That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family; that they be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge and a copy be published in the SHENANDOAH HERALD and Edinburg Sentinel. GEO. E. IRWIN, GEO. M. CLINEBIST, D. O. EVANS, Committee.

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