

BULLER TO TRY AGAIN? Indications That He May Make Another Attempt.

BOERS NEARER LADYSMITH. Town Apparently Suffering from the Bombardment.

BADEN-POWELL TO THE BURGHERS. He Tells Them America Has Informed the European Powers That She Will Aid Britain if Any One of Them Interferes in the War.

LONDON, December 29.—A. M.—The latest special dispatches from the Cape Camp hint darkly at some important movement on imminent. This is interpreted, with some misgivings, to mean that General Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

It is reported by the same dispatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer to Ladysmith, probably with the intention of putting further pressure on the garrison, which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment.

It is difficult, however, to conceive that General Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere.

The Boer movement northward from the Tugela is quite in keeping with the army's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat.

ARTILLERY FOR BULLER. It is known that artillery is due to arrive for General Buller, but the belief here is that his force, even then, would be too weak.

It may, however, be animated by a desire to accomplish something before the arrival of Lord Roberts, and to satisfy the kindness of his men to retrieve their loss.

The reported engagement with Kaffirs near Tugela, and which was explained during the arrival of later dispatches.

VICTORIA WELL INFORMED. LONDON, December 29.—The Times has a dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated December 28th, which says:

"The suspicion that the Boer intelligence department is in close touch with a few renegade Boers in Pretoria is confirmed by the fact that the news of the appointment of Lord Roberts as Commander-in-Chief in South Africa was generally known in Pretoria on December 29th, his headquarters being Delagoa Bay from December 25th to 27th. Suspicious people here are not without their reasons for believing that Pretoria is kept well informed as to the movements of the British army."

SMUGGLING CONTRABAND. With reference to the rumors of smuggling contraband, it is significant that Major Erasmus, of the Free State Artillery, is here, his arrival being coincident with that of the French liner. Considering the freedom of import and export, considerable contraband is spent, considerable mischief may be done, unless careful inspection is made by British customs officers who understand foreign bills of lading.

BOER NERVOUSNESS. LONDON, December 29.—The Morning Post correspondent of the Times, referring to the nervousness of the Boers, says: "Their nervousness causes much amusement among the British. It is quite certain that half the Boer force is employed in watching the British, and the other half in night. Probably the consequent weariness, and the scarcity of water and the presence of typhoid, will render the Boer position intolerable. Their present action is due either to a scare or to a wish to obtain a retreat in the night."

COLONIALS IN BOER RANKS. LONDON, December 29.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says:

"A leading resident of Vryburg, who was released by the Boers, says 7,000 Colonial troops from Griqualand West. He says that the Boers have been seen everywhere in the Boer ranks."

LADY WILSON SAFE. LONDON, December 29.—A War Office dispatch from Colonel Baden-Powell, dated December 28th, after announcing that Lady Sarah Wilson had arrived, safe and well, at Mafeking, which has already been reported, and that the health and spirits of the garrison are very satisfactory.

Text of Colonel Baden-Powell's proclamation to the Mafeking garrison, by which the Boers have been invited to surrender, comes from Lorenzo Marques today.

BADEN-POWELL FAIRY TALES. After asserting that the republics could not be forced to relate the exact attitude of the European Powers, including England, the War Office, which has already been reported, makes the extraordinary statement that "the American Government has warned the others of her intention to make with England, should any of them surrender."

BOERS HAVE RAILWAY AROUND LADYSMITH. PRETORIA, Monday, December 25.—General Schalkhorst reports, under date of December 25th, that trains are now running to Colesburg, indicating that the Boers have built a connection around Ladysmith.

"Cronje reports from the Modder River, December 26th, that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman, December 26th.

It is rumored that General Methuen's 9th Cavalry has exploded.

BOER GOLD-TAX LAW. The Transvaal Government has promulgated a new gold-tax law, by which the gold-miners and companies working their mines are taxed 20 per cent. of the value of the gold while mines worked by the government will pay 50 per cent. Suspended interest will pay 20 per cent. Their profits will be calculated on three months' working. Reducing works will pay 30 per cent. of their net profits. The law is retroactive to October 11th.

LADYSMITH BOMBARDED DAILY. PRETORIA, Wednesday, December 27.—A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated December 25th, says: "The Boers have mounted a new battery on the heights of the Modder River, which they watch us nightly. With a search-light, and bombard the town daily. They probably think they

WHAT HER MISSION? Cruise of the Montgomery to West Africa.

OVERTURES FROM LIBERIA. Establishment of Coaling Station Considered Improbable.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA TO FRANCE. Proposed Joint Request for a Determination of the Boundary-Line Between French and Liberian Territory—French Encroachment.

LONDON, December 29.—It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that the United States cruiser Montgomery's visit to Liberia is apparently the result of overtures made to Washington by that republic.

Though the British Government is in complete ignorance of the purpose of the Montgomery's mission, the establishment of a coaling station in Liberia by the United States is regarded as scarcely probable, as it is asserted, no Liberian port has any facilities for coaling, all of them being open and surf-bound.

The Associated Press representative learns, however, that a far more important step is under consideration. It consists in a joint request of the United States and Great Britain upon France to define the boundary between the territory she claims and that claimed by Liberia. This step is not yet decided upon, but Great Britain only awaits the United States' assent to become a party to such a request.

It is alleged that France, for many years, has been encroaching on Liberia, and it was only by the strenuous protest of the United States that she was prevented from appropriating a large slice of Liberia in 1862.

NO CONNECTION WITH THE W.A. WASHINGTON, December 29.—Although the naval officials will make no official statement respecting the cruise of the Montgomery to West Africa, it is admitted that the ship was there in the early fall, returning to her station in Buenos Ayres at the end of last November. These dates, in themselves, may be regarded as sufficient to dispel any impression that the cruise was in any manner connected with the war between the British and the Boers.

As to the real objects of the cruise, it is believed that the Navy Department had its eye upon a possible coaling station on the west coast, as is indicated in the foregoing dispatch.

Before and during the civil war in Liberia, there were less than three coaling stations on that coast. They were practically abandoned when the West African station was dropped from the list, but the Chief of the Equipment Department, Admiral Bradford, has strongly urged that they be re-established, so as to ensure our fleet a source of supply of coal when passing from Eastern Atlantic States around to the Philippines and the East Indies.

The Liberian Government has always been willing, and even anxious, that the station on its coast should be kept up, if only as a manifestation of the respect for the United States in the colony it created, and to protect it by our moral influence against European aggression.

CORNISH AT ATTORNEYS' TABLE. He Goes Through Performance of Taking the Poisoned Medicine.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The most interesting incident to-day, in the trial of Roland E. Molnau, charged with the murder of Katherine J. Adams, occurred during the cross-examination of Harry Cornish by Bartow S. Weeks, defendant's counsel.

Mr. Weeks asked the witness to step from the stand, sit down at the end of the table occupied by the attorneys for the State, and, through the performance of the bottle of bromo-seltzer, show how he knocked the contents into the glass, how he poured the water from one glass to another, being careful to get approximately the same amount of water used on the morning of the murder of Mrs. Adams.

Cornish complied with the request, and proceeded to demonstrate about how he drank of the mixture, also about how much Mrs. Adams took of the poison. It was not until Mr. Weeks asked the witness to drink the water in this pantomime reproduction of the scene on the morning of the murder, that the witness interfered. Mr. Weeks asserted Cornish that the water would not hurt him, but the Court replied: "This dumb show has gone far enough."

Assistant-District-Attorney Osborne good-naturedly told the witness to go and drink the water, and witness picked up the glass, with the remark: "Well, I will drink it."

At this point Recorder Goff again interfered, with the statement that he would not permit anything of the sort to take place in the court-room.

The testimony of Cornish consisted largely of detailed descriptions of the scene on the morning of the murder at the Adams' flat.

Recorder Goff refused to allow Mr. Weeks to ask any questions of Mrs. Adams, the witness, and why Mr. and Mrs. Adams, the latter the daughter of Mrs. Adams, had separated.

THE PLAGUE IN HONOLULU. No New Cases Recently—No Deaths Since December 12th.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 29.—The steamer Gaelic arrived here to-day, from the Orient, via Honolulu. The Gaelic was sent to quarantine, owing to the plague scare, but her cabin passengers were allowed to land, tow-boats plying between the steamer and the city for the purpose.

The Associated Press correspondent at Honolulu sends the following, under date of December 28th:

There have been no new cases of plague since last advices. There have been several sudden deaths, and in each instance rumor assigned the plague as the cause of the illness, and witness picked up the glass, with the remark: "Well, I will drink it."

On the 19th, the quarantine over China-town was lifted, and business is now going on as usual in that district. There have been no deaths by plague since the 12th instant. Up to that time five victims were reported.

WANTED AND KILLED. A Homicide Near Sheppards, Buckingham County. ROBERT W. SMITH THE VICTIM. Shot by a Youth Eighteen Years of Age.

EVIDENCE AT THE CORONER'S JURY. The Charge Admitted, But Self-Defense Claimed, and the Prisoner Sent On-Both Parties Very Well Connected.

PARMILLE, Va., December 28.—(Special)—Robert W. Smith, who lived on Mr. C. Y. Hooper's place near Sheppards, in Buckingham county, was shot and instantly killed by Camm Patteson, the 18-year-old son of Thomas R. Patteson, Wednesday night. Smith and Patteson lived only a few hundred yards apart, and had been working together all the fall getting out bones, timber, etc.

Mr. Louis D. Jones, a Justice of the Peace and Acting Coroner, was notified of the killing, and immediately had a jury of inquest summoned. The evidence before the coroner's jury was to the effect that Smith and Patteson had been drinking early in the evening, and had had a quarrel at the house of Mr. George Kohler. Patteson went home, and later on Smith and Kohler started for Smith's house. When they came to Patteson's, on their way, Smith insisted on going in and having it out with Patteson, who, it is said, warned him not to enter the house, and bolted the door. But, it is reported, Smith broke the door in and entered with a club in his hands. Just as he got in Patteson fired at him with a single-barrel shotgun, and Smith fell dead in his tracks.

Camm Patteson acknowledged the killing, but claimed self-defense. The Justice sent him on for indictment, and committed him to jail. The evidence was not clear as to what caused the trouble between Smith and Patteson.

Smith leaves a wife and several small children in quite destitute circumstances. It is reported here that Mrs. Smith, wife of the deceased, was a Miss S. J. John, of Charlotte county, and is very well connected. Smith went to the vicinity of Sheppards about four years ago from Appomattox or Campbell county.

THE WADLEY CASE. A Writ of Error Refused—Caught in the Act.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., December 29.—(Special)—To-day Circuit Judge Robert C. Jackson refused to grant a writ of error in the celebrated embankment case of the Commonwealth vs. H. G. Wadley. The case now goes to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

About 12 o'clock last night a young negro man named Charlie Johnson, who claims Pulaski City as his home, broke in and attempted to rob the passenger agent's office of the Norfolk and Western road at this place. The night operator, Charles Goss, was out at the moment. On returning he discovered the thief, who attempted to escape by hiding in an anteroom. Mr. Goss locked the door on him and phoned for an officer, who soon arrested the negro and locked him up in jail.

GILLIGAN NOT CAUGHT. The Supposed Slayer of Mr. C. B. Turner.

NORFOLK, Va., December 29.—(Special)—Nick Gilligan, suspected of having murdered Mr. C. B. Turner, of Ferguson's Wharf, Isle of Wight county, if seems clear, has escaped. It was reported at Smithfield to-day that Gilligan visited his sister, who lives about three miles from that town, during the early hours of the morning following the murder. He left his sister's home and has not been seen since by any one who has reported the fact. Officers, who heard that he was in Smithfield last night, searched the town over but failed to find any trace of him.

BISHOP JACKSON RESIGNS. Gives Up His Field of Labor in Albemarle.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., December 29.—The information has reached here that Right Rev. H. M. Jackson, D. D., Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese of Alabama (Episcopal), has forwarded his resignation to the Presiding Bishop, Rev. Dr. Clark, of Rhode Island. Bishop Doane, of Albany, however, is the acting presiding Bishop, in consequence of the feeble health of the Bishop of Rhode Island.

Lieutenant Led Ordered to New York. Under the Head of "Army Orders," the Washington Evening Star of yesterday stated that Lieutenant Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., has been relieved from duty on the staff of General Lee, at Havana, and is ordered to New York city.

Railway Train Wreck at Savannah. SAVANNAH, Ga., December 29.—Southern passenger train No. 35, of the Southern railway, due at 8:15, and running two hours late, collided in the Plant railway yard here this morning with an outgoing Plant System freight train. The engineer and fireman of the Southern engine jumped, and the fireman's arm was broken. Eight of the cars were smashed or took fire. The flames were extinguished by city fire-engines. No passenger sustained so much as a bruise.

Big Fire in Savannah. SAVANNAH, Ga., December 29.—Shortly before midnight the furniture store of Lindsey & Morgan and the dry-goods store of Daniel Moran, on Broad and Barnard streets, in the heart of the retail district, were destroyed by fire. Each business was a leader of its line in the city.

The fire started from unknown causes in the first-mentioned store, which was separated from the splendid Odd-Fellows Temple by only a narrow alley. At one time it seemed as if the fire would spread to the blocks would go. The losses will approximate \$150,000, with insurance of about 40 per cent.

Tennessee for Boer War. OTTAWA, Ont., December 29.—Colonel Hutchinson, of Nashville, Tenn., has started the 10th Militia Regiment to consist of 250 horsemen, with himself in command, with the second Canadian contingent for South Africa.

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Large Loans on Tobacco. The knowledge that a number of large time loans of money have within the past few days been made in the American States, indicating that the pure chasing interests are in a satisfactory condition, and that the market is strengthening, has been a source of gratification to the tobacco trade.

E. V. Smalley Dies Suddenly. ST. PAUL, MINN., December 29.—E. V. Smalley, secretary of the National Sound-Money League, died suddenly tonight of a nervous dyspepsia and nervous prostration.

QUARANTINE RAISED. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29.—The following telegram has been received by the Supervising Surgeon-General of the United States Marine Hospital Service, from Surgeon D. A. Carmichael, at Honolulu:

"Honolulu, Hawaii Island, December 29.—There were two cases of cholera reported at Honolulu, two deaths December 12th. No new cases to December 28th. Quarantine against infection raised December 19th."

LARGE STEAMER AGROUND. Believed to Be One of the Hamburg-American Liners.

LONDON, December 29.—A large German mail steamer, whose name has not been ascertained, has gone aground, during a terrific gale, in East Bay, about a quarter of a mile off Dangness, the southern extremity of Kent. Heavy seas are breaking over the vessel, and the crew are unable to reach her. It is believed that the grounded steamer is one of the Hamburg-American liners.

SHIP'S POSITION DANGEROUS. LONDON, December 30.—It is reported that the position of the liner is very precarious. Tugs and life-boats were urgently requisitioned from Dover and Folkestone, but they had the utmost difficulty in getting off, on account of the gale.

The signals of distress were observed from the Sand Head light-ship.

WHAT VESSEL CAN IT BE? NEW YORK, December 29.—Examinations of the sailing schedules and the Maritime Register show no vessel of either the Hamburg-American or the North German Lloyd lines near Dangness. It is almost impossible to conceive how a steamer of either line could have been near the spot indicated in the cables, unless the departure of a vessel from Hamburg or Bremen was a variation from advertised sailings.

Cable dispatches for four days back do not reveal that any liner of the two companies has sailed from Hamburg or Bremen, outward bound.

NEW DATE NOT SIGHTED. Railroad Tickets Need No Change for 1900. (New York Herald.)

It is not true, according to the representative of a leading bank-note company, that the railroads are by large corporations in changing their printed matter so as to be in keeping with the year 1900, is very large. It had been alleged that the railroads would spend many millions in getting out new forms of tickets, and that many of the tickets would be used and could be destroyed.

This statement is believed to have arisen from the action taken by the general passenger agents a year ago last October, in agreeing that, beginning January 1, 1900, all "interior" tickets should be printed in red ink, and that the date on the tickets should be changed to 1900. Some of the railroads have already printed interior tickets on such paper.

Most of the railroad tickets are not dated, and hence the outstanding issues can be used until they are gone. The rule is to mark tickets with a changeable date stamp at the time the ticket is sold.

In case of checks the banks have been just as careful as the corporations, and few of the banks will have any "1900" blanks left over. The bank-note companies will be careful to bring to the attention of the public by inserting one or two new plates.

BRAZIL EXPECTS TROUBLE. Sends a Warship to Disputed Territory of Guiana.

RIO JANEIRO, December 29.—The Brazilian warship Tiradentes has sailed for Amazonia, in the territory of Guiana, in dispute between France and Brazil, where serious trouble is expected to occur.

Guiana is a region of South Africa, in its narrowest sense including the Colonies of British, Dutch, and French Guiana, but, in a wider sense, including the entire region of Venezuela and that part of Brazil which lies south of the Amazon and the Rio Negro. Guiana may be divided into three parts, the northern part lying between the Orinoco and the Amazon. Much of its interior is unexplored.

Afro-American Resolutions. WASHINGTON, December 29.—To-day's session of the Executive Committee of the National Afro-American Council was held up in the heart of the committee, and mapping out work for the coming year.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was unanimously adopted. The resolutions express satisfaction with President McKinley's "strong protest against the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, and gratification at the action of the National Republican Committee in denouncing the annexation of Hawaii, and urging the National Convention to re-organize in national convention, and to bring to justice those persons who 'band themselves together for the purpose of depriving citizens charged with a moral duty of life and liberty without due process of law,' and declare that the adoption of a separate sleeping-car law by the Legislature of Georgia, is a gross violation of the rights of citizenship by the Southern States, and raises another reason for the extinction and the work of the Afro-American Council."

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DEATH OF MR. DENNIS O'NEILL. Died Yesterday at His Home on Chelsea Hill—Deaths and Funerals.

Mr. Dennis O'Neill died yesterday morning at his residence, on Bowling Green road, Chelsea Hill. The deceased was one of the best-known citizens of that section. The funeral will take place from St. Peter's Cathedral at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The interment will be made in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Josephine McGinty, who died Thursday at her home, No. 1024 Taylor street, will take place this afternoon from Grace Episcopal church at 1 o'clock. The interment will be made in Riverside Cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. James A. Morris, No. 76 Cumberland street, will take place from Pine-Street Baptist church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The funeral of Gustine Vivian Clark, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Clark, No. 67 West Clay street, will occur from Grace-Street Baptist church at 3 P. M. to-day.

Baselville Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Smith, of Columbia, died in Richmond Thursday. The remains were interred in Rockbury yesterday.

The funeral of Miss Jennie Paulson, who died at the residence of her father, Mr. Peter Paulson, at No. 1328 Venock street, Thursday, took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence. She was an only daughter.

The funeral of Mrs. V. A. Strange took place yesterday from the Baptist Home place yesterday from the Baptist Home place yesterday. Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne officiated.

The funeral of Mrs. Agnes Thuley, who died Thursday, took place yesterday morning.

THE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION. It Will Meet Next Either in Richmond or in Birmingham.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 29.—The sixth annual conference of the Southern Educational Association concluded its labors to-day. The next assemblage will meet in either Richmond or Birmingham, the Executive Committee agreeing to decide the matter later.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: President, Dr. H. B. Fulton, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi. Vice-President, Dr. Junius Jordan, University of Arkansas.

Secretary, P. P. Claxton, Greensboro, N. C. Treasurer, John D. Verby, Mobile, Ala. (re-elected).

A paper was read by John W. Abernethy, of Alabama, on "Education in the Old and the New South." It was an interesting paper.

Superintendent J. G. Wooten, of Paris, Tex., delivered an address on "Industrial Education in Public Schools."

The kindergarten department of the association elected Miss Patty Hill, of Louisville, Ky., president, and Miss Willette Allen, of Atlanta, vice-president.

White House Precedence Settled. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29.—The programme for the President's reception of the custom established many years ago, of placing them in line according to seniority of organization.

The order of precedence of the military services of the army, the navy, and the marine corps.

According to the programme, the departments rank in the order named, thus placing the army first, the navy second, and the marine corps third.

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Escaped Convict Killed. BRONSON, Fla., December 29.—W. B. Williams, the convict murderer, who was captured near his home in this vicinity, early this morning, was shot by Sheriff Walker in the side, and John Dean, in the other deputy, was shot in the abdomen, inflicting a mortal wound. Sheriff Sutton fired a shot at the scene, and brought Williams' body here to-day.

Georgia Republican Convention. ATLANTA, Ga., December 29.—The Republican state committee to-day decided to hold the next state convention in this city March 7, 1900, to choose delegates to the National Republican Convention.

A resolution endorsing the administration of President McKinley was adopted. President Hobart.

Court-Martial for Capt. Shufeldt. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29.—The War Department has ordered a court-martial to be held at Fort Belknap, in the United States army, retired, for refusing obedience to an order directing him to place himself within the jurisdiction of military and civil courts, before which he is defendant in divorce proceedings.

South Warrior Coal Company. MONTGOMERY, Ala., December 29.—The South Warrior Coal Company, with a capital of \$50,000, was organized here to-day by Ignatius Pollak and associates, for the purpose of developing North Alabama mines.

Well-Known Type-Founder Dead. PHILADELPHIA, December 29.—Thomas MacKellar, a senior member of the firm of MacKellar, Smiths & Jordan, type foundry, died to-day, of pneumonia, at his home in Germantown.

WE HAVE REAL WINTER. Weather Intensely Cold, With the Thermometer Down to 13.

JAMES RIVER FROZEN OVER. The City Tug at Work to Keep the Channel Open.

Winter is upon us in dead earnest. With James river frozen over, the sidewalks covered with a thick sheet of frozen snow, which the afternoon sun does not melt, and the thermometer nearly 20 degrees below freezing point, there is nothing lacking to constitute genuine winter weather.

Yesterday was decidedly the coldest day of the winter. The temperature was low and there was a stiff breeze that brought color to the cheek and made the ear tingle. The thermometer on the Dispatch building registered 18 at 6 A. M. It rose slowly, and at 3 P. M. went as high as 20. But it soon began to fall again, and at midnight the mercury stood at 18. Up on Broad street at the same time it was nearly 5 degrees colder.

People did not waste time on the streets yesterday. Indeed, those who were not called out by business kept closely in doors. The weather was cold and the sidewalks were icy. At places the ice was as smooth as glass.

By midnight James river was frozen from bank to bank. There was only a thin sheet of ice on it, but the weatherwise say that by this morning the stream will be covered with a solid mass of ice, and the prospects are that navigation will be closed.

Ice began to appear on the river about daybreak yesterday morning and at once the city tug Thomas Cunningham, Sr., which did such valuable service last winter in opening up the stream, got to work on the channel and opened up a passage, thereby enabling the Peabodys to leave her wharf for Norfolk. The Cunningham has been diligently at work ever since keeping a channel open, but last night almost as fast as she opened the stream it would freeze again, and her abour were thereby greatly increased.

SKATING TO-DAY. On all the lakes around the city there is ice, but there was no skating yesterday. The prospects are that there will be excellent skating to-day. The water having been drawn from the Reservoir Lake several days ago there is not sufficient depth there yesterday to permit of any great thickness of ice. The water will be at its normal height by this morning, and good skating is promised, as the ice was freezing as fast as it ran in yesterday.

At Forest Hill, Lakeside, and Young's Pond ice of several inches thickness had formed yesterday, but it was not thought safe to open the lakes for skating until the morning, when it is expected that their surface will be covered with merry slides.

SUFFERING AMONG THE POOR. The freezing cold has naturally carried suffering to many poverty-stricken homes in this city. The Citizens' Relief Association is busy endeavoring to ameliorate the conditions of some of the unfortunate.

Some of the cases are most distressing. A woman who has always worked in a mill, and who has a family of five children, is suffering from the effects of the cold. Her husband is incapacitated for work and has gone to the Soldiers' Home. She has four children, two of whom usually work, but are now unable to contribute to the support of the family, as the factory at which they are employed has shut down during the Christmas holidays. She wrote to the Citizens' Relief Association asking for a week's supply of groceries, and for clothing to live on. The children will go back to work on Monday.

Her immediate needs have been relieved, and her rent paid, which was due. Libraries have been located by the charitable people of Richmond, which have been given to the suffering and destitute in these parts.

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY Christmas and New-Year Holiday Rates.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Company will sell during the Christmas holidays round-trip tickets to and from all points on its line at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip; tickets to and from Norfolk, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, inclusive, and good for return passage until January 4, 1900. Fare to Norfolk and return, \$10; to Lynchburg and return, \$8. To students of schools and colleges, holding certificates signed by the superintendent, tickets will also be sold December 15th to 25th, inclusive.

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