IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Reinde's Slayer, Henry Hamberger, of Detroit, a Former Employe of the Murdered Man, has Confessed All—Hearing Set for Dec. 15.

December Crop Report.

The December crop report issued from the office of the secretary of state on the 8th does not describe the condition of wheat as very flattering. The report says:

The condition of wheat, as compared with an average, is 80 in the state, 74 in the southern counties, 87 in the central counties, and 96 in the northern counties. A large majority of the correspondents report wheat as being badly damaged by the fly; a few report the condition good. Late sown wheat, in many instances, is as badly infested as that sowed early, which is probably due to the warm, dry weather of November. Some fields are being plowed up for other crops; other fields are being pastured by sheep. Taken as a whole, the crop is seriously damaged, with little prospect for its recovery, eventually. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in November at the flouring mills is 502,347, and at the elevators 166,307, or a total of 668,656 bushels. Of this whole amount 538,170 bushels were marketed in the southern counties of counties, 95,874 in the central counties and 34,612 bushels in the northern counties. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in the four months, August-November, is 2,981,403, which is 4,849,163 bushels less than reported marketed in the same months last year. At 48 mills and elevators from which reports have been received there was no wheat marketed in November. The total amount of wheat shipped by railroads from the various stations, as reported for October, is 17,013 bushels. The condition of live stock throughout the state is good. In some counties considerable stock is being fed for market, while in other sections very little is being fattened on account of the price of hay. The condition of horses, cattle and sheep, in the state, is 96, and of swine 97. In most parts of the state fall pasture has been good. While it has been too dry in some parts of the state for pasture to grow, the condition for the state being 87, yet in the main all kinds of stock have done fairly well.

Found $1,000 Worth of Plunder.

Judge Bateman of the probate court, of Centerville, on the 5th, ordered that the residence of Mrs. Annie Deline, at Mendon, be searched to ascertain if she had any property to pay for keeping her at the asylum for the insane. The officer found the house completely filled with plunder, which she is alleged to have stolen during the past three years. There were 500 napkins, 50 sheets, half a ton of soap, scores of lace curtains, silverware and bric-a-brac of all descriptions and a valuable shotgun, the goods amounting in value to more than $1,000. The cellar was also filled with stolen wood. Mrs. Deline had lived as a hermit and had never made use of the stolen articles. Mendon people are greatly surprised at the result of the search.

University Improvements.

During the past 10 years permanent improvements amounting to $527,000 have been made at the University of Michigan. The several improvements and the cost of each are as follows: Two new hospitals, $130,000; enlargement of dental building, $7,000; enlargement of law building, $25,000; new recitation building, $30,000; heating plant, $56,000; new roof on museum, $5,000; gymnasium, $120,000; dormatory at hospitals, $20,000; two sun rooms at hospitals, $4,000; new law building, $65,000; additions to library building, $20,000; new roof on main building, $15,000; electric lighting plant on campus, $25,000; electric lighting plant at hospital, $5,000.

Hamberger Has Confessed.

Henry Hamberger, the young man arrested on the charge of murdering John M. Reindel at his place of business in Detroit on the evening of the 2d, confessed all on the afternoon of the 8th. During his incarceration he had refused to eat anything, and this together with the occasional severe questioning caused him to weaken and he admitted all. The only reason for committing the awful deed was for the wants of money, according to the boy's own statement. After the confession a detective found $27.00 stowed away in a box in the barn at the Hamberger residence where the boy said he had hid it. Hamberger will be granted a hearing on the 15th.

Preacher and Saloonist Put on the Gloves.

Rev. J. J. Axtell, pastor of the Congregational church at Royal Oak, and Gus Dondero, proprietor of the Royal Oak house, participated in a five-round "go" with the gloves on the 9th, and the result was declared a draw. Mr. Axtell occupied the pulpit the following day and Mr. Dondero resumed his business of slinging beer as usual. Arrangements are being made for another contest when the reverend divine believes he will be able to do up his man. The "mill" was the outcome of Rev. Axtell's efforts to make the saloonkeepers obey the law in regard to selling liquor to minors.

Sickness in Michigan.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, neuralgia, bronchitis, tonsillitis and influenza, in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan during the past week. Consumption was reported at 216 places; typhoid fever, 75; scarlet fever, 70; measles, 36; diphtheria, 28; whooping cough, 25; septic sore throat, 7, and cerebro-spinal meningitis at 2.

Mrs. Minnie Fairchild, of Ypsilanti, became despondent after two years' illness and committed suicide on the 6th.

Nickel-in-the-slot machines, stall saloons, poker joints, etc., at Charlotte must go, according to a mandate of the council.

Chas. M. Butts, until recently secretary of the Worden Grocery company at Grand Rapids, is $25,000 shy in his accounts.

A league for the purpose of bringing different conventions and excursions to Port Huron was organized at that place on the 6th.

Although he has 17 children, Wilson West, of Williamston, has seen but three of them. He was stricken blind 59 years ago, at the age of 25.

Ex-Atty.-Gen. Maynard Indicted.

Ex-Atty.-Gen. Fred A. Maynard, who was indicted by the grand jury at Lansing on the 9th, voluntarily appeared in the circuit court on the afternoon of the 11th and furnished the $3,000 bond required. The indictment against Mr. Maynard contains seven counts, and is based wholly upon his alleged dealings with ex-Chief Clerk George H. Kuhns. The wrongdoing charged extended throughout the entire four years of Maynard's incumbency of the office of attorney-general, reference being made to 48 monthly pay rolls. In brief, it is alleged that when he first entered the employ of the attorney-general, Kuhns received $40 per month, whereas $60 per month was drawn from the state treasury on account of his salary. His actual salary was then increased to $60 per month and $85 was drawn. The last named arrangement continued up to the time of Maynard's retirement from office Jan. 1 last. The total amount drawn for Kuhns' services was $4,595, but Mr. Kuhns only received $2,995.

Beet Sugar Output.

During September, October and November the different beet sugar factories in Michigan received 85,926 tons, 1,369 pounds of beets and turned out 9,855,555 pounds of sugar. This means that if the bounty law of 1897 is held constitutional the companies have already earned $98,555.55 this year from the state.

Smallpox at Coloma.

The village of Coloma, eight miles from Benton Harbor, has several cases of smallpox, and the stores are closed to prevent the spread of the disease. In Sodus township, southwest of Benton Harbor, one school has been closed for seven weeks on account of scarlet fever. The quarantine was lifted from the afflicted homes in Benton Harbor on the 12th.

STATE GOSSIP.

A mince meat factory to cost $25,000 is being projected at Saginaw.

Fine cement marl beds have been discovered three miles north of Schoolcraft.

The Hotel Dewey at Harbor Springs was destroyed by fire on the 10th. Loss, $15,000.

Belding's fire department is very efficient. It has saved every building in which fire has started in a year.

H. E. Rowland, of Lawrence, picked a bouquet of pansies from an outdoor bed on Dec. 9. Their flowers were perfect.

Wm. F. Dode, aged 22, of Detroit, the somnambulist who walked out of a third story window on the 7th, died of his injuries the following day.

Theodore Nelson, aged 60, of Wheeler, shot and killed his wife, aged 28, on the 12th, and then made an ineffectual attempt to kill himself.

The national council of the G. A. R. decided on the 9th that the next reunion would be held during the last week of August, 1900, in Chicago.

Highland Station is to have a new hotel, which is now being built on the site of the old Highland House which was destroyed by fire some years ago.

Mrs. Paulina Baker, of Holly, is the possessor of a Bible 300 years old. It was printed in London in 1600 and brought to this country some years later.

Work of surveying the line of the Northeastern R. R. from Lawton to Schoolcraft has been commenced. It is promised that cars will be running by next spring.

School teachers are a scarce article in Tuscola county at present, and the school commissioner has to hustle whenever there is a vacancy from one cause or another.

Cheboygan county farmers are complaining that the water in their wells is lower than it has been at any time the past year, and they have to haul water for their stock.

Dates for the one day farmers' institutes for Eaton county have been selected as follows: Bellevue, Dec. 19; Brookfield, Dec. 20; Vermontville, Dec. 21; Grand Ledge, Dec. 22.

Alex. Simpson, of Wyandotte, is not what would be called a handsome man, but he has two wives according to the verdict of the jury. He is now awaiting his sentence on the charge of bigamy.

A Hersey farmer who had read that ashes were a good medicine for hogs, preventing cholera and similar diseases, fed some to his porkers last week, and inside of two days the animals were dead.

Tuscola county farmers who have beans for sale are making a good thing out of them at present. There are numerous buyers around the county offering as much as $1.75 per bushel for them.

Pontiac's new bridge, the construction of which has blockaded traffic on the main street of the city for several months past, has finally been completed, and the citizens are correspondingly elated.

A Pontiac man has a hen which has been laying eggs at the rate of four to six a week for about a month, and only three of the eggs have been single yolked. All the rest have had either two or three yolks.

The shipping of Christmas trees, which is an important industry in northern Michigan of late years, will begin this week. Thousands upon thousands of the trees are shipped from this state each year, principally to the cities of the east and south.

There is no doubt that the beet sugar manufacturers of the state will still adhere to their determination to institute legal proceedings to compel the state to pay them a bounty of one cent per pound on all sugar manufactured during the seven years succeeding 1897, when the general bounty law was passed.

The grand jury at Lansing has declared the office of state land commissioner vacant, because of the failure of W. A. French to file with the secretary of state the $25,000 bond required by law previous to entering upon the duties of the office at the commencement of the term. Such being the case it is doubtful if any indictment could lawfully be made for the alleged official misconduct of Mr. French.

Men for work in the woods are very scarce all along the line of the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central railroad. Wages as high as $28 and $30 are being offered by lumber operators.

Three stories of a four-story brick building on Woodbridge street, Detroit, which had been weakened by a recent fire in an adjoining building, collapsed on the 12th. Only one person was injured, but he probably fatally.

The jury in the case of Wm. Finnegan, of Ann Arbor, vs. the Michigan Central railroad returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,000 on the 6th. Mr. Finnegan sued the company on account of the death of his 15-year-old son.

The Newberry News says that a man living in the woods several miles north of there sold his wife recently to a man who admired her more than he himself did, the consideration being 30 railroad ties, 15 bushels of potatoes and $15 in cash.

The electric railway between Detroit and Pontiac via Farmington is all completed except about one mile of the steel. A regular schedule service will probably be the Christmas present of the people living along the line of the road.

Between dogs which are killing numerous sheep, and thieves stealing corn, farmers around Willow are having a hard time now-a-days. The same medicine—large doses of lead administered with a shotgun—is good for both afflictions.

Deputy Game Wardens Bennett and Atkinson seized a quantity of venison at the Michigan Central depot, Bay City, on the 27th, shipped from the north without a license tag attached. It was consigned to Plymouth and Oxford.

Holly will have another manufacturing industry in a short time, in the shape of a handle factory. Work on the construction of the buildings will be begun immediately and pushed rapidly to completion. Local capital is behind the venture.

Supt. Merriam of the census says that census enumerators in Michigan will get $1,000 each and an allowance for clerical assistance in May, June and July. Money for traveling expenses is authorized only during the progress of enumeration.

If things turn out as he expects, a certain resident of Orion will have a 50-pound turkey as the piece de resistance for his Christmas dinner. He bought the bird a week or two ago at the weight of 43 pounds, and expects to put the other seven pounds on before the time comes to kill him.

The dog warden law passed by the last legislature does not go into effect until next May. In a number of districts the statute has been misconstrued and wardens appointed who are collecting the tax where they can and killing dogs where the owners refuse to whack up. A number of big lawsuits are in sight.

The Wabash railway has won out in the suit recently commenced against it by State Railroad Commissioner Osborn in his endeavor to have the company reduce its fares in Michigan to two and a half cents a mile because its last annual report showed that it was earning over $2,000 per mile for its mileage in this state.

WAR NOTES.

After a week's absence in the interior of Luzon, Gen. Young has been heard from. He reports having arrived at Vigan on the evening of the 5th, after an engagement with the enemy at Narbacan, whom he drove to the eastward into San Quentin Canyon with a loss of one killed and 12 wounded. The enemy left 25 dead in the trenches, besides a few rifles, several thousand rounds of small ammunition and 40 shrapnel. His troops are now engaged in pressing the enemy back.

Gen. Gregorio Del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's bodyguard, was killed by Maj. Peyton C. March's battalion of the 33d infantry, in a fight 18 miles northwest of Cervantes, Dec. 3. In addition to this death 70 other Filipinos were also killed or badly wounded. The American loss was one killed and six wounded. Maj. March is still in pursuit of the enemy.

It is reported that the Filipino commander, Gen. Alejandrino, with his staff, has surrendered to Gen. MacArthur, and that it also a rumor that Alejandrino is at Aguilar suffering from a wound received in a fight between insurgents and bandits and that he will be given an opportunity to surrender and will be properly cared for.

A force of insurgents estimated at 800, attacked the American garrison of 200 at Vigan, province of South Ilocos. The American loss was eight killed and many wounded. After very hard fighting the Filipinos were driven off and through the mountains, leaving 35 dead. Col. Bisbee reinforced the garrison.

A force of 100 insurgents attacked a wagon train escorted by 30 men of the 16th infantry on the 9th near Balluag. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost 18 in killed and 9 captured.

Commander L. P. Wood, U. S. N., died of typhoid fever at his residence in Washington on Dec. 11. Mr. Wood was in command of the gunboat Petrel at the battle of Manila bay.

The records of the treasury of the so-called Filipino government, together with a quantity of paper money and Nordenfeldt, was found at Mangatarem recently.

The transports Conemaugh and Leelanaw, with five officers, 16 enlisted men, 78 civilians and 492 horses has reached Manila.

The hospital ship Relief, which recently arrived at Manila from Vigan, brought 273 sick soldiers and 232 Spanish prisoners.

According to officials of the war department the promotion of Gen. Wood to the grade of major-general of volunteers, is not likely to come any immediate change in his present station and duties as commander of the military provinces of Santiago and Puerto Principe.

Gen Young reports the rescue of Brutne, of the Nevada regiment, and Edwards, of the gunboat Yorktown, who have been held prisoners by the Filipinos. Gen. Tino, conveying the American prisoners north, is hotly pursued. Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains, his body guard having been destroyed and Gregorio del Pilar killed. Gen. Concepcion has surrendered. The insurgente province has been cleared of insurgents. The navy co-operated with the army on the west coast. Two thousand eight hundred released Spanish prisoners are on their way to Manila.

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

As a Result of Earthquakes in Japan Many Hundred People Were Killed and Much Property Destroyed—Bad Mine Explosion in Washington.

Many Killed by Earthquakes.

The disaster that overtook the island of Ceram, Japan, on Nov. 2 cost the people of that district immense loss of life and property. The steamship American Maru, which arrived at San Francisco on the 11th from the orient, brought advices from Ceram stating that 500 people were destroyed on that island alone when the dreadful earthquakes shocked the Japanese coast and agitated the islands adjacent to the empire. At Pauholy and Samasoerea, on the bay, the waves swept over the tops of trees 30 feet high. Out of nearly 1,8000 inhabitants only 40 escaped. The whole coast for miles was transformed into a huge mud puddle. Corpses were everywhere. Green trees and portions of houses were buried in the ooze. Every few rods were great mounds of stones and boulders that had been washed up from the sea, changing the entire topography of the country. The exact number killed along the coast will never be known, as the corpses are in many cases yards under the new ground. At Hatoesia, out of 500 people, 100 were killed and 40 wounded. The balance escaped to the hills where the shock of earthquake was first felt.

Ready to Fight all Nations.

The Figaro publishes an interview on the 10th with M. Lockroy, former French minister of marine, in the course of which he says: "The British navy is twice as strong as ours. It is able to oppose simultaneously the navies of France and the triple alliance. Everywhere French fleets are stationed they are confronted by twice or thrice their strength. France must have cables. Great Britain's ports are all connected and the British are ready for war tomorrow, if necessary, with every nation on the globe."

32 Killed in a Mine Explosion.

About noon on the 9th the valley coal mining village of Carbonado, Wash., was stunned with the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal company, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. The victims of the horror now number 32 dead and 5 injured. Two men were rescued the following day after being entombed for 18 hours. The disaster was the result of a fire damp explosion.

Big Fire at Reading.

One of the most appalling fires that has ever visited Reading, Pa., occurred on the 7th when the extensive hosiery mill of Noble & Horst Co., took fire, destroying the plant, causing the death of one person, Miss Louisa Clay, and injuring 57 other employes of the company. Of the 57 persons who were injured, 30 are seriously hurt. The remainder of the 57 had hands or faces burned, limbs bruised, or otherwise injured.

Burned at the Stake.

Dick Coleman, the Negro murderer of Mrs. Lashbrook, was taken from the officers at Madisonville, Ky., by a mob of 1,000 men on the 6th and burned at the stake. The mob, led by the husband of the Negro's victim, dragged the shrieking criminal through the principal streets of the town, of 8,000 inhabitants, bound him to a small tree, set fire to brush and tow about him, and stood guard until he was dead.

Taylor Elected Governor.

The Kentucky state board of elections on the 8th gave out their official findings that W. S. Taylor for governor and the rest of the Republican ticket have been elected on the face of the returns. Certificates of election were ordered issued to each candidate therefor. Taylor was inaugurated on the 12th.

France Made a Demand on China.

The french government has formally demanded the degradation of the viceroy of Canton because the order to execute the Chinese magistrate who was responsible for the murder of two French officers at Montao has not been carried out. The Tsung-Li-Yamen will probably refuse.

THE NEWS CONDENSED

Augusta, Ga., was visited by a $1,000,000-fire on the 10th.

Tom Sharkey has offered to train Corbett for his fight with Jeffries and the ex-champion has accepted the offer.

Wheat prospects in the Argentine republic are excellent. There will probably be an exportable surplus of 20,000,000 bushels. The wool crop will be 350,000 tons and the total wool clip is about 225,000 tons, which guarantees an exportable surplus.

Another contribution to the naval literature of the Spanish war has been published by the bureau of naval intelligence. It is a history by Admiral Cervera, of the fleet under his command, which was destroyed by the American squadron off Santiago.

The powder works of James S. Miller, near Sumneytown, Pa., were completely wrecked by an explosion on the 7th and three men were killed and several others injured.

A syndicate headed by Tom L. and Albert Johnson, the street car magnates of Cleveland, will build a street railroad in Honolulu and on Oahu island, on which the capital of the Hawaiian islands is situated. Electric lines will not only be built within the city limits but suburban lines will be constructed leading to the different points of interest and business near the city.

Hughes reports from Central Panay and Iloilo province, one-third of the island cleared of insurgents. By forced marches with two battalions from Lambuano by way of address of Calinog he obliged the enemy to engage at Passi on 26th ult., and drove him with loss to the mountains in detached bodies, capturing 10 field pieces, of which two were breech-loaders; also nine rifles and several thousand rounds of small ammunition.

Nearly $2,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in the heart of the business section of Philadelphia on the 29th.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

The senate in executive session on the 11th removed the injunction of secrecy from the commercial treaties negotiated between the United States and other countries last summer, and which with the exception of the treaty with the Argentine republic have already been published. This treaty provides for the reduction of 20 per cent on articles of Argentine origin, which may be imported into the United States as follows:

On sugar, the reduction to be on the rates fixed by article 209 of the tariff act of 1897. Such sugars are also to be exempt from the requirements of article 5 of that act, provided they are shown to have not paid any internal tax nor received any bounty. On hides, on the rates prescribed by article 437 of the tariff of 1897, but the concession is not to be construed as impairing the regulations to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases. On wool, on the rates prescribed by article 357, 358 and 359 of the tariff act.

In return Argentine agrees to the following tariff reductions upon articles from the United States: Fifty per cent on canned meats, including oysters, canned shrimps, canned corn, succotash, tomatoes, canned apples and other fruits (excepting peaches, pears, quinces, apricots and cherries), wind-mills, dried or evaporated fruits and paraffine wax; 20 per cent on bacon, canned, cracked wheat, hominy, corn grits, corn starch (maizena), and other cereal foods, sail twine and cotton rope; 15 per cent on white pine, spruce pine, Oregon pine, yellow pine, oak and other lumber, undressed, 6¼ per cent on cottonseed oil.

It is provided that no lower duties shall be granted by either country on articles in question than those granted by the United States to Argentine and by Argentina to Brazil. These Ratifications are to be exchanged seven months from date.

Sen. Chandler on the 6th introduced bills amending the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States so as to the islands of Cuba and Porto Ricoafter Jan. 1, 1900. Goods between the islands and the United States are to be exchanged as between the states.

Among the concurrent and joint resolutions, several important executive nominations and petitions numbering hundreds, were presented to the senate on the 6th. A majority of the bills were old dogeers, but a few were of national interest and importance.

Mr. Aldrich had the honor of introducing the first measure in the senate. It was the financial bill drawn by the senate committee on finance, of which Mr. Aldrich is chairman, and probably was the most important measure introduced on the 6th.

The Republican caucus unanimously approved the house financial bill and recommended its immediate consideration and passage. The bill which was amended except in two minor particulars.

A bill to permit the building of a bridge over the Detroit river between Belle Isle and Detroit was introduced in the house by Rep. Corliss on the 6th.

The house on the 5th adopted a special order for the consideration of the currency bill. The general debate will doubtless occupy the greater part of a week's time.

The session of the house on the 7th only lasted 30 minutes, during which time the speaker appointed the committee on ways and means, which is to include himself, Mr. Bell of Pennsylvania, Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, and Mr. Bailey, of Texas.

It is a long time since any measure for a public improvement on the Great Lakes of national importance so widespread an interest as is caused by the bill which the Hon. John R. Corliss, congressman from Detroit, introduced on the 9th for the construction of a dam across the Niagara river. The purpose of this dam is to raise and control the level of Lake Erie and Detroit river, Lake St. Clair, St. Clair river and to a limited extent of Lake Huron. The bill is based upon the findings and recommendation of the board of distinguished engineers appointed by the President in 1897 to investigate the project of constructing a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to tide water.

In the senate on the 11th, Mr. Hoar (Mass.) offered a joint resolution providing for the submission to the state legislatures of a constitutional amendment providing that the term of the President of the United States and the 56th congress shall not expire until the last Wednesday in April, 1901, and that thereafter the terms of the President and congress shall expire on the last Wednesday in April, instead of on March 4.

In the senate on the 7th Mr. Harris introduced a joint resolution providing for the limitation of the time a President shall be elected to one term of six years and making the terms of members of the house four years. He also introduced a bill for the granting of pensions to persons who served in the confederate service and afterward in the army and navy of the United States.

Senator Chilton on the 11th introduced a bill prohibiting the sending of articles, the manufacture of which is controlled by a trust, from one state to another. Such offenses are made punishable by imprisonment not to exceed three years. Senator Gear reintroduced his anti-smoking bill of last congress.

Rep. Corliss introduced a Pacific cable bill, says he will get it through if he don't accomplish another thing at this session.

Congressman Weeks has introduced a public bill to fix the term of service of the surfmen in the life-saving service on the lakes and rivers at 10 months out of the year, closing the stations only during January and February, and fixing the compensation at $70 per month.

Rep. Fordney has introduced a bill appropriating $50,000 for a public building at Owosso.

Rep. Jett on the 11th introduced in the house a joint resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers. It is almost in the same terms as that introduced in the senate by Mr. Mason.

Since Congressman Corliss' bill for a government cable across the Pacific to Manila was introduced, Senator Hale, of Maine, has reached out after some of the glory by introducing a similar measure. His bill differs from Mr. Corliss' in that it places the construction of the cable in the hands of the navy department instead of a cable commission, and after completion it places the operation in the hands of the postmaster-general, but does not provide a reduction in rates as fast as the revenues exceed the operating expenses, as does Mr. Corliss' bill, but provides that the profits go into the U. S. treasury.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

At London when the army corps first went out to Africa Gen. Gatacre was generally regarded in military circles as the strongest of the three division commanders. Gen. Methuen was called the ideal guardsman and tactician of the parade ground. Gen. Clery was known as the schoolmaster in strategy, owing to his connection with the staff college and with manuals on military science, and also as the best dressed officer in the army and the most popular club man and epicure. The first two have had an opportunity to show their ability, and Gen. Clery's turn will doubtless come next. He can surely make as good a record as the first two have.

The hottest bombardment of the siege took place at Ladysmith on Nov. 30. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombard's kop, completely commanding the town, and shelled the British camp that night and the day following, planting shells with excellent in the camp of the Gordon Highlanders and the Manchester regiment, where there were many narrow escapes. On the 3d the enemy resumed the bombardment, doing very great damage. Several of the British guns were shattered by the Boer big gun.

The Boer war office has received the list of casualties during the sortie from Kimberley, November 28, as follows: Killed: Maj. Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch; Lieut. C. W. Wright of the Kimberley Light Horse, and 20 non-commissioned officers and men; wounded: Capt. Walleck, Lieuts. Clifford and Watson and 28 non-commissioned officers and men.

From President Steyn it is learned that nine British officers and 580 non-commissioned officers and men were captured during the Stromberg Junction engagement, besides two cannon and two ammunition wagons. He also says it is impossible to state the number of dead or wounded British.

Gen. Gatacre has been heard from, and he shoulders the British loss at Stromberg Junction himself, saying that it was an erroneous his part, which frees his guides from the charges of perfidy. He says that he underestimated the distance to Stromberg.

Gen. Gatacre with a force of 2,000 unsuccessfully tried to dislodge the Boer forces at Stormberg Junction. A partial list of the British casualties shows two dead, 26 wounded and 605 missing. The British were compelled to retreat.

The British are equipping two shallow draught river gunboats which will be used in the South African war. Each boat will carry two six-pounders, quick firers and four Maxims.

Gen. Joubert is ill and has returned to the Transvaal for treatment. Gen. Schalkburger will be in supreme command of the Boer forces during Joubert's absence.

A British report says the Boers are cross-cutting the ends of their Mauser bullets, thus producing an effect similar to the dum-dums.

It is said the real reason for Consul Macrum's being relieved is that he is a warm Boer sympathizer and refused to look after British interests.

In the fighting at Modder river on 10th Gen. Cronje maintained his position and captured 50 British soldiers.

It is generally conceeded by the British that the Boers are tightening their grip on Mafeking.

The railway bridge at Colenso has been completely destroyed.

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

The steel trust is to build a $6,000,000 plant near Pittsburg.

In a fire at Philadelphia, Pa., on the 10th, two persons lost their lives and $25,000 worth of property was destroyed.

Several deaths from the intense cold weather is reported from Germany. At many places the thermometer registers 14 degrees below zero.

It is now certain that the Canadian steamer Niagara, with all hands on board, numbering 16 persons, were lost in Lake Erie. It is supposed that the boat foundered on the 5th.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York				
Best grades	$4 30@5 20	$3 50	$6 00	$4 00
Lower grades	3 50@4 75	2 25	4 75	3 35
Chicago				
Best grades	5 60@7 35	4 75	5 50	4 10
Lower grades	4 50@5 50	3 85	4 00	3 85
Detroit				
Best grades	3 75@4 75	4 00	5 00	4 05
Lower grades	2 50@3 75	3 00	4 00	3 90
Buffalo				
Best grades	4 00@4 10	4 25	5 50	4 20
Lower grades	2 25@3 60	4 00	4 00	3 75
Cincinnati				
Best grades	5 25@5 75	3 90	5 35	3 85
Lower grades	4 50@5 25	3 65	4 75	3 50
Pittsburg				
Best grades	5 85@6 25	4 50	5 60	4 10
Lower grades	4 60@4 75	4 00	5 30	4 00

GRAIN, ETC.

	No. 2 red	Corn. No. 2 mix	Oats. No. 2 white
New York	73@73¼	39@39¼	29@29¾
Chicago	70@70¼	33@33	24@24½
***Detroit**	73@73¼	33@33¼	26@26½
Toledo	71@71½	31@31½	24@24
Cincinnati	70@70½	33@33½	26@26½
Pittsburg	76@76½	36@36½	26@26½
Buffalo	74@74½	34@34½	27@27½

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The United States supreme court on the 11th affirmed the opinion of the court of claims in the case of the claim of the Los Abra Silver Mining Co. against the republic of Mexico, holding that claim to be fraudulent and unfounded. The claim was for about $4,000,000.

The governor of New Mexico in his annual report estimates the population of the territory at 260,500 and says this year's record will exceed almost all former years in the revenue derived from produce, sheep and cattle. The report renews the plea for statehood.

Mr. Roberts, the mormon representative, despite the adoption of the Tayler resolution, which in terms deprives him of his seat during the pendency of his case, was in the hall throughout the session on the 7th and occupied the seat he selected on the opening day.

The senate in executive session on the 7th confirmed the following appointments: Joseph W. Fifer, of Illinois, to be a commissioner of interstate commerce; Frederick W. Wines, of Illinois, to be assistant director of the census.

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