

CRONJE IS SURROUNDED

Cabinet Member Says He Received the News.

Boer Line of Fortresses in Front of Buller Broken at Last, but the Burglers Get Away with Their Guns and Provisions—

London, Feb. 20.—A member of the cabinet told H. W. Lucy last night that the war office had received a telegram announcing that General Cronje was hopelessly surrounded. Wyndham was beset by anxious members of the house, but would only reply that the government's news was extremely satisfactory.

Chiefly, Monday, Morning, Feb. 19.—The Boer line of fortresses is broken. The British achieved a decided success in capturing the enemy's position on Monte Christo. The Boers, however, effectively executed a retreat, removing their guns and convoy wagons. The British had comparatively few casualties.

London, Feb. 20.—The Chiefly correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: "We have now all the hills to the right of Colenso on this side of the Tugela, including Hlangwane, which the Boers evacuated last night. This capture of Hlangwane is of great strategic importance, as the hill commands the flank of the Boer defenses at Colenso. Successful advance and the capture of the railway may be expected."

Boers Save Their Big Guns. London, Feb. 20.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated Monday, from Pietermaritzburg: "It is reported that Sir Redvers Buller has captured Hlangwane Hill. Large numbers of Boer Stokers have left to meet Lord Roberts' force. It is believed that a number of Boer big guns have been taken back across the border."

What the Boers Say of Kimberley. London, Feb. 20.—The Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marques, dated yesterday, says: "According to advices from Pretoria the Boers are expecting a big battle on the Tugela. They claim to have captured the British ships were killed at Colenso, and that thirty wagons with forage and provisions were captured, but no ammunition. They thus describe the fighting at Kimberley: 'The British came through Blaibank and attacked in two columns. While the Boers were busily engaged with Lord Roberts' General French, with 2,000 cavalry and six guns, succeeded in breaking through the Boer lines. The Boers did not seriously oppose General French's advance, but confined their efforts to preventing the provisions getting through. In this they succeeded, capturing 2,000 head of cattle, 100 wagons of provisions and 100 men.'"

ASSOCIATED PRESS BEATEN

Supreme Court of Illinois Reverses a Decision of Two Courts.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—In an opinion given by the supreme court of Illinois yesterday, The Inter Ocean Publishing company is restored to membership in the Associated Press. The highest court of the state in reviewing the case of The Inter Ocean against the Associated Press reverses the decrees of the circuit court, Cook county, and the appellate court of the First district, regarding the cause to the circuit court and directs the entering of a decree as prayed for in the original bill filed by the Inter Ocean.

The pith of the supreme court decision is that "The sole purpose for which news was gathered was that the same should be sold, and all newspaper publishers are entitled to purchase such news for publication are entitled to purchase the same without discrimination against them. The clause of the contract which sought to restrict the applicant from receiving news from other sources than from appellee is an attempt at restriction upon the trade and business among the citizens of a common country."

The Associated Press declines to say at present whether the case will be taken to the national supreme court.

Capital Invited to Mississippi. Jackson, Miss., Feb. 20.—A concurrent resolution has passed both houses of the legislature inviting home and foreign capitalists to invest in manufacturing enterprises, especially cotton factories, and setting forth the advantages of Mississippi as a manufacturing state. Bills to exempt newly established factories from taxation for a period of ten years are now pending and will be passed during the present week.

Illinois Attorney Disbarred. Springfield, Ills., Feb. 20.—The supreme court yesterday entered a final absolute striking from the roll of attorneys the name of Moses Salomon and disbarred him from practicing in any court in this state. The proceedings in the court were for the purpose of disbaring Salomon for misconduct as an attorney at law.

Found Guilty of Train Wrecking. Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 20.—Charles Essex, who on Nov. 23 last attempted wrecking the Burlington fast mail by placing ties on the track, was found guilty at Charleston. Essex is farmer by living at Russell. He will probably get ten years.

Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 20.—An incendiary fire at Albia yesterday destroyed the lumber yards of the W. B. Ballew Lumber company. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$2,200.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The state department has decided to investigate Macrum's charge that the British censor at Durban opened official mail of the department addressed to him. A cable has been sent instructing Adolbert S. Hay, United States consul at Pretoria, to investigate Macrum's allegation and to report by telegraph as soon as possible. As the dispatches which Macrum says were read by the department officials as the quickest method of getting at the facts in the case.

LONDON VIEW OF HEPBURN.

What Officials There Think of His Nicaragua Canal Project.

London, Feb. 20.—The Hephburn Nicaragua canal project, maintaining that Great Britain nullified the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by securing control of the Suez route to the far east, is not taken seriously here. The views of the British government on the subject were expressed to a representative of The Associated Press by a high official, who said: "Officially, of course, it is not necessary to consider any such argument, as Washington has already recognized that the treaty has not been abrogated by the fact that they have requested a modification of it."

"Apart from this, Mr. Hephburn's argument is illogical and far-fetched. The cabinet would have stoutly denied that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was either abrogated or lapsed had any such contention been raised. But it was not, and of course we cannot now recognize any such argument. We are watching with interest the progress of the Nicaraguan matter in the United States, though nothing more has been done diplomatically. We have given our consent and we are simply waiting for the decision of congress."

WHISKY KEPT HER ALIVE.

Woman Who Takes Nothing into Her Stomach Except Alcohol.

Bancroft, Mich., Feb. 20.—Mrs. A. Tyrrell, a widow who lives a few miles northwest of this place, has not enjoyed a square meal in two years, and her case is a puzzle to all the physicians in the neighborhood. Mrs. Tyrrell has been suffering from stomach trouble for many years. Two years ago her condition became such that she was unable to retain any solid food.

Her physician prescribed raw eggs beaten up in whisky, but she rebelled against the eggs, and ever since then her diet has been pure whisky and other alcoholic stimulants. The woman is gradually becoming weaker and has been reduced in flesh until she is almost a skeleton. There is no hope for her ultimate recovery.

Waterworks Pumps Give Out.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 20.—For several days the city has been practically without water. The pumps at the waterworks having broken down. The force was not sufficient to pump water to the second stories of buildings. A pump on a gravel digger is now being used to pump water into the city. The pumps are being repaired, but this piece of machinery is weak and may give away at any time. All the fire cisterns of the city have been filled by the department and great relief is felt among the business men. The new works will not be completed for three weeks.

Detective Sues for His Wages.

Siox City, Ia., Feb. 20.—Henry E. Brant, a detective here, has commenced suit for \$604 against the estate of John Collins on the ground that the deceased failed him to watch Mrs. Collins, a young and pretty woman, lest she fell in love with a younger man. Brant says he performed his duty faithfully for 1,206 hours at an agreed price of 50 cents an hour and adds that he is confident it was his vigilance which prevented any one from alienating the wife's affections.

Denies That Story of Alliance.

London, Feb. 20.—A representative of The Associated Press has been officially and emphatically informed that Great Britain has never, at any time, made any diplomatic or other advances for an alliance with the United States or Germany. So far as this statement refers to the United States, it is fully confirmed at the United States embassy and hopes are expressed that the false report will some day die a natural death.

Farmers Fighting the Timber Thieves.

East Tawas, Mich., Feb. 20.—Petitions are being circulated among the state granges in this section of the state concerning alleged frauds being perpetrated on the state by timber thieves. They ask the granges to work for an adequate law in the next legislature to protect the state's timber. The petitions hint that the saving to Michigan would almost justify the calling of a special session to consider the question.

Col. Bryan in Florida.

Brooksville, Fla., Feb. 19.—On his arrival here Saturday Bryan was well received by a large crowd. He was driven to the residence of his cousin, Judge Jennings, where an informal reception was held. At noon a barbecue was served at the court house square, after which Bryan addressed the people on the questions of the day.

House Proceedings.

Washington, Feb. 19.—When the house convened the speaker announced the appointment of James H. Davidson as chairman of the committee on railways and canals. The house then resolved itself into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the legislative appropriation bill.

Graying for Michigan Waters.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 19.—The state fish commission has arranged for the reception of a half million grayling fry from the United States commission to be planted in Michigan waters next spring. Grayling have been rapidly disappearing from all Michigan streams until now they are practically extinct.

Only One of the Kind Here.

Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 20.—The old Ingraham mill was burned yesterday with a loss of \$140,000 to the Charlton Manufacturing company. The mill was engaged in finishing and cutting of velvet, plush and corduroy. It was said to be the only plant of its kind in the country.

Hospital Ship Maine.

New York, Feb. 20.—Lady Randolph Churchill has called to Mrs. Cornelia Adair now in this city, saying that the American hospital ship Maine, now at Durban, Natal, is nearly full of sick and wounded. The fatally hurt at a fire.

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A MOMENTOUS DEBATE

Is on a Issue Growing Out of the War With Spain.

Do It Part of the United States or Not?—Do Its Citizens Come Under the Constitution?—Questions That Involve the Tariff and Other Matters—What Chief Justice Marshall Decided—Senator Clark's Case—Dr. Tracy on the Stand—Macrum's Charges.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill, which is to continue throughout the week and possibly longer, opened in the house yesterday. On all hands it is agreed that this bill, although it applies only to Porto Rico, involving it does the question of how to govern our new possessions outside the limitations of the constitution, is the most important measure which will come before this congress. Interest in the bill is intense among the members on both sides, and there is urgent demand for time. The Democrats are solidly arrayed against the measure, and they will have powerful support from the Republican side in McCall of Massachusetts and Littlefield of Maine, both able and forceful debaters. How far the Republican disaffection will extend, or whether it will endanger the bill, it is impossible to say at this time.

Leaders Open the Great Fight.

Payne, the floor leader of the majority, refused to agree that a vote should be taken upon a substitute to be offered by the minority. This substitute, which has not yet been framed, will be in substance the bill originally introduced by Payne providing for free trade with Porto Rico by the extension of the customs and revenue laws of the United States over the island. The debate yesterday lacked exciting features. It was in the nature of a long range bombardment before the clash of the contending forces in battle. Payne opened with a general argument in support of the bill. Richardson, the Democratic leader, joined issue upon the power of congress to enact the proposed legislation, and Dazell backed up Payne with a constitutional and legal argument.

Same Question Up in the Senate.

A simple resolution of inquiry introduced in the senate by Hale precipitated an hour's constitutional debate over the insular possessions of the United States. Hale offered a resolution calling upon the commissioners of the District of Columbia for information as to why the law of congress relating to telephone charges had not been enforced and practically was inoperative. Tillman, having in mind the extension of the constitution over the insular possessions of the United States, precipitated the legal debate by inquiring how the constitution extended over the District of Columbia if, as had been maintained, congress had plenary power in the District.

Positions of Those Participating.

Foraker replied that the constitution extended over the District when it was part of Virginia and Maryland and was never withdrawn. Congress had ample authority, in his judgment, to extend the constitution over such territory as the United States might acquire. He said that Lindsay agreed with Foraker, while Vest quoted Chief Justice Marshall who had decided that wherever the authority and jurisdiction of the United States extended, the constitution also extended. Lindsay did not think that the entire constitutional interpretation of all the future ought to be based on Chief Justice Marshall's decision in that case.

Clark Again Testifies—Dr. Tracy Explains His Remarks to Justice Hunt.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Yesterday Senator Clark, of Montana, was again the star witness before the senate committee on privileges and elections, notwithstanding that Dr. Tracy was also heard. Dr. Tracy, Justice Hunt's physician, occupied the entire forenoon and a part of the afternoon. His statement concerning his interviews with Justice Hunt corroborated the testimony of the justice in all essential details. He said that Justice Hunt was an intimate friend, and he ascertained he did was to test the justice's ability to withstand the corrupting influence of money. He had received no funds from any source to his knowledge, and had been promised none for that purpose.

Clark Necessarily Went over much of the ground covered by him in his former testimony.

He was cross-examined by Campbell, and insisted that he had spent no money for corrupt purposes during the Montana senatorial campaign. He gave a full statement of expenditures for political purposes during the legislative and senatorial contests, which footed up, as Senator Turley announced, to \$139,000. He declared that his only purpose in entering upon the campaign was the overthrow of Daly's rule in the state, which he said was so tyrannical that he would not desire to continue his residence in the state if it was to continue. Campbell said that Daly would go on the stand in rebuttal. He is expected every day.

EX-CONSENSU MACRUM'S CHARGES.

Investigation of the Same. The house has adopted the Wheeler resolution calling upon the secretary of state for information regarding the charges of Macrum, ex-consul at Pretoria. The secretary of state has informed the congressional committee that he stresses a prompt and full investigation of the charges made by Macrum on this subject, and says that if Macrum's mails were tampered with his neglect to report the matter is the gravest violation of the regulations and discipline of the consular service that has occurred for many years.

In this connection a dispatch from London says: "The British officials declare that it is extremely improbable that consular letters were opened at Durban as alleged by Macrum." The state department says that since Macrum left Pretoria there has never been the slightest delay or tampering in communicating with the United States consul at that place. While Hollis,

our consul at Lorenceo Sarguez, was acting at Pretoria, and since he was relieved by Hay, the department of state has received telegrams almost daily and voluminous reports by every mail.

Would Modify Civil Service Tenure.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Lacey of Iowa has introduced a bill in the house amending the civil service act so as to provide that government employees shall serve for five years, with opportunity for reappointment. The bill provides that those now in the service shall serve out a term of five years, and those who have served beyond that time shall be divided into classes whose terms shall gradually expire.

Coeur d'Alene Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The investigation of charges as to the conduct of the United States military forces under Brigadier General Merriam during the Idaho mining troubles last summer began yesterday before the house committee on military affairs, but the committee got no further than a discussion, without action, of a line of procedure.

Forty-Eight Murder Trials.

Resulting from Attacks by Union Miners on Non-Unionists. Vienna, Ills., Feb. 20.—Including the twelve men now being tried here for murder resulting from the Carterville riot on Nov. 17, there have been forty-eight men put on trial for murder, all the crimes being the result of the fight of the union against non-union miners at the Brush mines. The thirty-six who have been tried were acquitted. Besides the trials for murder and the riot, there are still pending there are twenty-five other persons who have been cited to appear before United States Judge Allen for contempt of an injunction issued out of his court, and eighteen of whom are charged with murder, murder also answer the contempt charges.

Ohio Miners and Operators.

Columbus, O., Feb. 20.—The joint conference of the Ohio miners and operators convened here in the afternoon to arrange the details of the new scale, according to the advance grant made by the federal government. Messrs. J. S. Morton, Thomas Johnson and A. E. Cole represent the operators, and President Haskins, Vice President Sullivan, Conrad Wein and James Lewis the miners.

Hanna's Son Married.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.—Dan R. Hanna, son of Senator M. A. Hanna, was married to Mrs. Daisy Gordon Maud at the residence of the bride's father in Glenview, a suburb of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. M. Rialter, pastor of the Glenview Presbyterian church. Only a few of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present.

Want Royalty for a Gold Mine.

Lispeming, Mich., Feb. 20.—Peter Gings and wife, owners of the fee in the Michigan gold mine, have sued William C. Mather, president of the Cleveland Cliffs company, for \$30,000 royalty alleged to be due.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, who has been seriously sick, is now on the way to complete recovery.

Because he was unable to secure employment for the support of his young wife, a Chicago plumber, of Chicago, committed suicide.

Mrs. N. Givens and Mrs. N. C. Mitchell, of Plano, Ills., are thought to be the oldest living twins in the United States. They are in their 80th year.

Francis Porter, head of the famous Farmington school and sister of Noah Porter, died at Hartford, Conn., from old age.

W. F. Green, a hardware manufacturer of Troy, N. Y., died suddenly at Dowie's saloon in Chicago.

Henri Rochefort was mobbed and pelted with rotten apples in Bordeaux.

A sleigh in which Henry O. Jensen was riding was struck by an electric car at Chicago and Jensen was injured.

France is to have another treason case much like the Dreyfus case, Jude Philippe, an officer employed in the ministry of marine, is the accused, and has fled.

Beef destroyed the Galland Home for Deaf Mutes in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

John Mead, 12 years old, was shot in the ankle at Chicago by two small boys who attempted to hold him up.

Joseph Cowen, editor of the Newcastle (England) Chronicle, is dead.

The cost of the railways of the United States up to 1897 was \$11,775,000,000. That of the world was \$35,520,000,000.

Losses of farm animals in the United States for twelve months ended March 1 last, from disease and exposure, are given by the government at 7,500,000, worth \$75,000,000.

The dividend record for Apple Creek public company for February will reach \$700,000. For February, 1899, it was \$290,250.

Northwestern university faculty has changed the entrance requirements so that a single year of languages will not be accepted unless same is continued.

Pittsburg, Feb. 19.—The acceptance of service by the attorneys for the defendants in the Prick-Carnegie equity suit clears the way for the actual beginning of the fight in the courts between the two steel kings. The recent action of the Prick-Carnegie office, several stores, and a number of private residences. The town had no fire apparatus. Much suffering resulted from the cold. The loss is roughly estimated at \$15,000, partially insured.

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British Troops in Pursuit Have Very Warm Work.

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London, Feb. 19.—Rumors were in circulation at the clubs and elsewhere in London last evening that General Cronje, with an army of 7,000, has been captured. Apparently they emanated from the continent. No confirmation of them can be obtained here.

Jacobdsal, Feb. 17.—General Kelly-Kenny is still pursuing the Boers. He has now captured more than 100 wagons.

The Guards have occupied the Boer position at Magerfontein. Frere Camp, Feb. 16.—The Boers have abandoned several laagers. General Buller renewed bombardment of the Boer position without eliciting a reply. Another forward move is regarded as imminent.

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Chieveley, Feb. 18.—General Buller has established his headquarters on Hussar Hill. Heavy artillery bring was maintained at intervals by both sides from Wednesday until Friday. The British slowly pushed the advance. The Boers moved their big guns back over the Tugela Friday afternoon. The rifle fire has been heavy at times.

Fighting a Good Rear Guard Action.

Jacobdsal, Feb. 18.—Further details of the Boer retreat show that the enemy has been fighting a good rear guard action, and occupying successive positions in order to allow the moving of the convoy, which, however, has been going at a very slow pace. The latest reports show that the Boers in the neighborhood of Klipkraals drift are undoubtedly disheartened. The work of shelling the Boers prisoners, however, is being done in the style of action the Boers are bound to show in the open whenever they are obliged to leave the kopjes.

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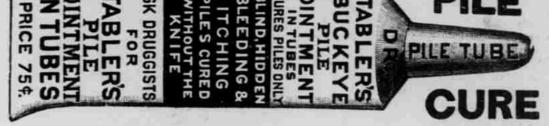
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Water Famine at Marquette. Marquette, Mich., Feb. 20.—Marquette is suffering from a water famine and to give temporary relief the water board is putting in a mining pump and a pipe which shall carry the water overland from the lake to the reservoir. The intake pipe is choked up with ice.

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