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## TWO DAYS' FIGHT.

MARIE BOTHA, THE BOER LEADER, AMONG THE DEAD.

## DEWET'S SON IS CAPTURED.

English Claim an Important Victory in Recent Encounters with Followers of Gen. Paul Kruger—Conflicting Reports as to Outcome.

LONDON, March 1.—The war secretary, Mr. Broderick, announced in the house yesterday that during the last two days 600 Boers had been killed or captured and that 2,000 horses and 25,000 head of cattle had fallen into the hands of the British troops. The prisoners include General Dewet's son and the general's secretary.

Maria Botha, the Boer leader, was killed and thirty-five dead Boers were found on the ground. Over 100 horses were killed and 6,000 head of cattle were left in our hands. Other small attempts to break out were made and in two cases succeeded. On the last day, 450 Boers, with rifles and horses, were captured. All the columns have not yet reported and the operations have been wide, but over 600 Boers have been either killed or are prisoners in our hands, also 2,000 horses, 28,000 head of cattle, 200 wagons, 60,000 sheep, 600 rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition.

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They grew without design to inordinate proportions through the wording of the law, which did not anticipate the improved process of sugar production. The abolition of bounties gives general satisfaction throughout Germany except to the sugar interests.

## RAISE THE DUTY ON CORN.

Germans Decide to Make Money on Maize Imported from America.

BERLIN, March 1.—At today's session of the tariff committee of the reichstag the government proposed to make the duty on maize 4 marks per 1,000 kilograms, instead of 2 marks, the present duty. The committee eventually adopted a duty of 5 marks per 1,000 kilograms on maize.

The duty on millet was also fixed at 5 marks per 1,000 kilograms. A duty of 1½ marks per 1,000 kilograms as proposed by the government on other grains not specially mentioned, was agreed to.

## To Enforce Sanitary Law.

AURORA, Kan., March 1.—The State Live Stock Sanitary commission adopted a rule requiring all persons shipping southern cattle into Kansas to make an affidavit that the cattle were intended for immediate slaughter and not for sale as stockers and feeders. It has been the practice of the shippers from the Panhandle country to bring cattle into the state ostensibly for sale to Kansas City packers and then sell them to stockmen.

## Nebraskans Disappear.

ALDO, Ill., March 1.—Hayes C. Dool, a highly respected young man, mysteriously disappeared from this place on February 11. He has been traced as far as Burlington, Ia., but no further trace of him can be obtained. He had been until recently in business in Joliet and Hastings, Ill., where he was married only about two months ago. It is feared some fatal accident has befallen him, and his wife is in great distress.

## To Buy Street Railways.

NEW YORK, March 1.—It was learned here that the occasion for the large transfers of gold from New York to San Francisco to the treasury department is the fact that a syndicate of bankers, which includes Brown Bros. of this city and Brown, Bros. & Co. of Baltimore, has practically closed a deal for the purchase of the long street railways of San Francisco. The amount involved is said to be about \$30,000,000.

## THE FEMALE LABOR LAW.

An Appeal to the Supreme from the Lower Court.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 1.—William Wenham, proprietor of the Nonpareil steam laundry of Omaha, has appealed to the supreme court from a decision against him by Judge Baker, assessing a generous fine for alleged violation of the female labor law. It was charged that Wenham employed women more than eight hours a day, contrary to the provisions of the statute. A brief was filed by Wenham's attorneys in which it is argued that the law is unconstitutional for the following reasons:

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