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THEY THAWED DYNAMITE. Explosion at a Gravel Pit Killed Two Men and Mangled Three.

Leader J. McCormick Dead. CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Leader J. McCormick, member of the famous harvest machinery firm and founder of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died of pneumonia at the Virginia hotel.

BOERS FALL BACK

Concentrating for Defense of Their Country.

THEY WILL GIVE UP LADYSMITH

Relaxing Their Hold on All Sides to Oppose Roberts—Has Cronje Escaped?

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Boers are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory and are concentrating for the defense of their own.

Nothing has been heard from the Boers for two days. Although the last words of the war suggest that there was no news for publication, there is a strong disposition to believe that favorable information has been received, but is being withheld until the operations culminate in something more conclusive.

FRENCH'S ENTRY INTO KIMBERLEY.

Inhabitants Were Panicked—Stricken, Thinking the Boers Were Coming.

When the British were still eight miles off the signaling station, a telegram message from the indefatigable Garrison to Modder River, saying: "The Boers are shelling the town."

AMERICAN GUNSMAN KILLED.

Standard from Modder River, dated Monday, February 20, describing the relief of Kimberley, says that the American gunner, "Long Cecil," was killed.

DISASTER TO PLUMMER'S FORCE.

BULLWYOK, Monday, Feb. 21.—Colonel Plummer's force, which numbered 200 men, was defeated by the Boers.

IN THE CAVES OF MAKERING.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking dated Friday, February 3, says:

NO BOERS AROUND KIMBERLEY.

KIMBERLEY, Sunday, Feb. 19.—The country is all free around Kimberley. The Boers have evacuated Dronsefels, Saltpan, Snyfontein and Shobla Nek.

GAZE WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Secretary of the Treasury Gage was the guest of honor at a dinner given this evening at the Auditorium by the National Association of Merchants and Travelers.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The war office announced the following casualties among officers during the relief of Kimberley: Killed, Lieutenant Heath, Sixteenth lancers; Lieutenant The Hon. W. McClin-

tock Bunbury, Second dragoons. Wounded, Captain Gordon and Lieutenant Bracey, Ninth lancers; Captain Tasson, Sixteenth lancers; Lieutenants Fordyce and Long, Second dragoons; Lieutenant H. M. Durand, Ninth lancers.

THE RETREAT OF CRONJE.

MARCH TO BLOEMFONTEIN HARASSED BY BRITISH HORSE.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Sunday, February 19, from the Boer lines, writes that the Boers are retreating in a somewhat extended but harmonious meeting of the fusion wing of the national convention, which concluded shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The feature of the meeting was the unanimity with which the members accepted and endorsed the declaration of Senator Bryan, which could be raised shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS.

IN JOINT SESSION THEY RATIFIED TAYLOR'S LETTERS TO CONGRESS.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 20.—The democratic senate at 11:30 took a recess till 2 o'clock, and at noon the republican senate, presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Marshall, convened.

PHILADELPHIA ELECTION.

TEN REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATES OUT OF SIXTEEN SUCCESSFUL.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—Returns from Tuesday's municipal election are coming in slowly from the 41 wards of the city.

MRS. CRAVEN'S TESTIMONY.

REGARDING HER SECRET MARRIAGE WITH SENATOR FAIR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Nettie R. Craven was subjected to a searching cross-examination today in her suit against the Fair estate.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM PLANK.

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FUSION POPULISTS

Will Hold Their Convention at Sioux Falls, May 9.

COMMITTEE MEETING HARMONIOUS

Bryan and Caldwell Suggested for the National Ticket—No Sympathy for the Bulltots.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 20.—The next national convention of the populist party will be held in Sioux Falls, S. D., May 9. Representation is based on the vote for General J. B. Weaver for president in 1892, or, if any candidate for state office has since polled a larger vote, that vote shall be the basis.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

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