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BOERS EVACUATE COLENSO.

Hearted Resistance to the Relief of Ladysmith.

CHEVELEY, CAMP, Wednesday,-Steady progress of the relief column is uninterrupted. The Boers Tuesday were forced from their last position south of the Tugeia, resulting in the evacuation of Colenso, which was promptly re-occupied by the Dublin fusiliers and the Thornycroft horse. A has the following dispatch from Mod-Transvaal dag was captured, as was der river, dated Wednesday, February a handkerchief inscribed with General 21:

wana hill and Colenso Wednesday. hours, which was refused. Later he The British advance infantry was sub- sent a messenger to say that he would jected to a severe musketry fire, but surrender. they had evcellent cover and the casualties were few. The Boers had the telling him to come into camp. Conje railroad running from Colenso to Bul- refused, saying there had been a miswan. The British continue to discov- understanding and that he would fight er large quantities of ammunition. The to death, Boers are well supplied with food, and a quantity of provisions was left be-

smith will be reached in a few days.

JOUBERT'S NERVES UNSTRUNG.

He Has Been Compelled to Relinquish the Chief Command of the Boers.

LONDON, Feb. 22 .- All the war office's information is said to point to General Cronje's escape as an impossibility, and it is now generally taken for granted that Roberts has him surrounded. All the critics of the afternoon newspapers urge rushing reinforcements to Roberts so he may be able to not risk much in endeavoring to inflict a decisive defeat before the Boer forces gather from every quarter to strengthen General Cronje's threatened force. Buller's apparent tardifrom slipping round to assist Cronje delayed in transmission, dated Paarde-

creates no little comment. The relief of Ladysmith is now taken to be a matter of course and is likely by a careful reconnoissance in force to be announced before the end of the of the enemy's position that I could not week, but it is quite within the proba- assault 't without a very heavy loss. bilities that severe fighting will occur which I was most anxious to avoid. previous to the relief, while the de- Accordingly, I decided to bombard him inforce Roberts subsequent to the re- the enemy's reinforcements. The relief are likely to meet with strenuous suit was most satisfactory. The Boers resistance in the passes of Draken- were driven off in all directions, losing forces remain. Boer reports say Jou- 50 prisoners, who say they arrived from bert's nerves are unstrung, and he no Ladysmith two days ago by railroad. longer exercises the chief command.

A disputch from Sterkspruit dated Wednesday, says the prominent rebels kopje they were occupying. in this district intend to surrender and down their arms.

There have been many eulogistic references to the speeches of Laurier and ed." other Canadians on the subject of the

Little

Pimples Turn

to Cancer.

Cancer often results from an im-purity in the blood, inherited from generations back. Few people are en-

tirely free from some taint in the blood

and it is impossible to tell when it will

"I had a severe Cancer which was at first saly a few blotches, that I thought would soon pass away. I was treated by several able physicians, but in spite of their efforts the Cancer served until two con-

It is dangerous to experiment with

of their efforts the Can-cer spread until my con-dition became alarming. After many months of treatment and growing steadily worse, I de-oided to try S. S. S. which was so strongly recommended. The first bottle produced an im-provement. I continue, the medicine, and in-four months the last lit-four months the last lit-

four months the last lit.

B. F. WILLIAMS,

most malignant Cancer.

ca, concerning which curiously enough there is not a single word, official or They Are Now Making Only Half- otherwise, known or published here except that two officers were wounded.

OFFERED TO SURRENDER.

Dispatch to London Paper Says Conje So Proposed But Afterwards Reconsidered.

LONDON, Feb. 23.-The Daily News

Botha's name. This is treasured as a "The Boer forces under General Conje The Boers heavily shelled Hlang- o'clock he asked an armistice of 24

"The British general sent a reply

"The bombardment was then reopened and our lyddite shells set fire to the Boer wagons. We continued shell-It is expected that further resistance ing the laager throughout the night will be half-hearted, and that Lady- and in the morning we resumed with , Maxims and rifles, principally from the north side.

> "On Sunday there was much waste of life in attacking and the same result will be achieved without it.

> "Prisoners say that General Conje marched from Magersfontein here without spanning, a distance of thirtythree miles. Had he succeeded in escaping, it would have been one of the finest performances in the annals of war.

> REINFORCED FROM LADYSMITH.

Roberts Has Captured Prisoners Just Arrived With Conje's Command.

LONDON, Feb. 22, 4:17 p. m.-The war office has received from Lord Robness and failure to prevent the Boers erts the following message, which was berg, Wednesday:

"Yesterday afternoon I was satisfied tachments to be sent by Buller to re- with artiflery and turn my attention to burg, in which fairly powerful burgher a good many killed and wounded, and They also say it was our artillery fire which caused them to abandon the

"Our loss was two officers, Captain the Storberg rebels will shortly lay Campbell, of the Ninth Lancers, and Lieutenant Houston, of the artillery, and four men, all slightly wound-

losses of the Canadians in South Afri- MAXIM-NORDENFELDTS GOING,

Officers Ordered to Take Fifty Guns to South Africa at Once.

LONDON, Feb. 22.-Artillery officers received hurried orders today to proceed to South Africa with 50 one-pound Maxim-Nordenfeldt guns.

THE CANADIAN LOSSES.

Report From South Africa Creates a Sensation at Montreal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-A special for break out in the form of dreaded Canthe Tribune from Montreal says: pimple or scratch has developed into The news of the heavy losses of the Canadian battalion created a profound sensation throughout the Dominion, No. details of the action have come to hand, except that it was fought by the Canadians on Sunday, while pursuing Conje's army at a drift on the Modder river to the east of Jacobsdal. Seven out of the eight companies were engaged and the Canadians lost in killed, wounded and missing 89 men, being about 10 per cent of the force engaged in the battle. The losses are scattered ever the whole regiment, and number 26 killed and 59 wounded the rest be-

> ing missing or captured No officers were killed but two-Major Arnold, of Winnipeg, commanding a company, and Lieutenant Mason, of Toronto, were wounded, the former dangerously. Flags are flying at half-

Cancer. The disease is beyond the skill of physicians. S. S. S. is the only cure. mast over the city. cause it is the only remedy which The spirit in which the public is takgoes deep enough to reach Cancer. ing the news is shown in the action of J. A. Barry, the rich young merchant of the town. On his way to his office he learned from a bulletin board of the death of his younger brother, Cecil. (Swift's Specific) is the only blood All others contain potash and mer-office, where he telegraphed the govoury, the most dangerous of minerals.

Books on Cancer and blood diseases bouth Africa at his own expense to mailed free by Swift Specific Company, take his brother's place in the regiment entered the chamber at 10:37, and al-

blood thus shed will rement the union of Canada with the empire.

IMPORTANT ARREST.

Man Suspected of Complicity in Northwestern Train Holdup Taken Into Custody.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.-"Pat" Crow. who was arrested two weeks ago, suspected of being one of the men who held up a Northwestern train at Tower 5, October 13, has been released on ball and the case against him will probably be dismissed. Special Agent Roley, of the Northwestern, said he was confident Crow was not connected with the robbery. Police Justice Ludwig, at Geneva, where the prisoner was confined, allowed Crow's attorney to sign his bond for \$10,000. The preliminary hearing is set for next Monday morning.

Riley says that Crow's arrest was caused by the statement of a man who told Captain Lavin and Inspector Hunt, of the Chicago poplce department, that Crow approached him some time before the robbery and asked him to enter the plot, Since then Riley has found that Crow was at work in the South Omaha packing-houses at the time of the robbery.

THE REBELLIOUS KURDS.

Russia Barely Avoided Having to Send An Army Into Persia.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.-European papers just received give details of a re- dress the court. cent rebellion in the Persian province troops into Persia.

The Kurds of the Sowoutch-Boulak district raised the insurgent banner der the leadership of El Kan, Daboukir, Mahour and Bersadas, the chiefs of the four principal Kurdish tribes.

These chiefs had received from the form of decorations of high titles, Nevertheless, they had preserved sheir and enjoy great popularity, so that it nounced against him?" was easy for them to group around are the blind instruments of Mirsza Honor." Fetauch, the soul of the anti-Persian movement in Kurdistan.

Prince Manoutcher-Miraza, the new governor, acted as if he did not recog-

In order to avenge himself, the cunning Mirsza Petauch concealed his sentiments, but he incited the new government to inflict corporal punishment on | thrust and parry. one of the Kurdish boys. This punishment was resented by the whole proud and bellicose nobility of Kurdistan, and vice.' was the signal for the revolt, one single tribe, with its chief, Nomad-Aga. remaining faithful to Persia.

mandant of the troops, General Mushir- | defendant's request." Lachker, to Aserbeidchau to open nepropositions falled, and to satisfy the prisoner's request was to be denied. missed from his office as governor. The toward the recorder, began again: Kurdistans then entered Ssouwoutsch-General Mushir-Lachker should take the place of Manoutcher.

Instead of complying with their request, the shah sent them the severe already been governor of the province. ing him. This appointment set fire to the already troubled situation and then came the to their acquaintances, the rebels entered the city of Tabriz, the residence of the governor, and there were daily fights with the government troops.

Finally, Semid Khan left his post and Mesnaleck, who was in complicity with the insurgents. Tranquility has prevalled from that moment, at least apparently, for the Kurds continue to demand a kind of autonomy with the every right of choosing their governor, which appointment would merely have to be approved by the shah.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS CONFER.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 22.-Professor Leusehner, director of the students' observatory of the University of California, will leave here today to join President Wheeler in Chicago. They will represent California at the conference of the leading American universities to be held in Chicago on February 27, for the consideration of the conferring of higher degrees.

BONNER FARM TO CONTINUE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22,-The Bonner stock farm at Tarrytown, N. Y., is not to pass out of existence despite the said of all the trotters and pacers which belonged to the late Robert Bonner. ercept Maud S. David Bonner will manage the farm, where blooded horses will be bred. The stallions Highland Paron and Baron Review have been bought for the stud with a number of Electioneer horses.
MOLINEUX SENTENCED.

Dramatic Scene in Court on Defendant's Application to Be Allowed to Make a Statement.

New York Tribune.

as be entered the door at the rear of

the chamber. With a quick, buoyant stride he soon

Weeks on his right and Mr. Battle on his left, he waited for the sentence. District Attorney Gardiner moved for judgment. The clerk asked the prisoner if he had any legal cause to show why judgment should not be passed. Mr. Weeks said:

herein upon the following grounds: . . .

The motion was denied, an exception was taken, and Mr. Weeks moved that then Mr. Weeks said:

"The defendant, Your Honor, desires te speak in his own behalf." Molineux, in a resonant voice, with-

out a tremer, began: "Of the crime for which I"-

'Just wait a minute," said Recorder looking earnestly at the prisoner, "is this by advice of counsel?"

"By request of the defendant and without regard to the advice of counsel," said Mr. Weeks.

Recorder Coff hesitated an instant. and then said:

This defendant has been in this court

Weeks.

The nervous tension was at the snapto catch everything that was said.

"His counsel," said Recorder Goff

up to this time had recognized the real circumstances and presented to the right, that involves another thing."

> defendant's desire and my advice." between adepts-parry and thrust-

"Sir!" said Mr. Weeks sharply.

Manoutcher-Mirsza sent the com- ness, adding: "I will comply with the A sigh of relief went up from a hun-

insurgents, who demanded the recall of Molineux, with the same firm, reson- district attorney was also permitted by Prince Manoutcher, the latter was dis- ant voice and with a slight courtesy by the recorder to introduce testimony 'I thank you, Your Honor. Of the

Boulak and asked by telegraph that crime for which I stand convicted, and ful assault upon him and upon her. of still another crime for which I am There was a promise to connect it charged, I am absolutely and entirely with the proof of the murder case later innocent. All of the evidence"-

"I supposed that I might refer to it." closing argument." "Your counsel has attended to all

that matter," said the judge, "Very well, Your Honor," said Moli

Yellow journalism put a price upon It was an invitation to blackmailer, every perjurer, rogue, every man without principle, but with a price, and to that in-vitation Mr. Heckman responded.

reasons; what they believe; what they think; but I know that these hands (raising his arms toward the court) never put pen to paper to address that poison package or to write the disputed

Your Honor, all this is as nothing district attorney in attempting to vilify and attack the character of the pure and lovely woman who bears my name. It was the act of a blackguard! It was a damnable lie!

now, Your Honor, I am prepared to hear you sentence me. I am not afraid, because I am not guilty.

PHASES OF THE MOLINEUX CASE

Brooklyn Standard-Union

Some of the things Roland B. Molineux said yesterday when asked why sentence of death should not be passed upon him are true. For instance, it is true that a price was practically set upon his head by the yellow journals. One of them promised to pay and did pay for an identification of Molineux Nothing has appeared anywhere in Long before the hour of opening the print tending to show that the testicourt, at 10:30 o'clock, the doors of the mony of the man thus paid was worthy court room were beseiged by hundreds of the slightest credence. It is true who wanted to witness the imposition also that one of the few witnesses not of the sentence of death on Molineux. paid heavily by the prosecution for Extra policemen were detailed to hold their testimony-most of the hand-In the field. The newspapers in their most at once a court officer was sent silver bottle holder sent with the poi-

nected with the poisoning. Indeed, eli- ed, bring unreality, untruth and senminate the testimony of the bandwrit- sationalism so intimately into the lives ing experts, who were paid \$50 a day of a large portion of the rising generand expenses by the prosecution for ation as to destroy its moral sense their evidence, and the case against. The harm it has wrought in connec Molineux would not amount to the tion with the Molineux murder tria dignity of a strong suspicion. When is already far reaching. There was Undertaker, Embalmer The defendant, Roland B. Molineux, the fact is stated-and it is a fact very little of the orderly procedure respectfully moves for a new trial which cannot be successfully disjuted that the law loves about the trial -that one at least of the principal ex- It had been robbed of it by the rivperts admitted he had been utterly alry of the yellows. It was in the un mistaken in handwriting to which he wholesome atmosphere of sensational swore in a Brooklyn court it seems dif- ism, coming up out of the mephitic no judgment be rendered, on the Scult to understand why, if the jury pool of sensational journalism, that ground that the facts stated do not was not influenced by other evidence the jury to try Molineux was chosen constitute a crime. Again the motion laid before them, the reasonable doubt. It would have been more or less than was denied; again the exception, and the benefit of which must be given to the defendant was not aroused, from the contagion of the occasion Again, nothing can be plainer than That its members honestly rendered that the prosecution sought to prove the verdict of their environment will that Molineux murdered by poison his not anywhere be disputed; that they clubmate. Barnet. He was not indicted would have rendered the same verdict for that crime, but every line of testi. If chosen and acting a thousand miles mony tending to show he rent poison Goff, leaning forward slightly and to Parnet of the same character as the poison alleged to have been sent to Cornish, and which the latter, thinking, as alleged, it was harmless bromoseltzer, administered to Mrs. Adams, was calculated to affect the minds of the jurors unfavorably. Of course, it is impossible to show any adequate motive for deliberate murder. Yet no sentence to death, and the not less for three months, defended by able deliberate murder was ever committed manly or pathetic appeal made today counsel. It is an unusual thing for a by a sane man without some very by General Molineux to his fellow defendant who has been so very well strong motive. All in the way of mocountrymen for justice and fair-play and ably defended by counsel to ad- tive the prosecution could show for to his accused son and afflicted famthe alleged attempted murder by Mol- ily. 'It is the defendant's desire, and we linear was a quarrel over club matof Kurdistan, the rising being so ser- have nothing to say to him except that ters between Cornish and Molineux. are estimated at 8000 men At 12 lous that Russia contemplated sending we believe it is his right," said Mr. In that there was nothing even approaching a provoking cause for murder. There is vayy little doubt that ping point. The tones of the recorder the Barnet testimony was introduced against the government of Teberan un- and the lawyer alternately cut the for the purpose of bringing a murder stillness, and there was an involuntary motive into the case. If a motive on leaning forward by those in the rear Milineux's part could be shown for the murder of Barnet, and the fact were established that both Barnet and Mrs. shah honorific distributions under the slowly, has said for him all that the Adams, died from the same sort of law permits to be said in reply to the person powders sent through the mails, question. What has he to say why the strongest kind of a suspicion would spirit of independence. They are rich judgment of death should not be pro- be raised against Molinsux and the paid-for testimony of the handwriting "I have advised him that way," said experts would do the rest. As to the them 1500 Kurdish landowners. They Mr. Weeks, "but it is his desire, Your admission of the Barnet testmony, the recorder wobbled painfully. He finally "That is another matter," returned admitted it, and permitted the district the judge. If it is a desire expressed attorney to dwell upon it both in his The governors of Ssewoutch-Boulak by the man at the bar under these opening and when closing the case before the jury. Of course, the recordauthority of this powerful individual, court's discretion, that is one thing, er was not conscious of any bias, but but a thing presented as a matter of his fame has been made as a prosecu-

tor, and the way he used his position "I have simply presented it as the to worm out of one woman witness facts, or alleged facts, baving no ap-The scene was like a fencing bout parent bearing on the case, yet that could scarcely fail to prejudice the jury against Molineux, reminded one "Then," said the recorder, with a rather of the remorseless counsel of tinge of bitterness, "I ignore your ad- the famous Lexow investigation committee than of the ca'mly impartial and impersonal judge. District At-"I ignore your advice," said the re- torney Orborne attempted to show corder with still more apparent bitter- that Molineux was jealous of Sarnet. In court as the motive in concrete form of the attempted murder of Cornish, gotiations with the rebels. But all dred throats, as it was feared that the which resulted in the accidental killbur, as alloged, of Mrs. Adams. The concerning the young woman who is now Molineux's wife that was a frighton. That promise was not kept. That "You are not charged with any other it was over intended to be kept, in made by Mrs. Osborne since the trial. young woman novel writer with the dime-novel name, who, he says, outlined the prosecution for him, advising him to construct a "garment" of that part of the "garment" didn't fit

and energetic Semid Khan, who had crime," said Recorder Goff, interrupt- view of the extraordinary statements is more than doubtful. It was probsaid the prisoner, unruffled, "since the ably a part of the scheme of the prossignal for an armed struggle. Thanks district attorney did in his opening and ecution concocted for him by the neux, glancing at a few brief notes evidence that would fit no other man was replaced by a functionary, Musul outling what he had to say. He went in the world except Molineux. Well, him evidently, for the recorder, after letting it go before the jury, ordered them not to consider it, for the reason that it was entirely extraneous matter. Altogether it was not a dignified trial. The calmness of the judicial in-The handwriting experts who have quiry was wanting. Perhaps we shall testified against me. Your Honor, may not have any more caim judicial trials. For more than a year the yellow journals had enveloped the case in an atmosphere of sensation. They paid out great sums of money to witnesses or alleged witnesses to secure the iden-Your Honor will not permit us to diffication of Molineux and other senmake mention of the great injustice which is a matter of history, but experts in handwriting have made mistakes before, and they have repeated delegated powers of the people, as represented by the authorities, under the pretense of serving the people, when to what is in my heart at this moment.

Above and beyond everything else I their real purpose was to make money denounce and despise the action of the by creating a vicious appetite for asensual sensationalism and pandering to the lowest sentiment in the community. It is held by many men in public life it was this same greed for the money that is to be gathered from the gut-

ter through the publication of lying sensations by the yellow journals which forced our country into war with Spain while we were yet in a state of unpreparedness. That the unscrupu-

lous scoundrellsm of yellow journal-

comments agree in saylag that the to bring in Molineux. Necks were son, At that point the prosecution ut. ism had some effect in that direction craned to get a glimpse of the prisoner | terly broke down. The bottle holder and that it brought death and misery was purchased at the store in Newark into many homes in consequence i where Miss Miller was employed, and all 'co true. It is a manifestation of of course the man who purchased it our modern civilization that is truly reached the bar, where, with Mr. must in some way have been con- debasing, and that must, if not checkhuman if it had escaped altogether from New York, away from the influence of the yellow journals, and outside of the artificial sensationalism that surrounded them during the last two months, is a very open question. The least unworthy and most wholesome phases of the Molineux case are presented in the manly defense of his wife made by Molineux just before his

WHAT MACRUM PROVES.

Philadelphit Times. A public statement has been made by ex-Consul Charles E. Macrum, who was United States consul at Pretoria, the apital of the South African republic, and who was charged, by direction of our government in obedience to a request from the English government, with the duty of giving proper attention and care to the interests of English citizens. That office was very generously performed by the English consuls during our recent war with Spain, and it was naturally the desire of President McKinley to reciprocate the kind offices of the English by our consul at the Boer capital protecting English interests as far as it could be lawfully done.

At different stages of Macrum's return from South Africa, alike in Europe and in this country, very mysterious intimations were given out by him that he had most important com munications to make to the government, the annetity of which could not be impaired by even discussion before he reached the state department. Expectation was on tiptoe about the promised revelations to be made by the consul, but it seems to have been known in Washington even before Macrum was granted leave to return home, that he had failed in the performance of his duties and that h could not furnish any important in formation when he arrived. there was ominous slience in official and newspaper quarters as to his mission. The president and the state de-

When Macrum reached Washington partment were silent because they had nothing to say. They knew all that Macrum knew and probably much more than he supposed they had learned. There was quiet in the newspaper circles because the Macrum bubble had been pricked and there was no news in it. Now, after having wandered around for some time in sullen silence brooding over the fact that he had been superseded, and a very competent consul sent out to take his place Macrum has finally taken the public into his confidence by the publication of a letter over his signature in which poses as a common scold against administration.

As no official notice will be taken of his public statement, Macrum cannot rise to the dignity of controversy, and Loans and discounts . . his case, as presented by himself to Overdrafts, secured and unsethe public, proves but one thing very cured. clearly—that is, that the government acted a wise part by calling him home and sending another consul to Pretoria.

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Jacob Kamm, W. F. McGregor, J. O. Hanthorn,

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