

## FOR DEFENSE

### Boers Hasten to Oppose Roberts' Advance in Force.

### A STRONG ARMY AT BLOEMFONTEIN

Cronje's Gallant Resistance Gives the Federals Time to Prepare for Struggle—Fighting at Ladysmith.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—(Tuesday, 4:20 a. m.)—The Boers are assembling an army near Bloemfontein, with which to dispute the invasion of Lord Roberts. This intelligence comes from Pretoria by way of Lourenco Marques. The commands are described as "hastening from all quarters of the two republics." No estimate is made of their numbers, but the withdrawal of Boers from most of the places where they have been in contact with the British, except the district near Ladysmith, may raise the resisting force to 30,000 men. This figure assumes that the Boers have between 60,000 and 70,000 men in the field. The gathering of this army across the path of Lord Roberts gives significance to General Cronje's steadfast defense. He has engaged a corps of Lord Roberts for ten days now, and whether he is relieved or not, he has given time for the dispersed Boer factions to get together and to prepare positions to receive the advance of the British when Cronje is overcome and Lord Roberts moves forward.

It is difficult to conceive that the Boers are strong enough to take the offensive and to rescue General Cronje from his precarious situation.

The war office has nothing after midnight to indicate his collapse, and he may hold out for a few days.

General Buller on Saturday faced the last and strongest position of the Boers who bar his way to Ladysmith. The strenuous fighting indicates a battle between armies, rather than a rear guard's action in protecting a retreat. On Thursday and Friday he lost forty-three officers killed and wounded, representing probably a total loss of from 400 to 500. General White's guns worked Saturday upon the Boer positions, and a helicopter from Ladysmith reported that the Boers were retreating and that larger rations were being issued in view of the fact that relief was at hand.

Nothing has been heard from Mafeking since February 12th. The movement on the veldt, away from the railway, is becoming increasingly difficult for large bodies of troops, as the grass is burned up. General French has to wagon forage for his horses and even the infantry finds the long marches harder than before, as the forage for the transport animals must be carried. This requires the formation of garrisoned depots. The ordinary campaigning season is over, and the sickly season for both men and horses has set in.

### STUBBORN RESISTANCE.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Winston Churchill, in a dispatch to the Morning Post, from Frere Camp, dated Sunday, says: "The idea that the Boers are raising

the siege of Ladysmith is premature. The advance is being pushed in the face of the most stubborn opposition and of heavy loss. President Kruger's grandson is among the Boers killed." Churchill then proceeds to describe the heavy fighting last Friday, in which the Enniskillens approached within 500 yards of the summit of the rocky Boer position and then gallantly charged in the face of a hail of bullets. He says: "After repeated attempts, however, and having lost heavily, they recognized that they were unable to prevail. Nevertheless, they refused to retreat, but lay down on the slope, behind a shelter of walls. The Connaughts and Dublin fusiliers were sent to their support, but the light faded and the night closed in before the main attack had developed."

### MANY BOERS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Paardeberg, dated Friday, to the Times says that several thousand Boers are hovering in that neighborhood.

### GALLANT FUSILIERS.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Times has the following from Pietarmajitzburg, dated Friday, February 23d: "The Dublin fusiliers have again distinguished themselves by volunteering to take Groebler's Kloof, which they did. This gallant battalion, which began the campaign 850 strong, can today be said to muster on parade only between 100 and 200 of its original membership."

### BIG PROFITS.

KIMBERLEY, Feb. 24.—Cecil Rhodes, presiding at a meeting of the De Beers Company, delivered a speech which was received with enthusiasm. He announced that the year's profits of the De Beers Company amounted to £2,000,000.

### MANY CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The war office today issued an additional list of casualties, sustained by the Fifth brigade under General Buller, on February 23d and 24th, which includes seven officers killed and wounded, and one missing. General Buller's death list contains the names of the lieutenant-colonel, Thackeray, of the First Royal Enniskillen fusiliers; Stillwell, of the Second Royal Dublin fusiliers; and Thorold, of the Royal Welsh fusiliers.

An additional list of the British casualties at Paardeberg, February 13th, is announced, and gives a lieutenant and eight men killed, one lieutenant and seven men missing, and thirty-three men wounded.

### HUMANE TREATMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Paardeberg, dated Sunday: "There are about 4000 beleaguered in General Cronje's camp, exclusive of the losses he has hitherto sustained. His wife is not with him, although there are women and children in the camps. The Boer position is now almost exclusively confined to the river bed. The enemies are entirely at our mercy, but Lord Roberts is treating them with the greatest consideration, from motives of humanity."

### POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 26.—The post-office was broken into yesterday morning after 3 o'clock, and over \$500 was secured; the amount of cash was \$212.95 and stamps, \$400. An entrance was made by taking out a window-pane in a rear room, and then a panel of the door, thus giving admission to the office. The tools were stolen from a blacksmith shop in town. A hole was drilled in the outside door of the office safe, just above the handle, and the hole in the inner door was made just above the combination lock, and powder was used to blow the safe open.

### A THEATRE BURNED.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Grand theatre, Islington, where Henry Irving and other actors have been in the habit of giving provincial tours, was gutted by fire this morning. Arson is suspected. The theatrical properties and wardrobes were lost.

### RELIGIOUS CONGRESS.

GREEN BAY, WIS., Feb. 26.—A State congress of religions is being held here today, and will continue until March 1st. Most of the religions of the state are represented. There is also a Woman's auxiliary meeting.

### TOO MUCH BOY AND TOO FEW POTATOES.

One of the maddest women in this city is a down-town boarding-house mistress who has wasted several days in an effort to find a certain huckster who worked a shrewd swindle on her. She bargained with him for fourteen bushels of potatoes, with the understanding that he was to put them in the cellar for her. The careful housewife counted the two-bushel bags—seven of them—and paid the man for that number. A short time after the huckster left a neighbor notified her that during the potato transaction she had seen a small boy crawling out of the front cellar window. An investigation showed that there were only two bushels of potatoes, and that on two occasions the boy had been carried down cellar in the bag by the huckster, and had then climbed out of the window and back to the wagon again to repeat the swindle.—Boston Journal.

Commerce has set the mark of selfishness.

## CRONJE HAS SURRENDERED

### The Most Gallant Defense in History Brought to a Close.

LONDON, Feb. 27, (Tuesday, 9:57 A. M.)—It is officially announced that Cronje surrendered with his whole force, unconditionally, at dawn this morning.

## ABOUT THE TREATY HAD LIVELY TIME

### President and Cabinet on the Hay-Paunczefote Agreement Locked Horns Yesterday.

### THE BEST ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE THE HAWAIIAN BILL DISCUSSED

### Its Rejection Will Interfere With Legislation Favorable to the Building of the Canal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—It may be stated as a result of careful inquiry, that the president and cabinet are unanimous in their support of the Hay-Paunczefote treaty; that they all consider its provisions the best now obtainable, and that there is no intention of withdrawing it. If the treaty now before the senate is rejected, in the opinion of the administration, no legislation can be had for the building of isthmian canal except through repudiation of the Clayton-Bulwer compact.

### ARMOR'S WILL.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The will of the late Philip D. Armour Jr. was filed for probate here today. The instrument disposes of property valued at \$3,000,000. One-third of the estate is left to the widow and two-thirds is given in trust for two surviving sons.

### LAWFUL PRIZES.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The U. S. supreme court today decided the naval prize money cases, involving the seizure of the British steamer Panama, off Cuba during the Spanish war, holding that both were lawful prizes.

### A POET DEAD.

New York, Feb. 26.—Richard Hovey, the poet, professor of English literature in Barnard College, is dead in this city of apoplexy, aged 35 years.

### A BRITISH WARSHIP.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The British warship Icarus steamed into the harbor yesterday, saluting the forts as she passed up the bay, and dropped anchor. The Icarus is on the way to Esquimaux, where she is to be given an overhaul before she joins the North Pacific squadron.

## Copper Colored Splotches.

There is only one cure for Oontagious Blood Poison—the disease which has completely baffled the doctors. They are totally unable to cure it, and direct their efforts toward bottling the poison up in the blood and concealing it from view. S. S. S. cures the disease positively and permanently by forcing out every trace of the taint.

I was afflicted with a terrible blood disease, which was in spots at first, but afterwards spread all over my body. The spots broke out into sores, and it is easy to imagine the suffering I endured. Before I became convinced that the doctors could do no good, I had spent a hundred dollars, which was really thrown away. I then tried various patent medicines, but they did not reach the disease. When I had finished my first bottle of S. S. S. I was greatly improved and was delighted with the result. The large red splotches on my chest began to grow paler and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I regained my lost weight, became stronger, and my appetite greatly improved. I was soon entirely well, and my skin as clear as a piece of glass.

Don't destroy all possible chance of a cure by taking the doctor's treatment of mercury and potash. These minerals cause the hair to fall out, and will wreck the entire system.

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iciency to quartermaster's stores received at the depot in this city from various posts.

### AGAINST DEWEY.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The United States court of claims today rendered a decision on the claim of Admiral Dewey for prize money, on account of the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor. The court decided against the admiral's contention that the enemy's force was superior to his, and awarded him \$9750.

### MINERWORKERS YIELD.

Des Moines, Feb. 26.—The Iowa Mineworkers and the Minnesota Mineworkers' Association met in joint conference today to consider the schedule for the year from April 1, 1900. The prospect of trouble is greatly diminished by this action.

### IN NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—Thousands are pouring into the city. Seven hundred newspaper people are here, and the Oregon delegation's headquarters are crowded. The convention opens Thursday.

### Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at Dr. Stone's drug stores.

### A GIFTED GIRL.

Cautious Father—Son, has this young woman you want to marry any domestic accomplishments?

Infatuated Youth—Domestic accomplishments? Why, pop, she can make Welsh rabbit to beat the band!—Indianapolis Journal.

### An Editor's Wife Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist.

### WHEN THE DAY IS DONE.

Whoever keeps an open ear For rattles will be sure to hear The trumpet of contention.

There shall never be one lost good! What was shall live as before; The evil is null, is nought, is silence implying sound; What was good shall be good, with for evil, so much good more; On the earth the broken arcs; in the heaven a perfect round.

Senators Taliaferro of Florida, Harris of Kansas and Lindsay of Kentucky are all Virginians by birth. The first named is a descendant of Robert Taliaferro, who came from England in 1650 and settled in what is now Orange county, Virginia.

### HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—The Theatre Francais and nearly the entire block on St. Catherine street, between St. Dominique and Cadieux streets was burned this morning. Five business properties were destroyed besides the theatre. The loss is about \$100,000.

### CARTER'S CASE.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The supreme court of the United States today denied the application of Captain Oberlin Carter to bring his case into that court. There was no written opinion.

### A Thousand Tongues.

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Dr. Stone's drug stores; every bottle guaranteed.

### SOLDIERS' CLOTHING.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Upon the request of Major Oscar F. Long, Quartermaster, United States Volunteers, Depot Quartermaster in this city, a board of survey met in his office today, to examine into, report upon and fix the responsibility for an alleged deficiency of clothing and equipage shipped by Major Long to the Quartermaster at Manila, P. I., and for de-

## HAVE AGREED

### Republicans of Congress After a Long Conference

### DECIDED ON PUERTO RICAN BILL

### The Measure Is Intended Only for Temporary Use—The Island Is Anxious for Free Trade.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The general debate upon the Puerto Rican tariff bill was today extended until tomorrow night. Interest centered in the conference, which were going on among the republican leaders in their efforts to compromise their differences on the bill.

At a conference of the house republicans, tonight, assurances were given that the president believed the measure constitutional and would approve it if it came to him, and an agreement was reached to limit the operation of the bill to two years and to reduce the duty imposed by it from 25 to 15 per cent of the American tariff. As a result, the republican leaders claim that the bill will have the support of all republicans except four—McCall of Massachusetts, Littlefield of Maine, Lorimer of Illinois, and Crumpacker of Indiana, and that this loss will be offset by the affirmative votes of the opposition. They claim the passage of the modified bill is certain.

After the conference adjourned at 11 o'clock, Chairman Cannon gave out the following statement of the amendments agreed upon by the conference:

"The conference requested the ways and means committee to offer an amendment to the bill; as follows: Amend the title to make it 'an act temporarily to provide revenue for the island of Puerto Rico and for other purposes,' and to add the following sections: 'This act shall be taken and held to be provisional in its purposes, intended to meet the pressing, present need for revenue for the island of Puerto Rico, and is not to continue in force after March 1, 1902.' 'These amendments were adopted with a practical unanimity. Another, to reduce the duty imposed by the act from 25 to 15 per cent, was adopted by a vote of 105 to 11. A further amendment is to be offered by the ways and means committee to make it clear that no double duty is imposed; that the payment of one internal revenue is the total tax on importations.' One hundred and twenty-five republican members attended the conference.

### WANT FREE TRADE.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Secretary of War Root today sent to the senate a letter from General Davis, with a petition from Puerto Rican citizens, asking for free trade with the United States. In the letter General Davis says:

"In my frequent reports to the department I have fully stated the gravity of the industrial situation. I cannot, in any words at my command, overstate the urgency and gravity of the industrial condition, now existing in Puerto Rico."

### BEECHAM'S PILLS for Stomach and Liver ills.

### SHRINKAGE OF THE DEAD SEA.

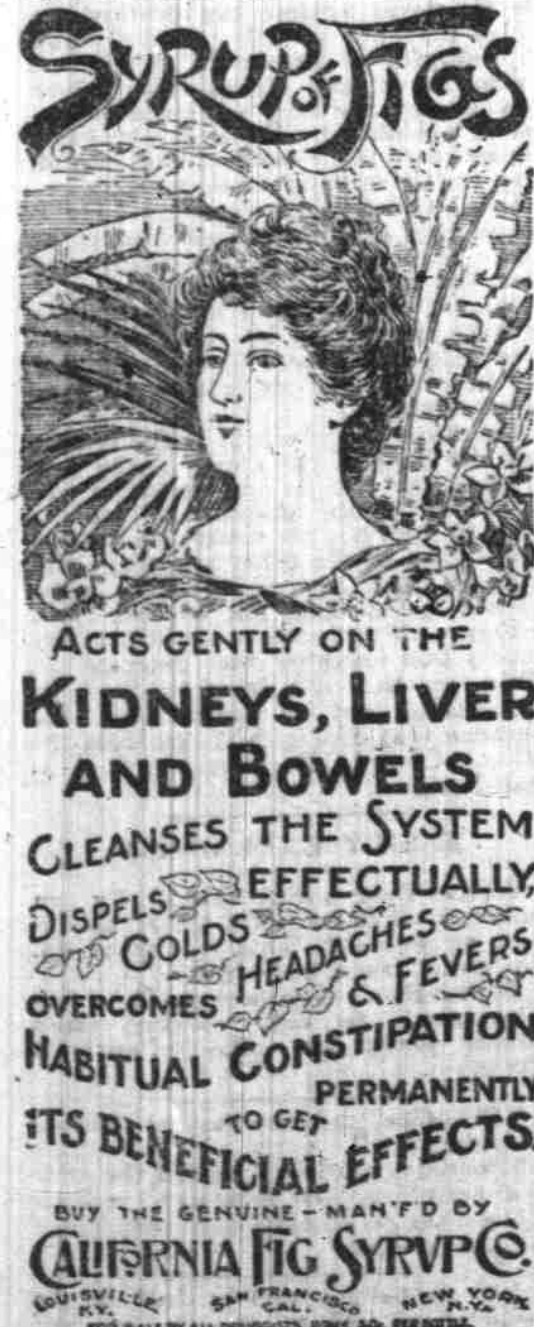
The level of the Dead sea is steadily falling on account of the large volume of water tributary to it which is now absorbed by irrigation enterprises. The sea was formerly much larger than at present, as is shown by the old beaches stretching at various altitudes around the whole basin. Since the middle of the century its level has been very slowly rising till quite recently, but now it is falling again.

The phenomenon is not due to natural causes, but to the steadily increasing quantity of water that is taken from the Jordan river for irrigation purposes. There are other smaller streams flowing into the sea and they, too, are being utilized by the increasing number of farmers, who are diverting all the water they can get to the lands and are relieving the monotonous aspect of the former arid and lifeless region with many verdant fields.

The latest travelers say that some of the salt deposits covering the bottom of the lake may now be seen above the water in the shallower places and near the shores. This is a new aspect in addition to the deposits of salt crystals that have always been observed on the shores. But even though this desiccation goes steadily on, it will take a long time to dry up the waters, for it requires a sounding line over 1,300 feet long to touch the bottom in the deep northern part of the basin.

### HE WAS REMEMBERED.

Yesterday at the University, Contractor W. D. Pugh of the new Science Hall was presented with a fine diamond ring as a slight token of esteem from the workmen who have been employed on the building," says the Eugene Register of Saturday. "A. C. Woodcock in a few well chosen words tendered Mr. Pugh the lovely ornament who responded expressing his appreciation of the gift and of the pleasant personal relations that have obtained during the construction of the edifice."



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