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Experts Still Trying to Find Out What Became of Them

The Forces at Mafeking May Make a Dash on Pretoria.

London, Mar. 1.-The war expert of the London Leader writes: - Four thousand Boers and five 13 pound guns On one side three and a half divisions and an enormods increasing force with a mass of heavy artillery. Yet the ers have kept up their contest for more than a week after Gen. Kelly-

Kenny caught them and after Gen. French headed off their line of retreat. Many of Cronje's men have got away and they have saved all their artillery. Whither they have gone does not ye appear. Those beavy guns which used to make Methuen grind his teeth in impotence have disappeared. Where

impotence have disappeared. Where are they now? Why, of course, on the way to Bloemfontein.

The fact that one-third of the prisoners are Free Staters does not induce confidence that Gen. French will be able to spare many of his mounted troops for the relief of Mafeking.

It would not be appreciating if word

It would not be surprising if word had already gone ordering Commandant Snyman to concentrate back of Pretoria, or rather in the Klerksdorf and Potchefstroon districts. For Cola. Baden Powell and Plumer, when they oin forces, can threaten the Rand and

and the capital from the rear
I take it for granted that Gen. French and the greater part of his cavalry are on their way to Bloemfontien. I cannot imagine anything so suicidal as that Boers would mass at the capital of

the Free State. it is likely enough that, if the Boers have got away with their nig gune, they have also sent back to the next front the men who were engaged in removing

The military expert of the Morning The surrender of Cronje is the first complete victory the British have won in this campaign. We do not know

the size of the force that has been destroyed.
After the battle of Magersfontein Cronje's force was estimated at not less than 12,000 nee. So at least half his force and most of his gups—including the larger one-disappeared before his

Will Mean the Ruin of South African Commerce

What he Has Done to Kimberley-Cronwright Schreiner Warns the british.

New York, Mar. 1,-A despatch to the Journal from London says: Cronwright Schreiner, husband of Olive Schreiner, interviewed on the pressent situation and future settlement in South Africa, said : .

It would be a great point gained ed the accused. O. L. Lewis acted for the we could get the man in the street the defendants. to realize what the handing over of the Rand to Rhodes and his clique would mean. Their object has from the first been to reproduce in Johannesburg the conditions that prevail in

Kimberley.
The amalgamation of the diamond mines under the De Beers company resulted in a decrease of the white population. The natives were shut up in compounds which they might not leave night or day. Within the compounds the trust system was established and money accordingly was withdrawn from circulation. It came about that no one was left in Kimberley but those who recognized the dominance of the company social-

ly, politically and commercially. The Boer government resolutely sets its face against the compound system. There were about 80,000 natives employed in the mines at three guineas a month apiece. If that sum were withdrawn from circulation, as in Kimberley, it would be put into the pockets of the mine

owners. Monopoly would be an accomplished fact. "At present its is possible for inde-At present it is possible for inde-pendent tradesmen and storekeepers to make a living in Johannesburg. With the compound system once in-troduced the town would belong to the

financiers. "The only solution which will conserve English interests permanently in South Africa is to deave the republics independent so far as their internal affairs are concerned. Short of this I am convinced that England eventually will lose Africa, for if it destroys the republics now and at-tempts to hold them down, while the capitalist ring jumps on them, she will rouse such a feeling of indignation throughout Africa as will place all the Dutch and many others,

who are purely British, in permanent hostifity which means that England nostifity which means that England will be unable to govern the country.

"Such a serious state of affairs will not result if the internal independence of the republics is left intact, with of the republics as left intact, with say five years retrospective franchise embodied in a convention which I be-

lieve the Transvaal would agree to,as. an earnest assurance of good faith.
"Do this and then leave Africa alone internally and let the people of the country settle the country's business. In that way lies, in my firm opinion In that way nest in my tirm opinion, the only hope of peace in Africa and the permanent adhesion of Africa to the empire. You can't hold Africa down with a bayonet at her throat. That inevitably will alienate your own blood out there."

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Spring plowing commenced morning-snow-plowing.

The water commissioners hold their egular meetinng this evening. R. A. Willcox, loomfield, is visiting relatives and friends in Detroit and

The city vital statistics for the past month, were as follows:—Births 21, marriages 28, deaths.

Radley's drug store is situated now nearly opposite the Standard Bank, and next to Young, the grocer. Im While at the New York dog show, Wells sold two of his prize setters at fancy figures. The total score in the curling match

at Detroit on Tuesday was 44 to 48 in the Maple City's favor. Three rinks of Chatham Curlers de-feated three Detroit rinks on Tues-

day evening by four shots. W. B. Dunn, wife and child, Rodney, who have been visiting relatives and friends in the city, have returned

There will not be any service in Christ Church this evening or to-morrow afternoon. The Lenten services will begin next week.

Radley's Drug store is supplied with a full line of drugs and well known special preparations that are offered at the lowest prices. J. B. Rankin, Q. C., has moved his legal offices to the new Garner building on Fif h street, opnosite the establish-

ment of W. D. Sheldon. The Ladies Aid and Altar Society of Joseph's Church realized over \$27 at their pancake social on Shrove Tuesday. The money will be put to char-

itable uses. The Girls' Mission Band of Park St Church will give a concert on Friday evening in the Sunday school. Taffy ables and good program, Admission 10 cents. The general roadmaster of the Gall

Ri made a trip. over the L. H. & B. during the recent thaw and on a mis-ty morning and finding three of the foremen were not patrolling their beats he dismissed them.

The flag on the Kent Mills yester-day floated at half-mast out of re-spect to the late Wm. Ebere, a re-spected employee. The funeral was largely attended. The employees of the mill sent some handsome floral

Money to Lend on Mortgages-Farmers and others wanting to borrow money on mortgages at best rates and save expense and time, and secure other advantages, should apply per-sonally to the Chatham Loan & Savd&w lstj. ings Company.

At the police court this morning Second and Andrews were charged with the larceny of wood from R. A. Mc-Vean. Judge Houston, after hearing the evidence, found the case arose from a misuaderstanding and discharged the proposed. () I. Lawis sold for

Poets" that as the society says, strictly in line with the objects of the prisoner's dock, and a public trial in society as set forth in their by laws it a criminal court. (Applause.) being stated in the preamble that . the cultivation of a taste and love for Scottish music, history and poetry" is one of the special objects for which the society, was formed. Wm Campbell, secretary Caledoniao Society, McKin non Building, will forward the work on receipt of one dollar.

FEED THE QUAIL. The quail will suffer greatly for and of food while this deep snow is on the ground. Where possible the farmers would do a good deed by throwing them out a little grain.

"FOR FAIR VIRGINIA." Mr. Russ Whytal, one of the youngst and most attractive of our starplayers, will be seen here to-morrow evening in his own brilliantly successful romantic war drama, "For Fair Virginia," which is now in its fourth season. The Chicago Record said: season. The Chicago Record said:—
"For Fair Virginia," has abundant merit, and is entitled to rank with "Shenandoah," and 'Held by the Enemy.'" Special scenery and an excellent company, are assured.

MRS. STEEN'S DEATH. The death took place in Howard on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, of Mrs. Ann plause.) More confessions they dared not face, one confession was about was a most estimable lady, and well and popularly known, having come to this county in 1850 from Banff, Scotland, her native place. Mrs. Steen leaves a number of children surviving her, all grown up. They are: James and Ann Gordon, by her first hasband; William Steen, on the old homestead in Howard, where his mother died; Mrs. John Cameron and John Steen, also of Howard, and Mrs. W. Hubbell, of Thamesville. The de-ceased was only in six hours, her son William being with her at the last Mrs. Steen survived her late husband 23 years. The funeral took place on Saturday last and was largely at-

tended. EMPLOYEES PATRIOTIC FUND. The Grand Trunk Employees Patri-The Grand Trunk Employees Patriotic Fund, which was organized at Montreal, February 14th, is assuming large preportions and is meeting with the hearty co-operation of all the employees connected with this great system. The committee have received the approval of the scheme from Chas.

M. Hays, General Manager, through the treasurer's department, through which channel remittances will be forwarded. F. W. Morse, Superintendent of Motive Power, has also written to the secretary stating his approval of this worthy movement and assering the committee of his support. It is an assured fact that the Patriotic Fund assured fact that the Patriotic Fund will be largely augmented by these receipts of the Grand Trunk employees' subscriptions and all are eager to contribute their quota to the cause. Full particulars as to methods of subscribing, etc., will be forwarded to all the amployees by the committee shortly.

employees by the committee shortly.

## THOSE LOST GUNS Dr. A. W. Thornton Continues of the Conti ALL THE NOVELTIES FORE SPRING WEAR

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### rived at the conclusion that the Ross government was all right, and expressed the opinion that the province

Hot Attack on the Ross Goverment by the Opposition

For Shelt ring the Bibery Gang - Excuses put Forward-Debate not

yet Conclu ed. Toronto, Ont., March 1-The debate on the address was resumed in the legislature, yesterday: afternoon, Mr. Lucas (Centre Grey) picking up the thread of his speech where he dropped it yesterday. It was rather startling, he said, to find the attorney general contending that no responsibility rested on his department to take steps to ferret out and convict the criminals guilty of these election frauds, yet that same honorable gentleman, be-fore sitting down, moved a resolution practically congratulating himself on having taken those very steps. These positions were plainly inconsistent The commission, as at present constituted, could not possibly bring to light anything but what was already

tion was not insisted upon at the time when the conduct of the officials could

be fully enquired into and the criminals punished. "Drowning men grasp at straws," retorted Mr. Lucas. He was prepared to acquite the government of any wrongdoing if they would but do right All they were asking the gov ernment to do now was to give them a free, full and unlimited investigation into all the classes of frand and all the classes of conspiracy that led up to these crimes (Applause). The gov-ernment had suggested that the two parties get together to put down cor-ruption. As had been said ,the best method to put down corruption was to punish the offenders. Well, let them get get together and prosecuite up to hilt. The only reason that the Government did not prosecute and invesgate and thus relieve ourselves from the jibes of the opposition and the the jibes of the copposition and the censure of an outraged public must be that they were afraid to get to the bottom of the conspiracy. They were afraid of disclosures, and they preferred the attacks of the opposition to other ills that they knew not of. (apnot face. One confession was about as much as the government could stand. (Alphause). He assured the ministry that there would be a deluge at the elections if they refused to investigate these frauds. The spirit of independence was not dead, and it would be felt. He advised the government to accept the amendment—to take the chance when it was offered

Mr Pardee (West Lambton), who followed, expressed the opinion that the opposition were paying too much attention to the West Elgin irregularities, and he himself would set a better example by dealing with such subjects as cold storage and New On-tario. He defended the appointment of the financial commission and its personnel. He concluded by asserting that if the West Elgin charges were against friends of the opposition they would be the first to cry out if the Attorney-General started an investigation, and they would argue that the matter should be left to local officials. Dr. Barr (Dufferin) argued that in the government scheme for the colo-ization of New Ontario, preference should be given to Canadians over foreigners. As to electoral corruption in West Elgin, the acts off the former in West Eigin, the acus of the normer Conservative government at Ottawa were not pertinent to the issue, and "If there is a man in this house or in Ontario," said the doctor, "who be-lieves that these ballots were destroyed accidentally, he ought to be sent to Barnum's museum as a curiosity."

(Laughter.) Mr. Malcolm (Centre Bruce) told a few stories, intimated that he been elected as an independent, since coming to the house had

as in a good financial position. Mr. Carscallen moved the adjournment of the debate.

CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.;

Planet Office, Wednesday evening,

Feb. 28. J. B. Stringer & Co. give the following grain gossip:

Wheat-Market a little firmer in Chicago, There is, however, no change in prices here, Receipts are next to nothing, and there is hardly a load to base the market on. This grain is quoted nominally at 55 to 66.

corn—Good strong demand. Receipts very fight and only supply a small proportion of the inquiries. Farmers having corn to sell would be wise to market it while the demand standard is on. In a short time, with the advent of milder weather, there will be a slacker demand. By holding it back now, farmers are allowing American corn to come in and take the market to the exclusion of Canadian Corn . ns - Market unchanged; no re-

Barley,-Better inquiry for export Prices firm at 78 to 790 per cwt.
Dressed Hogs—Only a scattering load or two are coming in now. The market is very strong. If car lots could be obtained, higher prices could be paid as for less than car lots the freight rates are higher. Receipts of less than car lots would bring \$5.50 to \$5.70. O'Keefe & Drew report that they are making up a car to ship next Tuesday, and find that the task is a difficult one. They are paying from \$5.75 to \$6 for hogs for this car

the latter price being for the right kind of hogs. Live Hogs-O'Keefe & Drew report the market firm and high at from \$4.75 to \$5. This is \$1.50 a hundred more than wass paid last year at this

Wheat, 65 to 66c. Mixed oats, 25 1-2c, White oats, 26 1-2c. Corn, shelled, 34 to 35c Beans. \$1.30 to \$1.40. Buckwheat, 50c. Barley, 78 to 79c per cwt. Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75. Alsike, \$5 to \$6.50. Red clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25. HAY AND HOGS. Hay, timothy, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50. Hay, clover, \$5.50 to \$7. Hay, baled, \$8.50 to \$10. Live hogs, \$4.75 to \$5 for hogs weighing from 160 lbs. up. Dressed hogs, \$5.75 to \$6.

LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES. Wool, washed, 16c. cash, 18c. trade. Wool, unwashed, 12a. trade, 11c. cash Calf skins, 8c. Sheep skins, 30 to 75c. Lamb skins 40 to 55c. Pelts, 20 to 30c. Cow hides, 7 to 71-2c. Horse hides, \$1, to \$2. Fox skins, \$1 to \$1.50.

Coon skins, 25 to 75c. HOUSEKEEPERS' PRICES. Butter, 20c.
Eggs, 20c.
Apples, 30 to 40c a peck.
Celery 10c a bunch.
Cabbages, 5c. to 12c. each.
Potatoes, 65 to 70c. per bag.
Onions, yellow, 20c., white, 30c. Carrots, 10c, a peck. Parsnips, 10 to 15c. a peck. Parsnips, 10 to 1ac. 1 Turnips, 10c. a peck. Chickens, 20 to 30c. Ducks, 25 to 30c. Turkeys, 75 to \$1.25. Lamb, 6 to 7c. Mutton, 5 to 6c. Pork, 6 to 7c. Beef, 4 1-2 to 6c.

FISH MARKET. Manitoba white fish, 10c, a lb. Mullet and carp, 10 to 40c. apiece.

TORONTO BEAN MARKET. Toronto, Feb. 28.—Beans.— Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1.60 to \$1.70, delivered here, and resell at

TORONTO PRODUCE. Toronto, Feb. 24.-Eggs -Receipts only fair, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Strictly new laid 18 to 19c; fresh gathered, self-at 16 to 17c; and No. 2 at 13 to 15,

and limed at 15c. Butter-Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter rather light. Local demand good. Local quotations to demand good. Local quotations to the trade:—Dairy tubs, poor to me-dium 15 to 17c; strictly choice, 19 to 21c; large rolls, 20 to 21c; small dairy, 1b., prints about 21 to 22c; creamery

abs, and boxes, 23 to 23c. pounds, 23 Potatoes-Free deliveries and a slow local demand keep prices down. Oar lots are sold on track here at 35c. to 40c. per bag, and at farmers' wagons

about 50c per bag. Out of store, choice stock brings 45 to 50c. per bag.

Dried apples—Quiet market. Dealers pay 51-2 for dried stock, delivered the stock of the ered here, and in small lots resell at 61-2; evaporated 71-2 to 8c., in small

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c per lb. for 5, 10, or 60-lb tins, and in comb at around \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen sections. Baled hay-Choice stock in demand.

No. 1 timothy will bring \$8.75 to \$9; No. 2 sells at \$8 to \$8.25. Straw-Nominal. Car lots are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5, on track.

Hops—Quiet. Dealers here quote choice Conada '99's at 14 to 16c. Outside holders are asking from 16 1-2 Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 40 to 70c; geese at 7 to 71-2c.; ducks at 60 to 75c. per pair, and tur-keys at 10 to 11c. per 1b.

TO-NIGHT'S CELEBRATION. One hundred "Victoria" flags with pictures of Buller, the Queen and the British lion lithographed on canvas have been sent The Planet for sale to those wishing to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith. The price is 15 cents. The Planet office will be open this evening and these souvenirs may be secured as long as they last.

1,000 forches for to-night's procession, and 1,000 patriots are wanted to carry All boys who have been drilling at the Public schools, and who wish to take part in to-night's celebration, will parade at the Central school at 8 o'clock, sharp. Boys are asked to

Cucksey & Pritchard have prepared

bring flags.

OPEN TO ALL. On week from to-day (Thursday, March 8) will be the dedication of the new I. O. O. F. Temple and the Oddfellows want it distinctly understood that as far as the rooms will accom modate the public they are invited to be present and listen to the beautiful dedication ceremonies. The building is one of the tinest in the province and the public may not have such an op-portunity of again going through it as will be afforded on that occasion. The whole place will be open for inspection on the afternoon of that day. Some of the best public speakers in the pro-vince will be with us. All of those invited are Oddfellows and high up in the order. A good representation from the lodges in the west is also expected. The committee have also extended an The committee have also exter invitation to the grand master of the State of Michigan. The order is boom-State of Michigan. The order is booming in this city. Seven candidates were initiated on Tuesday evening at the first meeting in the new hall and a special meeting was held on Wednesday night for conferring degrees. A number more are anxious to get in before the dedication,

HIGHLY SATISFACTORY. The returns of the Patriotic Concert, as received by Major J. B. Rankin, amount to \$613, after all expenses have been paid. Major Rankin is preparing a full statement, which will be published in The Planet as soon as completed.

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