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DR. MARY WALKER IN ALBANY.

In Masculine Dress She Appeared Before the Assemblymen to Condemn Capital Punishment.

Albany, Feb. 20.—Dr. Mary Walker, whose masculine dress attracted great attention to-day at the Capitol, appeared before the Assembly Committee on Codes this afternoon in favor of Mr. Maher's bill to abolish capital punishment. Those who listened to her argument were composed mostly of women.

Dr. Walker termed electrocution state judicial murders, and urged the committee to abolish such a barbarous statute. She dwelt upon the Molineux case, asserted that he was innocent, and denounced Cornish as an infamous falsifier. She offered to furnish the committee with a new bill in case they failed to accept the Maher bill, which would provide that persons convicted of murder on circumstantial evidence should be imprisoned for life.

Hirst's Pain Exterminator is sold by all dealers. If your dealer is just out tell him he can get his supply from any wholesale drug house in Canada, as it is sold from Victoria to Halifax and as far back as Dawson City.

OTTAWA GOSSIP.

Oshawa Railway Company Wants Authority to Sell Power—A Railway Commission.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—"It is highly expedient and in the public interest that an efficient railway commission be appointed for Canada to deal with all matters in dispute between railway companies and the public." This was the petition presented by Mr. Sifton to-day from the Mayor of Brandon and others of Manitoba.

Ask Authority to Sell Power.

The Oshawa Railway Company desire authority to sell power. Mr. Burnett presented their petition and a bill will be introduced.

Full Dress Suits.

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HAMILTON NEWS

QUESTION OF VACCINATION

Was the Cause of a Little Spat in the Board of Education Meeting.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WORKS.

Grand Trunk Railway Co. to Be Asked to Renew a Bridge—General City News.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The members of that usually placid organization, the Board of Education, had a little spat this evening over the question of vaccination. When the Internal Management Committee's report was presented Trustee Murray wanted to know why it contained no reference to the vaccination of the school children. He understood from newspaper reports that the committee had decided to issue a circular to parents, advising vaccination, and that Dr. Woolverton had called on the Board of Health to use its powers and compel vaccination. If these things were true, why was there no report on the matter?

Mr. New, chairman of the committee, explained that the matter had not reached the reporting stage.

Dr. Woolverton denied that he asked the Board of Health, as stated. He brought the matter of the circular up, and only expressed his own personal opinion in supporting the Board of Health in its intention to enforce the Vaccination Act.

Several members protested that the matter should be reported on, and finally a clause was added to the report deciding to issue a circular as agreed at last week's meeting.

The other reports were agreed to, and it was resolved to leave the sale of the board's unused properties to the Finance Committee.

Board of Works.

At to-night's meeting of the Board of Works, on motion of Ald. Hill and Ald. Bauer, the City Engineer and City Solicitor were instructed to take the requisite steps to compel the Grand Trunk Railway Company to renew the bridge at the heights west of the city, construct a bridge over Strachan-street, and open Ferguson-avenue across the main line of the railway.

Engineer Wingate presented a statement of the cost of the cement sidewalks last year. It showed that the total cost was $33,476.94, the area of square feet, 163,254; the price per square foot, including curbing, 20.5 cents, and the aggregate price per square foot of walks, 15 1-3 cents. The last cost ranged from 24.8 cents to 12 cents a foot. The Sewers Committee this afternoon decided not to call for tenders for sewer pipe until the expiration of the present contract next July.

Lord Minto Can't Come.

Lord Minto has been Governor-General for a good many months, but His Excellency has not yet experienced the delight of a visit to Hamilton. Mayor Teetzel invited His Lordship to be present at the opening of Dundurn Park on May 24, but a letter was received by the Mayor to-day stating that Lord Minto had another engagement on that day and cannot come. This is the second invitation from the Ambitious City His Excellency has regretfully had to decline.

Summer Rates Arranged.

About thirty-two railway and steamboat men, representing the companies interested in the rates of the boats and railway companies doing business on and near the lakes, met to-day at the Hotel Royal to fix the next season's schedule. F. F. Backus, general passenger agent of the T.H.&B., Hamilton, was made chairman, and George C. Wells, chief clerk of the C.P.R., Montreal, secretary. The rates are practically the same as those in force last year, the increases being few.

At the Criminal Court.

Frank Post was charged before Judge Snider to-day with keeping a common gaming house at 66 Merrick-street. For the Crown, Robert Simpson swore that defendant leased the premises—now the Wentworth Rod and Gun Club—from him. William Colvin swore that he had played craps there several times within the past few months. Chief Smith and Mayor Prentice also testified. No evidence was put in for the defendant, and the judge reserved his decision till to-morrow.

Henry Young and Bert Cogswell, youths, for stealing scrap iron, were sent to Central Prison for six months.

Funeral of Mrs. Fearman.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Fearman took place this afternoon and was largely attended. A great many floral tributes were received from sorrowing relatives and friends. Revs. George F. Salton, Dr. Smith of London and Dr. Dewart of Toronto conducted the services. The pallbearers were: William J., Frank D., Harry H., George D., Edward M. and Robert, sons of the deceased.

Minor Matters.

Charles Olmsted's residence at Ancaster was burned down last night.

G. V. McInerny, M.P., of Kent County, N.B., will be one of the speakers at the next Canadian Club dinner.

The talked-of disqualification proceedings against Ald. Pettigrew, Findlay and Bauer will likely be dropped.

George Macnab had to pay $5 at to-day's Police Court for assaulting his sister, Eva.

NEWS OF THE STAGE AND PLATFORM

Mr. Suckling's Great Series.

The second of the great series of Massey Hall concerts for this season will introduce five of the leading artists of the day. On Thursday, March 1, we shall have Plancon, the French basso, who has already brought Toronto to his feet; Miss Elsa Ruegger, heralded as the greatest lady 'cellists; Petschnikoff, the Russian, whose mastery of the violin won so much applause at the Male Chorus Club concert recently; Hambourg, the pianist, who captivated his audience at Association Hall a short time ago, and Lachaume, who won laurels on Feb. 15 by his magnificent work as a soloist, as well as accompanist. Such an aggregation of artists of the first rank in a single entertainment is a rarity, and the enterprise of the management of Massey Hall will doubtless be recompensed with one of the largest audiences ever seen in the hall. The plan opens next Saturday, and those who wish good seats will do well to be on hand early at the box office. The subscribers' list closes to-morrow evening.

J. K. Hackett's Engagement.

Many enquiries have been made at the Grand regarding the engagement there next week of James K. Hackett, the romantic actor now starring under Daniel Frohman's management. Hence it is timely to announce that the actor will appear in two plays, "The Pride of Jennico" and "Rupert of Hentzau," both new in this city. He will be supported by a fine and carefully chosen company of 27 players, and a large number of supernumeraries have been engaged as a supplement. Fifty of them will be used in "Rupert of Hentzau" alone. The company carries two carloads of elaborate scenery, costumes, armor and calcium effects, and both plays will be made productions in every sense of the word, in "Rupert of Hentzau" Mr. Hackett plays the dual role—Rudolf Rassendyll and the King of Ruritania. This is an unusually laborious part—the star being on the stage constantly from beginning to end of the play. The great feature of "Rupert of Hentzau" is the famous duel at the end of the third act, wherein Rassendyll kills Rupert and recovers the Queen's letter, on which the entire plot is based.

Owen A. Smily's Recital.

The large audience that attended Mr. Smily's recital in Association Hall last night came evidently prepared to get its money's worth, judging from the numerous encores. Miss Nellie James, contralto, sang two solos in splendid style, winning deserved recalls. Miss Frances World captivated the audience with her fine soprano voice. Mr. Smily himself, however, was the centre of attraction, and he certainly acquitted himself in a manner that showed him to be a master of the art of entertaining. Mr. Smily has made himself a reputation as a humorous monologist, but he showed last night that he is capable of interpreting the most difficult tragic selections. Tennyson's fine ballad of the Fleet, "The Revenge," proved this conclusively. His portrayal is so natural that the whole scene of the fight is put before the audience. His own original sketches, too, made a hit, especially his latest effort in the poetical line, "The Boer and the Britisher." The program was a long one, but was made still longer by the demands of the audience. Mrs. Nicol-Smith, organist of St. Michael's, was an efficient accompanist, and the selections furnished by Glionna-Marsicano's Orchestra were a feature of the performance. Mr. Smily will appear in Brockville tonight.

The A. O. U. W. Concert.

The officers and members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Ontario have every reason to be proud of their 22nd annual concert, held in Massey Hall last night. Nearly 3000 people were present, and the affair was unanimously voted to be one of the most pleasing musical events of the season. Mr. A. E. Winston, D.D. G.M., proved to be a very efficient chairman, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch.

The first number on the program, a song by Mr. W. J. A. Carnahan, served to evoke storms of applause, and the audience were not appeased until an encore was given. Miss Ethel May Plumb of Chicago is the possessor of an exceedingly clear mezzo soprano voice. She rendered very acceptably a couple of very pretty pieces. Miss Marietta La Dell displayed considerable ability as an elocutionist, and her readings were charmingly given, and merited the applause that greeted them. Mr. John W. Ince's deep basso-profundo voice was heard to perfection. His songs were admirably rendered, and deserving of all praise. The inimitable Bert Harvey and Harry Bennett supplied abundance of humor and kept the audience in fits of laughter. The accompanist was Mrs. H. M. Blight, to whom great credit is due.

"Courted Into Court."

The Toronto Opera House offers next week what will probably prove to be its best comedy attraction of the season, in "Courted Into Court." This comedy, which is said to be a combination of farce and music, was written by John J. McNally, the Boston newspaper man, who is also the author of "The Widow Jones," and wrote "The Roger Brothers in Wall Street." The piece will serve to introduce two performers who are new to Toronto—Billy Clifford and Maud Huth. Neither of these need any introduction to any Toronto theatre people who saw "Courted Into Court" in New York, and it is said the same company which supported them there is identical with the company which will be seen at the Toronto Opera House next week.

"Charity Ball" at the Princess.

The production of "The Charity Ball" at the Princess Theatre this week has proved to be all that was claimed for it by the management. This beautiful comedy drama of David Belasco's is being presented on an elaborate scale, and is drawing large audiences. The staging is superb, and the clever players of the Cummings Stock Company are giving this pretty piece full justice.

As "Romany Rye" is to be produced by the Cummings Company at the Princess Theatre next week on a very large scale, Manager Cummings has found it impossible to give the special presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" this afternoon and Friday afternoon, as announced, and the production thruout the balance of the week will be "The Charity Ball." There is not room on the stage for the immense amount of scenery used in the three productions, and sooner than give a curtailed production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Manager Cummings has decided to abandon it this week.

Shea's Splendid Bill.

The attraction at Shea's this week is certainly deserving of the public's patronage. The bill is both interesting and varied and is bound to please every one. The Tankas, the originators of top-spinning, are unusually clever and their act is a decided feature of the show. Miss Louise Gunning's Scotch songs have already made a great hit and the Nawns in their brand new sketch, "The Politician," well sustain the reputation they have already gained here on previous visits. John and Harry Dillon are a pair of amusing Irish comedians and as genuine fun-makers they are hard to beat. Francisco Redding and company, in a farce, entitled, "Her Friend from Texas," are laughable and bright and well worth seeing. On the vaudeville stage Josephine Sable is a bright star and her turn is an excellent one. The Quigley brothers in the "Tollgate" rae in keeping with the other attractions and the famous Houdini, who frees himself by some unknown means from handcuffs and anklets, no matter how securely he is fastened, completes the entertainment that is undoubtedly the best that this popular amusement resort has ever offered. Performances are given every afternoon and evening.

"Miss New York."

There are some good numbers on the bill presented by the Miss New York Jr. Company, at the Bijou Theatre this week, and the whole forms an entertainment that is varied and delightful. They include: Hill and Mills, the Casino girls, Mamie Remington and her Rag Time Picks; Geo. W. Cunningham, acrobatic comedian; Gilson and Perry, comedians, and the Cosmopolitan Trio. Besides the above a number of pictures are reproduced by the Tobascoscope, and the show concludes with a farce entitled "The New Judge in Open Air Session."

If Uncle Kruger had taken Dalley's Family Pills he would have been in better humor and would never have gone to war with England.

WILL GO TO THE COUNTRY.

British Columbia Government Will Not Try to Struggle Along on a Majority of One.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 20.—The British Columbia Government has decided to no longer struggle with the political situation on a majority of but one, and will drop all pending legislation and go to the country as soon as the redistribution bill is passed, if not defeated upon this measure.

JAMESON RAID DISCUSSED IN THE BRITISH COMMONS

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transmit them to Dr. Leyds, who paid, or promised to pay, £100 sterling, and they were then communicated to The Independence Belge.

Nothing in the Document.

"There is nothing in these documents, from first to last," said the Colonial Secretary, who then dissected most of the documents, pointing out that they afforded no ground for charges against the Colonial Office. He then said:

"If this matter had not been complicated by political matters and personal animosities no man in this House would have said there was a shadow of ground for such an inquiry. The object of these personal attacks is to prevent me from participating in the Transvaal settlement."

They Want an Execution.

Mr. Chamberlain further said that the honorable members opposite did not want an inquiry. "They want an execution," he added. "Let them do their worst. I am perfectly ready. I rely upon the good sense and generosity of the House and country. The attack will recoil upon those who made it."

He Had Felt Bitterness.

Mr. Chamberlain confessed that at one time he felt bitterly against such insinuations, "which those repeating did not dare to assert they believed should be brought against me, after 24 years' membership in the House of Commons."

Continuing, he said he was not hopeful that anything he or the House could say would silence his foreign critics, but no one in Great Britain for whose good opinion he cared would be affected by the charges. The manner of conducting the business of the committee and the closing of the inquiry, he declared, were both carried out as suggested by Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, who certainly did not desire to shield anyone in the Colonial Office.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Chamberlain was heartily cheered by the Ministerialists.

The Telegrams Exchanged.

Mr. Chamberlain further declared, as to the telegrams exchanged between Mr. Rhodes and his agent, that they were sent confidentially, and he returned them, saying he had no objection to their publication. Since June 6, 1896, he had not seen the telegrams, which were produced and examined by the committee. As to the letters, Mr. Chamberlain said they were stolen from Mr. Hawkesley's desk, and Dr. Leyds offered to pay £100 for them. They contained nothing unknown to the committee.

Harcourt Was Bitter.

Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, who was an active member of the Parliamentary Commission which inquired into the Jameson raid, followed Mr. Chamberlain. He said: "On the very face of it the former committee's report did not find that there had been a full inquiry, as, indeed, there had not been. The suspicions against the Colonial Office were not the work of political adversaries, but rather of men who, for their own objects, stuck at nothing in the way of mendacity, forgery and fraud. The authors of these suspicions were the agents of Cecil Rhodes. To cover their own guilt they sought to assert the complicity of the Colonial Office. Dr. Jameson told Sir John Willoughby, a man of unquestioned honor, that the Government was behind the raid, and Dr. Jameson has not denied it."

Mr. Chamberlain: "Yes, he has."

"Promoted by Foulest Frauds."

Sir William Vernon-Harcourt: "The insurrection was promoted by the foulest frauds. Was there ever anything so abominable as the Rhodes telegram to Jameson two days before the raid, putting it into his mouth to lie about the objects of the raid? When the Colonial Secretary, after the raid, asked for an inspection of the telegrams, Hawkesley wrote back that this was unnecessary, as the Colonial Secretary knew all.

"Therefore, suspicions were set afloat by the agents of Rhodes, but then there was no suggestion that they were covered by the complicity of the Colonial Office. That is what I want to have shown up. I want the transactions of these men brought to light. Rhodes has deceived everybody. The raid was made by gold and lies."

Campbell-Bannerman's Fears.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who defended the committee's proceedings, said he feared the speech of the Colonial Secretary would not tend to lessen public suspicion. He appealed to the Government to allow the inquiry to be reopened, declaring that it would be a great relief to show to the world that the British Government and people had no part in the iniquitous folly of 1895.

Mr. Balfour Spoke Warmly.

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, the Government leader, stigmatized the motion of Mr. Thomas as "a personal attack on the Colonial Secretary, which will recoil on his opponents."

The House rejected the motion to reopen the inquiry by a vote of 286 against 152.

NO COMPULSORY SERVICE.

The House of Lords Voted Down a Proposal Looking Towards Conscription.

In the House of Lords, during the discussion of the motion of the Earl of Wemyss, favoring an amended militia ballot act, Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, said he thought it would be inexpedient to have recourse to the militia ballot, except in the case of a complete failure of the voluntary system.

The Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, expressed similar opinions, adding that the present emergency did not call for the "recent hysterical appeals" of Lord Rosebery, nor for a mobilization of the fleet. The Earl of Kimberley supported the contention of Lord Lansdowne.

Lord Rosebery, Lord Dunraven and Lord Northbrook, with others, supported the proposal of Lord Wemyss.

The Premier Opposed It.

The Marquis of Salisbury opposed the motion. He said there was not the slightest chance of passing such a bill without angry and acrimonious debate, and without a public discussion of those dangers to which Lord Rosebery thought the country exposed. He asked if the House thought that would be advantageous.

"Suppose the bill were to pass," said the Premier, "and the ballot were to prove unsuccessful. It would give abroad an impression of defencelessness, thus adding to the many dangers enumerated by the noble lord (the Earl of Rosebery). If the ballot were introduced it would be impossible to stop short of conscription.

"It has been suggested that the ballot would have the effect of driving men into the ranks of the volunteers. I rather suspect that it would drive them to emigrate to the trans-Atlantic countries, where their own language and religion prevail, and where there is no ballot of that sort to frighten them. I prefer not to run the risk of awakening unaccustomed emotions at a time when it is necessary that the nation should work in harmony."

The House of Lords rejected the motion of Lord Wemyss by a vote of 69 against 42.

A Siege.

The matrons of the Edison Orphanage at Lowell, Mass., U.S.A., wrote they had a siege of whooping-cough in their institution. They said that every case was promptly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene. Its value in coughs and colds was so great they always kept it ready for use. You know how it's used, don't you? 'Tis heated by a lamp and you inhale it. Write us for a book that tells all about it.

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

House of Lords Was Filled, Expecting More From Rosebery, But He Said Nothing New.

There were great expectations regarding the debates in both Houses, but these were rather disappointed. A brilliant audience assembled in the House of Lords, including the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke of Cambridge and a large number of peeresses. It was evident that another startling speech from Lord Rosebery was looked for. Everybody sat patiently thru a dull speech by Lord Wemyss, lasting an hour. The debate continued in an uninteresting strain. Lord Rosebery spoke only about 10 minutes, in a scornful manner, referring to the Government and to Lord Lansdowne as pronouncing a weak and vacillating policy, but not making any new points.

Perhaps the most interesting incident of the debate was when Lord Wemyss, in a sweeping gesture, brought his hand on the top of the hat of the Prince of Wales, who sat just below him on the cross benches. There was a general titter, but the Prince was quite unmoved, and Lord Wemyss, in the fine manner of old courtesy, apologized.

The Commons Debate.

In the House of Commons, the attack upon Mr. Chamberlain by the Radicals was furious enough, but weak, owing to the fact that it was not shared in by the Liberal leaders.

Mr. Evans made one of the most brilliant debating speeches of the session.

Mr. Chamberlain was almost unnecessarily fierce, for he had only to drive a wedge into the divided ranks of the Opposition.

Sir William Vernon-Harcourt practically acquitted Mr. Chamberlain, and then the whole interest went practically out of the debate.

In the ladies' gallery were Mrs. and Miss Chamberlain, Lady Vernon-Harcourt, Miss Balfour, Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Lecky, Miss Labouchere and other prominent women.

The division was generally on party lines.

The Pacific Cable.

London, Feb. 20.—In answer to a question in the House of Commons to-day in regard to the Pacific cable, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, replied that he understood that the deliberations of the committee having the matter in charge would soon be completed.

HE WAS CAPTURED BY BOERS

Rev. Dr. Livingstone Tells a Most Thrilling Story of His Escape in Zululand.

HE SPEAKS OF BOER BRIBERY

And Tells of the Causes Which Led Up to the Present Long War.

An interesting story about Boers and Boerdom in general was told in Trinity Medical School, Spruce-street, last night, by Rev. Dr. Livingstone, who is a graduate of Trinity Medical College and has for the past few years been living with somewhat undesirable neighbors in South Africa. He practised his profession in Ladysmith, and was afterwards district surgeon for the Natal Government in Zululand. He is an escaped prisoner from the Boers in this war.

Troubles of the Uitlanders.

The troubles of the Uitlanders were told by him in detail, and he had a very large and sympathetic audience, many of whom were ladies. He said Kruger could not live with the Uitlanders and could not live without them. Dr. Livingstone dwelt on the law which prohibited the teaching of the English language in the schools, and also on the press law which prevented any of the newspapers making any uncompimentary references to President Kruger's sons-in-law. The franchise law there, as explained by the lecturer, must have been enough to make anybody want to fight. He said that to have a vote in the Transvaal it was necessary for the applicant to renounce his own country and be on probation for 14 years. He called this the "purgatory service," and after 14 years of it the privilege to vote depended on the character given the applicant by his Boer neighbors. To cap it all, the converted Uitlander was not allowed to vote at all until he was 40 years of age.

Gross Corruption Everywhere.

Dr. Livingstone said no man could be in South Africa the last few years and not be aware of the gross corruption practised by Kruger and his hirelings, unless he kept his eyes and his ears shut. He told how Boers convicted of crimes by Uitlander magistrate could appeal to the President, who was the only Court of Appeal, and being Boers they were invariably pardoned. He cited instances of this kind which had come under his direct knowledge, and he also instanced cases of gross bribery which had been condoned by the Transvaal Government.

A Certain Per Cent. Honest.

The speaker said that a certain per cent of the Boers were honest and good persons, but of the real Boers it was a small percentage.

He told how Kruger had been preparing for war for 10 years under the eyes of British officials who had not looked upon the state of affairs as serious at all.

Boers at Most 80,000.

Of the Boer troops in the field, Dr. Livingstone stated that there were at most 80,000, and they were all at the front. He gave a detailed description of Ladysmith and the scenes of Buller's battles, and he told of the hardships of the British women and children who had been compelled to fly before the advance of the Boers.

When Dr. Livingstone was appointed as district medical health officer under the Natal Government, he was sent to Unguvuma, Swaziland. On Sunday, Oct. 29, 1899, he was captured there by the Boers, as he was leaving the place. He says that if the Government would have consented he and others could have stopped the passes which the Boers took thru Zululand, with 1000 natives, but the Government would not consent. As a result the guerilla band of Boers came to Unguvuma, looted and burned the houses, including Dr. Livingstone's, and took captives.

Tale of His Escape.

A thrilling tale of escape, which sounds almost like a fairy story, was told by the doctor.

It was night, and the moon and stars were obscured.

It was very dark and the darkness was made even more dense by a thick fog.

Four bad looking Boers had been assigned to watch him.

Each had a loaded rifle.

His desire for liberty was uncontrollable.

One of the watchful Boers was stirring up the dying embers of a fire, two others were sitting with their loaded rifles across their knees.

The other was sitting up and noticing things, with his gun ready for active service.

The doctor whispered to one of his native servants, who had also been captured, that he was going to shoot the chutes as it were, and suddenly he sprang, jumped, and fled into the darkness.

The Boers were too much surprised to use their guns, and they could not find their ex-captive. Their consternation was great.

In the confusion the native also escaped and found his master. After three days of hiding and traveling, the fugitives came upon a detachment of Natal Mounted Police and they were glad. They hid under a sort of an umbrella tree until they were sure the police were not Boers.

Stories of Boer Character.

Rev. Dr. Livingstone told a lot of entertaining stories, and spoke regarding the Boer character. He said the Boers had religion without Christianity, altho there were good Dutch settlers who were highly civilized. The real Boer never shaves, and hates water like a cat. He also sleeps with his clothes on.

Dr. Livingstone concluded his lecture by a prediction of speedy victory for British arms for the benefit of South Africa in general.

THOUGHT THEY WERE THE BOERS.

Beleaguered at Kimberley Did Not Believe That the British Were So Near.

Modder River, Monday, Feb. 19.—Altho the rapid march of Gen. French's division was marked by a number of conflicts, his actual entry into Kimberley was unopposed. When the British were still eight miles off, the signalling corps intercepted a heliograph message from the beleaguered garrison to Modder River, saying:

"The Boers are shelling the town."

The advancing column replied: "This is Gen. French coming to the relief of Kimberley."

The garrison was incredulous, and thought the message was a Boer ruse, and hanged the query:

"What regiment are you?"

The reply satisfied the defenders of Kimberley.

And the People Did Cheer.

Anxiously awaited succor was at hand, and a few hours later Gen. French, at the head of a column, made a triumphant entry into the place, the people surrounding the troops and intermingling with them, cheering wildly, grasping the soldiers' hands, waving flags, hats and handkerchiefs, and exhibiting in a hundred ways the intensity of their joy. The inhabitants had been on short rations for some time, eating horseflesh, and living in burrows under heaps of mine refuse. Diminishing rations had been served out daily at 11 o'clock in the market square under the shell fire of the enemy, whose guns opened on the square whenever the inhabitants assembled.

Rhodes Kept Natives Quiet.

Thruout the siege Cecil Rhodes provided the natives with work, and food, and thus kept them quiet.

The miles of convoy bringing provisions for the relief column of the town, slowly winding its way across the plain in the direction of Kimberley, was the gladdest sight which had greeted the eyes of the besieged for four months.

Many Horses Died.

Gen. French's march was so rapid and the heat so intense that many of his horses died of exhaustion.

Boers Were Desperate.

At the crossing of the Modder River the Boers bolted, leaving their tents, guns, oxen, wagons and large quantities of ammunition in the hands of the British. Moving northward, the Boers again attempted to stem the advance, but Gen. French turned their flank, and reached his goal with insignificant losses—seven men killed and 35 wounded, during three days, from Wednesday, Feb. 14, to Friday, Feb. 16. After a night's rest at Kimberley, Gen. French's column pursued the Boers to Drontveld, surrounded the kopjes on which they were posted, and shelled them till nightfall, when the Boers fled, leaving many dead.

Gen. Cronje left a gun, his tents, food and clothes at Magersfontein.

MANY HORSES ARE NEEDED.

How the Mobility of the British Army in South Africa Must Be Paid for.

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