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THE BOER PANIC.

How Lord Roberts Outwitted
Gen. Cronje.

Burgers Waited in Trenches for
Attack That Came not—Then Left
Magersfontein in Wild Flight.

New York, March 27.—Count Adel-
bert Sternberg, a young Austrian
noble, who spent two months in the
Boer camps up to the time of his cap-
ture, by the British, on Feb. 15, gave
the Free Press interesting particulars of
the effect produced on the burghers
by the unexpected appearance of the
British forces in the Orange Free
State. These confirm the previous
statements that Gen. Cronje utterly
failed to recognize the significance of
Lord Roberts' strategic move.

Count Sternberg arrived at Magers-
fontein soon after the Boer victory
of Dec. 11. He found the camp in jubila-
nt spirits. The burghers were ac-
customed to sing psalms and hold dis-
cussions while being bombarded by
the naval guns. They began early in
February to observe the arrival of

LARGE MASSES
of troops in the British camp, and on
Feb. 10 they received news of the
British advance on Kofffontein.

Count Sternberg rode to Jacobsdal to
reconnoitre and camp in sight of the
British patrollers. That evening 600
burghers were sent to check the ad-
vance of the British cavalry.

Gen. Cronje's opinion was that the
British were advancing on Faure-
smith, via Kofffontein, with the ob-
ject of cutting off the retreat of the
Boer detachment at Olesberg. An-
other possibility was that the advance
was merely a feint on the left flank,
intended to weaken the defense at
Magersfontein.

On the morning of Feb. 11, Count
Sternberg, attracted by heavy arti-
llery fire, found the British endeavor-
ing to cross the Randam ford, opposed
by the Boers, whose lines extended
along the Riet river towards Koff-
fontein. Two wounded Boer soldiers
dragons told him that Lord Kitchen-
er was proceeding to the relief of
Kimberley with 14,000 men.

While bathing in the Riet the count
himself saw several British reg-
iments march past. Escaping notice,
he galloped back to Cronje's camp
and told what he had seen. He met
with general incredulity, the Boers in-
sisting that large bodies of troops
could not move without making such
a movement. The only action taken
by Gen. Cronje was to send 200
men across the river to cut off the
British transport wagons, which they
succeeded in doing.

DETACHED AT.
On the following day, five miles
from the camp, Count Sternberg saw
at a short distance huge clouds of
dust, which indicated the presence be-
hind some low hills of troops in the
march. At this time Gen. Cronje was
waiting in the trenches at Magers-
fontein, in expectation of an attack.

Sternberg's news was laughed at
by the Boers, who were convinced that
he was mistaken. It was impossible to
disseminate their doubts till one of their
own number, Commissary Arnold, ac-
companied the count and himself saw
the British cavalry under Gen. French
and the burghers in the Free State camp,
which they had destroyed. Some skir-
mishing then followed, after which
the burghers occupied favorable po-
sitions and took no more trouble to
follow the British movements.

It was not until the next day that
Gen. Cronje began to recognize the
seriousness of the situation. The can-
non were hastily withdrawn from
Magersfontein, two guns being des-
patched to attack Gen. French's ca-
valry. In the engagement at Kalkfon-
tein the disorder was such that Maj.
Albrecht's artillery fired on distant
detachments without knowing for cer-
tain whether they were burghers or
British. Even that afternoon the
Boers were still of the opinion that

was directed against their camp, and
consequently set about raising de-
fenses in the rear.
Landrost Steyn, who arrived from
Jacobsdal, was convinced that the
game was lost on the Modder River,
while Gen. Cronje still awaited the
main attack in the entrenchments at
Magersfontein, and did not wish to
weaken his position there. The im-
mediate vicinity of the British, with a
large force of artillery had created a
great confusion in the camp, which, at
2 o'clock in the morning removed to a
safer position about three miles to the
southwest. The breaking up of the
camp greatly affected the spirits of
the entire Boer force. When the British
renewed the attack early next
morning it was evident to Count
Sternberg that the burghers had no
stomach for the fight. He says:

"As I rode out I met a number of
flying Boers, whom I vainly endeavored
to restrain. The panic was general,
and each sought safety in the en-
trenchments of Magersfontein. At the
supreme crisis was quite ineffective,
and had, so to speak, ceased to exist,
no combined action could be carried
out that day. Toward noon, when a
large number of Boers had already
made off, a very bad spirit began to
prevail in camp.
"The field cornets urged Cronje to
summon a council of war, and, al-
though most of the Boer officers, in-
cluding their best men, were absent,
conducting operations elsewhere, the
present decided to evacuate the camp
and retreat to Bloemfontein, via Olif-
antsfontein. It came to high words
at this council, at which Villiers and
I were also present. The majority of
the Free State burghers, who were
anxious for their cattle and property,
positively insisted on the retreat."

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April 2nd into the Summer term,
which will open early in July, but
members are admitted into any de-
partment at any time throughout the
year. There are no vacations.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

For the gripe or cold—a Turkish
bath.
Bert Miller, of Ingersoll, spent Sat-
urday with Chatham friends.
Miss Keller has returned from a
brief visit to friends in Tilbury.

Night watchman wanted by Wm.
Gray & Son who can run a small engine
if necessary.

The carpenters re-commenced work
at the new convent chapel yesterday.

J. W. McWhinney and son Harry,
London, were in the city yesterday.

Face massage with a Turkish bath
will quickly clear up the complexion.

The Maple City Brewery will have
beer on the market in about three
weeks.

Benj. Ronde, who has been ill for
the last few days, is somewhat bet-
ter this morning.

Slater Shoe Polish in Black and Tan,
at The 2 T's.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter Ruby,
of Chatham, spent the past week in
the city.

Albert Edmundson will leave on
April 3rd for Manitoba, where he has
secured a situation in the butcher
business.

Have you read Evangelist McCros-
son's book "Love and Life"? Beauti-
fully bound in cloth, 25c. On sale at
Dingman's book store.

Mrs. F. Marx and Mrs. Wm. Ben-
nett, delegates from Holy Trinity,
went to London to-day to attend the
annual meeting of the Women's Aux-
iliary of the Diocese of Huron.

A Dressy Couple—A pair of \$3.50
Slater Shoes and a \$2.50 Burrelling
Hat. The 2 T's.

Mr. Kneisel, formerly cashier at the
Lake Erie freight offices here, but
who now has charge of the stores de-
partment in Walkerville, is in the city
making arrangements to move his
family to that town.

Money to Lend on Mortgages—Far-
mers 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 & Sav-
ings Company.

Blonde Eyes & Co. report the
month of March this year to have been
entirely satisfactory from a business
standpoint. It has surprised them for
some months in any previous year for
a long time. Good roads they consider
to be the reason.

Don't fail to take in the music as
well as the military show on Wed-
nesday evening, at Thibodeau & Jacques.

Open Thursday evening
also.

What might have been a serious
runaway, was stopped by George Han-
dyside. While coming up Head St.,
Mr. Handyside met a runaway team
with four occupants. He suddenly
halted the team and brought them to a stand-
still, without any damage being done
with the exception of Mr. Handyside's
being besmeared with mud.

Krause Conservatory of Music free
theory classes weekly on Thurs-
day at 5:15 p. m. Evening classes are
also formed for convenience of students
who cannot attend day classes. At 7:15
classes meet Thursday evenings at 7:15
p. m. All classes are free. These
classes will be held the latter week
in June.

Conductor Richards, who had charge
of the train that was stalled at
Petersburg and which was pitched into
by the express on Friday night, caus-
ing the death of Brakeman Mc-
Hugh, of Stratford, has been dismis-
ed. A coincidence in connection with
this matter is that he received notice
to quit on March 17, just seventeen
years to a day from the time he en-
tered the services of the Grand Trunk
Company.

On account of the cold change in the
weather on Saturday night and our
entertainment will be given in the
Grand Opera House by G. H. Island.

His entertainment is spoken of as the
finest of the Sandusky papers.

The Edison Biograph Co. gave a pleasing
entertainment at the Congregational
Church last evening. A large crowd
witnessed the many interesting views
presented by the wonderful machine.

The reception to Admiral Dewey in
New York after his arrival from Man-
ila, was presented in a manner that
elicited warm words of praise. An in-
teresting view was the great yacht race
between the Columbia and Shamrock.
The entertainment was the best of the
kind ever seen in Sandusky.

THIS SEEMS REASONABLE.
To the Planet.—I have often thought
it would be a matter of simple justice
to this city if the townships around it
should pay every fire occurring in their
respective limits that the city fire bri-
gade went to outside the city limits.

The fire that occurred on Sunday-
morning last in a wooden building oc-
cupied by William Shen, opposite the
duty to my mind in this case, but
for the timely arrival of the city fire
brigade not less than six houses must
have been consumed. Nothing else
saved them, and I claim the Township
of Chatham should thankfully acknow-
ledge this by paying into the town
treasury not less than \$25.

Yours truly,
FAIRPLAY.

Chatham, March 26, 1900.

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Attention, Eyes Front!

Easter Dress Parade at The Gordon Store

Always, ever, new, interesting and progressive—continued experience in the dress
demands and the taste of the ladies of this city and vicinity, and with manufac-
turers and importers doing their very best to secure our large orders, we are in an
advanced position as leaders of the Easter Exhibit of Fashionable Novelties as
well as all the better known Staple Materials for Dress Wear.

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Colored Dress Goods Venetians, Broadcloths, Amazons, Worsteads, Serges, Homespuns, etc. Costume Cloths, all wool, in the newest colors, from 50c to \$1.35 yd. Imported German Khakis, a great fashion leader, received to-day 75c.	Heavy Diced Tablings Another shipment of these Lined Damasks, the best wearing table cloths made, 25c, 50c, 60c, 75c yd. The Finest Bath Towels we have ever shown, 50c, 75c, 85c. Our Linen Department is better stocked than ever—our Red Table Covers, 85c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$2.00.	In Lace Curtains We are out of sight this season, and will shortly give our whole space to a minute description of styles and prices selected from our immense stock. We wait the halcyon breezes of the coming spring to be saying more.
Black Dress Goods Venetian, the finest finish, pure wool, guaranteed 50c. French Poplins, all wool, great weaves, color warranted, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Black and Navy Sea Belle Serges, universally known and approved, warranted against sun or salt water 25c, 34c, 42c, 50c, 75c, \$1 yd.	Kid Gloves NOTHING NICER FOR AN EASTER GIFT All the leading brands and latest styles—the lowest step: the price ladder is 25c a pair, and we ascend step by step to \$2.00 per pair.	For Boys' School Shoes The Garibaldi Blouse Stripes, Patent Seersuckers Plain and Stripes, Gal- tana Plain or Stripes, with all the usual Checks and Gingham, from 6c to 20c yard.

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TO FAR MANITOBA

Even the Ontario Machine Gang
Extended Their Operations.

Another Exposure—An Agent Direct-
ly Connected With the
Dominion Government

Ottawa, March 27.—Preliminary to
the set proceedings of the day in the
House of Commons yesterday there was
an exposition by Mr. Davin of the
working of the machine in the recent
Manitoba election, all of which was
iniquity with the revelations in West
Huron. The difference is that in the
case of the Manitoba crookedness it
has been brought directly to the wit-
ness of a member of the Cabinet to wit:
the Hon. Clifford Sifton.

Mr. Davin related the whole story
of the employment of one Edgar Chap-
pelle in Ottawa as an "immigration
agent," and his subsequent trickery in
the Manitoba election, all of which was
substantiated by sworn evidence.

The Conservatives were awake to
the necessity of watching the working
of the machine, and they accordingly
employed detectives to shadow them in
suspicious guise.

Detective D. M. Kelly got next to this Chappelle,
and was actually employed by him to
personate voters in the election, as
well as to prevent genuine voters from
reaching the polls. According to the
deposition, he was to get \$5 the first
vote and \$1 for each subsequent vote
he could manage to put in. This
necessitated a frequent change of gar-
ments; but Mr. Chappelle was equal
to the occasion, as with the "secret
service," he was enabled to procure
the necessary habiliments. More-
over Chappelle instructed his man
that he was to prevent Conservative
voters from getting in the polls by
doping them with laudanum or cap-
sules.

On Chappelle's person, when
he was arrested, were found documents
connecting him not only with both the
Dominion government and the Ontario
machine.

Hon. Mr. Sutherland, made the in-
genious plea that Detective Kelly, hav-
ing been hired to ferret out irregu-
larities, determined to earn his money;
hence this deposition. The matter was
then dropped for the present.

Mrs. Margaret McFarlane is dead at
Stonewall, aged 102 years.

ON AN ENLARGED SCALE

R. Martin & Sons Find Themselves
Compelled to Conduct Their
Business.

The enterprising firm of R. Martin
& Sons have been busily engaged dur-
ing the past three months in making
several improvements to their manu-
facturing establishment on the corner
of Wellington and Adelaide Sts.

Yesterday afternoon a representative
of the Planet called at the shops and
was shown through the building by Ham-
ilton Nicholls, the genial and energetic
superintendent of the new wood depart-
ment. Messrs. Martin & Sons, who
have established a splendid reputation
as manufacturers of windmills and
pumps, have added a new departure to
their business and are embarking in
the manufacture of carriages.

They intend to make a specialty
of this work and have made every prepa-
ration therefor.

Messrs. Martin & Sons have decided
that nothing but the best workmanship
and material shall be used in their pro-
ducts. All work will be of the best
material and will be used. All the
latest improvement in styles and
designs have been appropriated. There
are no apprentices and all the hands
have had at least 15 years experience
in the best factories and are among the
best skilled mechanics.

Already the enterprising firm have
ordered ahead for a large number of
different styled rigs which are rapidly
approaching completion. The firm in-
tend to make a specialty of repairing,
repainting, etc., and will use the same
stock as they do in their new work.
Best of paints and English varnishes.
Mr. Daykens being head of the paint-
ing department the public will know it
will be well done and may rest assured
of first-class work when it is known
Mr. Dave Troll, who has had over 20
years experience, will oversee every job
that leaves the works.

The firm will be pleased to show the
quality of stocks, etc., to any one in-
tending to purchase anything in their
line.

Blown to Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes
needs a powerful, drastic, purgative
pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's
New Life Pills, which are perfectly
harmless, gently stimulate liver and
bowels to expel all poisonous matter,
cleanse the system and absolutely cure
Constipation and sick headache. Only
50c at A. I. McCall & Co's drug store.

BLENHEIM.

Archibald Morrison, youngest son of
Peter Morrison, died Sunday night, after a
severe illness. The funeral will take
place Wednesday to the Presbyterian
Church here, where services will be
conducted by Rev. J. W. McLaren.
Interment will take place at Ever-
green Cemetery.

In reporting the K. O. T. M. At
Home, to be held to-morrow night,
a mistake was made by the Planet re-
porter. Miss Idie Chatham, who was
announced to sing, will not take part.
The members of the committee are
sorry that any mistake should have
occurred.

D. Mackesy and L. Wedge were cir-
culating a subscription list yesterday
to raise money to purchase a few band
instruments and re-organize the band
again. It is their intention to give
open air concerts one night a week
during the summer.

Wm. O'Brien was in town this morn-
ing doing the trade in the interests
of his well known brands of cigars.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N.
Babcock's Drug Store, where subscrip-
tions will be taken, and the paper de-
livered to any part of the town.

Troubles of a Minister.

To benefit others Rev. J. T. W. Ver-
non, of Hartwell, Ga., writes: "For
a long time I had a running sore on
my leg. I tried many remedies with-
out benefit, until I used a bottle of
Electric Bitters and a box of Bucklen's
Arnica Salve, which cured me sound
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pure blood. Thousands have found in
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fier that absolutely cures these trou-
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month," were the words of doom heard
by Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel
springs, N. C., from her doctors, "but
she began to use Dr. King's New Dis-
covery" writes R. L. Daughton, of
this place, "and was wholly cured by
it. She is now a stout, well woman."
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eases of throat and lungs. Infallible
for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asth-
ma, Croup, Whooping Cough. Guar-
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