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THE END COMING.

Apparently the end of the Anglo-Boer war is not far distant. Kruger has forwarded messages to London, asking that terms be given by virtue of which a cessation of hostilities may be brought about, which indicates that the Boers have prolonged the struggle about as long as their resources will enable them to do. It is stated in the dispatches that an uncompromising reply has been returned by the cabinet, and that if the Boers give up the fight it must be unconditionally.

We are unable to see how any other reply could have been sent. The war has been bitter and bloody, and was undertaken to decide whether Briton or Boer should rule in South Africa. To settle the war without settling absolutely the dominant question at issue would be childish. Thirty thousand lives lost will in all probability be a small estimate of the casualties in the war, and it is impossible to approach any estimate of the monetary cost involved. There must not be, and will not be, any doubt left as to which power is to be master when the war is finally brought to a close.

As noted in these columns several days ago, attempts to corner the local market on staple commodities have thus far signally failed. It often happens that the would-be maker of corners falls short in his estimate of available supplies in the market, and in consequence at the very moment he thinks his hands are on enough to give him control of affairs he discovers that his figures have been altogether too small. There is no excuse for any corners in Dawson at the present time. Supplies of all kinds are here in quantities to supply more than the demand from now until spring, and with the reopening of navigation there will be hundreds of tons of all classes of provisions rushed in immediately. These circumstances, taken in consideration with the fact that large quantities of commodities are daily arriving by sleigh from the outside, preclude the successful realization of any of the ambitious efforts that may be made at corners.

The report which appears in the telegraphic columns concerning the murder at Haines' Mission in October is in line with the traditions of all the Alaskan Indian tribes. To the minds of the Indians it does not make very much difference whether the man who actually killed an Indian is himself in turn killed. The point with the Indian in such a case is that an Indian life has been given up and a white man's life must be given in turn. If more than one Indian is killed, an equal number of lives of white men must be sacrificed in order to meet the aboriginal idea of justice. When the Indians who were executed in Dawson last summer were informed that three of them were to be hanged, they expressed great surprise that so many of them should die when

only one white man had been killed. They firmly believed that, inasmuch as they had succeeded in killing but one white man, only one of their own number should in turn be made to die. The white man's idea of justice was entirely incomprehensible to them.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the efforts being put forth to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the Clayson-Relfe party will shortly be attended with success. If the party was murdered, as now seems clearly to have been the case, the perpetrators were certainly most clever in performing their nefarious work. If the theory that all traces of the crime were removed by a fall of snow occurring immediately afterward should prove correct, the missing links leading to the discovery of the bodies may be found, now that the weather has moderated and the snow has begun melting.

Fresh meat and warm weather are arriving simultaneously in very considerable quantities. The result is a slump in the price of beef, which may mean some loss to the butchers, but also means an opportunity for many a poor fellow whose diet of meat through the winter has been confined to the historic bacon, to revel in the delights of good, juicy steaks if he so desires. Holders of meat, although they may not realize expectations from a cash standpoint, may yet console themselves with the reflection that they can honestly regard themselves as public benefactors.

The government telegraph has recently reduced by more than one-half the rate formerly charged for press dispatches. This action on the part of the government enables us to print twice as much telegraphic news as was formerly possible. The government's revenue is not cut down any, and the newspaper reading public is the gainer. Supt. Crean and the other representatives of the government who interested themselves in the matter are entitled to the thanks of the press and public alike.

By way of variety, it would be a good idea to divert the government wood pile brigade to the work of clearing the ice and snow off the sidewalks. Pedestrians would be very much commended in making their way through town if all sidewalks were cleared of the slush with which they are now in many places pretty well covered.

To Govern Filipinos.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The president has transmitted to congress the first volume of the report of the Philippine commission. It is a volume of 264 pages, including the appendix, and is signed by Prof. Schurman, Admiral Dewey, Col. Denby and Prof. Worcester. The principal subject dealt with is the plan of government proposed by the commission, which includes a discussion of the Spanish government existing prior to the war, the various reforms desired by the Filipinos and the constitutions proposed by them, together with the conclusions and plans suggested by the commission. The report also covers many other matters connected with the social administration of the island: racial characteristics, education, secular and religious orders, the Chinese in the islands, public health, currency, etc., as well as the condition and needs of the United States in the Philippines from a naval and maritime standpoint. The second volume of the report, which will not be ready for several weeks, will contain a detailed description of the climate and natural resources of the islands. The chief interest in the report naturally centers in the plan of government proposed by the commission.

The commission announces itself unqualifiedly in favor of a government of the Philippines analogous to that of a

territory of the United States, with a governor appointed by the president. They say it is desirable that the inhabitants of the archipelago should enjoy a large measure of home rule on local affairs, their towns to enjoy substantially the rights and privileges of towns in a territory.

The Filipinos could manage their own town and county affairs through their own officers, whom they could elect with no help from American officials except such as would be involved in control from the central government at Manila. The suffrage should be restricted by educational or property qualifications, or both. This system would necessitate a small body of American officials of great ability and integrity and of patience and tact in dealing with other races, and on this account the commission recommends that they should be paid high salaries. The commission says they could be called advisers or commissioners, and that one for every 250,000 natives should suffice. It would be the duty of such commissioners to report upon their work to the central government at Manila.

Would Disregard Treaty.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That in the judgment of the house of representatives the bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal, to be exclusively built, owned and controlled by the government of the United States, should be immediately passed and enacted into law regardless of the pending Hay-Pauncefote treaty now awaiting ratification in the United States senate, and that said treaty should be rejected because it contravenes the policy of the Monroe doctrine, surrenders American rights to British interests and reestablishes the so-called Clayton Bulwer treaty long since lapsed and now null and void."

Alaskans in New York.

New York, Feb. 25.—There will be a lawlessness and a reign of terror in the new gold fields at Cape Nome, Alaska, next summer, in the opinion of John G. Brady, governor of the territory, and George N. Wright, postmaster at Cape Nome, unless congress takes steps to establish civil government on a firm foundation and makes laws defining the proprietorship of claims.

Gov. Brady and Mr. Wright are in the east endeavoring to obtain the appointment of United States judges at Sitka, Circle City and Cape Nome. An extraordinary rush of gold seekers to the last named place is expected next May, when communication with the outside world is reopened. Mr. Wright believes that before the end of the summer there will be 60,000 persons in Cape Nome.

"We want the general land laws extended to Alaska, so that we may have homestead rights," said Mr. Wright; "otherwise we cannot help having a great deal of trouble. We are without the legal form of government."

"Miners began coming down from the Yukon last fall, and more will come. If we do not get authority to protect ourselves we shall have trouble."

Sensational Report.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 25.—A report was circulated Monday that, acting under the orders of Gov. Taylor, a force of state militia was to be sent to the state penitentiary and force the release of Doug Hayes, who is serving a term of five years for manslaughter and who was pardoned by Gov. Taylor last week, but whose release had been refused by the prison authorities. Warden Eph Lillard left here Sunday night for Louisville, but the state board of penitentiary commissioners was notified that such action was to be taken. Commissioner Pennell at once telephoned the prison authorities to lock the prison gates, but to offer no resistance outside of that, even if the militia undertook to batter down the gates and take Hayes away by force.

Charge Not Yet Changed.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.—The charge of murder, which it was expected would be the accusation after Mr. Goebel's death has not yet been substituted for that of malicious shooting against Holland Whitaker, the prisoner brought here for safekeeping on account of the excited state of the people of Frankfort on the day Goebel was shot. Whitaker has developed a sullen disposition. He even refuses to talk to the deputy jailers and will answer no questions from reporters.

To Succeed Miss Anthony.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The National American Woman's Suffrage Association on Tuesday elected Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the association for the ensuing year, to succeed Susan B. Anthony, who has been active in the battle for woman suffrage for nearly half a century, and declined a re-election to office. Mrs. Blake, who had been urged by many of her friends to become a candidate for the office, withdrew her name before any nominations were made. With the

exception of the president, all of the officers were re-elected, as follows: Vice president, Miss Anna Howard Shaw; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery; recording secretary, Mrs. Alice Stone Blackwell; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton; auditors, Miss Laura Clay and Miss Catherine Waugh McCulloch. The retirement of Miss Anthony caused genuine and heartfelt regret among the members of the association, and when the announcement of the vote naming her successor was made many of them wept.

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