

GENERAL CRONJE PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY

Famous Boer Leader, Whose Military Career Ended At Paardeburg, Dies At Klerksdorp, United South Africa.

VETERANS TELL OF EXPERIENCE

(Canadian Press.) Klerksdorp, Transvaal, Feb. 4.—General Piet A. Cronje, the noted Boer general, who was captured by the Canadian regiment at Paardeburg in 1900 died today.

General Cronje was one of the greatest generals in the Boer army and left his impress on the British troops in varied and severe engagements during the earlier stages of the war and in fact until the battle of Paardeburg put an end to his career as a soldier. Members of the first Canadian contingent who were at Paardeburg and saw Cronje after the Boers surrendered to the victorious Canadians, say that the noted leader was a man slightly under middle height wearing an enormous set of blackish brown whiskers. Though short he was heavily built and gave the impression of possessing much physical power and endurance, qualities which his career showed he had in full measure.

He was also a remarkably shrewd tactician and in his conduct of the western campaign inflicted severe losses upon the British troops. During the brief conflict of 1881 which ended in the defeat of the British at Majuba Hill, Cronje was in command of the Boers at one of the skirmishes which resulted disastrously for the Imperial troops.

His Last Battle. He was in command of the Boer forces during the campaigns at Belmont, Modder River and Magerfontein and it was after the approaching troops forced him to vacate the positions held at Magerfontein that the battle of Paardeburg was fought. On this occasion, as is well remembered, Cronje and his men surrendered after a terrific ten days' battle, and his participation in the war was over. From that time until the treaty of peace was signed he was a prisoner on the little island of St. Helena.

WILL MEET SHEEP MEN

Dominion Commissioners Will Hold First Session At Port Elgin Today—Seek Information On Sheep Raising.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 5.—W. A. Dryden and W. T. Ritch, the commissioners appointed by the Dominion Department of Agriculture some months ago, to make a full inquiry into the conditions attending the sheep and wool industry in Canada and several other countries with a view to the ultimate adoption of a policy having for its object the encouragement of sheep raising, will reach New Brunswick today and meet the men interested at various points.

At the request of the Dominion Live Stock Commissioner the Provincial Department of Agriculture has arranged the following itinerary for the commissioners:— February 6th, evening—Port Elgin. February 7th, evening—Sussex. February 8th, afternoon—Perth. February 9th, afternoon—Woodstock. February 10th, afternoon—Fredericton. February 11th, afternoon—Bathurst. Officers of agricultural societies at the various points and in neighboring districts will have charge of the local arrangements, and it is expected that there will be a considerable number of sheep men in attendance at the various meetings to lay their views and give information upon local conditions before the commissioners.

SIX KILLED IN G. T. R. COLLISION

Light Engine Travelling Eastward Crashes Into Passenger Train From Buffalo, Three Miles North of Paris, Ont., With Deadly Result—Only Three Left of Two Crews.

Paris, Ont., Feb. 5.—Six lives were lost and one man was seriously injured in the collision about 9 o'clock Saturday night on the Buffalo-Goderich branch of the Grand Trunk, when train No. 39, running from Buffalo to Goderich, met a light engine running east, three miles northwest of Paris.

All victims but one were members of the crew of the passenger train. The baggage car was piled on top of the wrecked engine and the mail car broke in two. The wreckage caught fire and was entirely consumed.

Among those killed tonight, the following were injured: W. T. Penderson, city solicitor, Grantford; Wm. McIntosh, customs clerk, Brantford; Robert Errett, engineer of light engine; W. J. May, mail clerk, Sarnia, badly burned, but will recover. The coaches remained on the track and the passengers, the conductor and the brakeman, escaped with a shaking up, as did the crew of the light engine.

The fire swept to the rear of the train and every coach was destroyed. Several lady passengers in the rear coaches were badly shaken up, but were able to get out quickly. In the meantime William McIntosh and Geo. H. Hunt, both Brantford passengers, in the first car, hastened for assistance. McIntosh went to three houses before he could secure telephone connection with Paris.

Terrific Scenes. Meanwhile terrific scenes were enacted at the wreck. Johnny Whitlaw, the express messenger, was pinned under his car, with the flames rapidly enveloping him. With one leg burnt and death but a matter of minutes away, Whitlaw drew his revolver from his belt and ended his existence.

The story is vouched for by eye witnesses who heard the discharge of the revolver and who recovered Whitlaw's unrecognizable and charred remains from the wreck today. The revolver was found beside the body.

Then the crash came and both men were thrown from their seats. Brakeman Scheife who was talking with the conductor, says he is fairly sure that there was no one in the car at the time of the collision. If there was any person in there it is certain that he never escaped.

Every one of the occupants of the ill-fated baggage car, excepting W. J. May, perished. Engineer Turner's body was recognizable when extricated from the twisted mass of iron in the engine. Fireman Smith's body was terribly crushed. The remains of Mail Clerk Tye were practically lost in the devastating fire, only his Masonic button being found. Only a slight portion of the bodies of R. M. Crozier could be found, but the finding of his watch and a knife which he used as an inspector of traps, completed the identification.

MILLION U. S. FARMERS TO FIGHT PACT

National Grange Will Use Whole Power Of Organization To Defeat Bill—No Amendments Accepted.

New York, Feb. 4.—The machinery of the National Grange, an organization claiming membership of 1,300,000 farmers in thirty states, has been started to defeat the ratification of the reciprocity bill, called upon the membership to exert pressure upon Congressmen from their various districts to vote against the measure and decided to go to Washington to map out a campaign there.

The legislative committee is composed of three members, ex-Governor Nathan J. Bacheider, of Concord, N. H., chairman; Aaron Jones, of South Bend, Ind., and T. Atkeson, of Moragtown, W. Va. Mr. Bacheider declared today that the National body was composed of 7,500 granges scattered throughout the northern half of the United States from Maine to California, and that the granges would support the committee unanimously.

"We are not opposed to a general reduction of the tariff," Mr. Atkeson said, "but we are opposed to any arrangement which will make fish of our industry and flesh of another." "Itates on the tariff in steel and iron manufactured articles, along with farm products, and we won't object."

Reasons Stated. The committee issued the following statement:—"The undersigned, representing the principal organization of farmers in the United States, earnestly protest against the enactment of the Canadian reciprocity bill now pending in Congress for the following reasons:—"The bill provides for the admission free of duty of all Canadian farm products. Since Canada is the only country which exports in considerable quantities of these products and under any circumstances be imported, this would result in practically free trade in everything the farmer produces."

CHINESE WHISKY SEIZED IN OTTAWA

License Inspector Spoils Celebration Of New Year By Confiscation Of Over 25 Cases Of Bug Juice.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The celebration by the local Chinese colony of their New Year tonight, was somewhat marred, License Inspector Enright made three seizures on Saturday night, embracing 25 and one-half cases of Chinese native whiskey from their storehouses.

The patrol was filled and it required an extra express wagon to carry all the goods. In the storehouse, 25 cases were seized at the store of Huom Quon, one of the Chinese M.P.'s from Canada. The whiskey will be sent to Toronto for analysis and if it is over proof cases will be taken at the police-court later.

DEATH OF EARL GREY'S COUSIN IN AFRICA

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Owing to the death of his cousin, George Grey, who died after being mauled by a lion in British East Africa, Earl Grey did not attend the Canadian Club luncheon on Saturday. The Rideau Hall skating party was also postponed.

LIBERAL LEGISLATION TO SHEAR LORDS OF POWER

Preamble to Veto Bill Foreshadowing Complete Abolition of Upper House—Wording Not Drastic Enough For Irish and Laborites—Parliamentary Term Five Years in Future.

London, Feb. 6.—It is understood that King George's speech at the opening of his first parliament today will be a brief one, referring to the Coronation, the Imperial conference, and the Duke of Connaught's inauguration of the parliament of the Union of South Africa and outlining the legislative programme, which will include the veto bill and measures for dealing with workmen's insurance, plural voting, the payment of members of the House of Commons, and possibly an amendment to the aliens act, as the outcome of the Houndsditch affair.

It is confirmed that Premier Asquith will ask that the whole time of the House until Easter be given to government business and that the Nationalists and the bulk of the Liberals will support him, the only dissentients being the Laborites, who want to push forward a number of bills of Commons today will be Chancellor Lloyd-George, who is now in Naples, where he probably will remain for another fortnight, and perhaps longer. His throat trouble is proving unexpectedly obstinate.

The Unionist leaders have held several conferences, but it is still unknown what attitude they will adopt towards the veto bill. It is believed that the Lords may accept it as it is admitted that should the prime minister advise the creation of a few hundred peers, the King cannot constitutionally withhold his sanction. It is understood that Lord Lansdowne will almost immediately introduce a bill in the House of Lords for the reform of the Upper House on the lines indicated in the Lansdowne and Rosebery resolutions.

The opposition does not intend to move an amendment to the address on the constitutional question, but Austin Chamberlain will move on the constitutional question, with special reference to the reciprocity agreement. Another amendment to the address will deal with the Aliens question.

LOST HIS JOB; NOW HIS LIFE

Fabien Legere Dismissed From I. C. R. After 1896, Run Over On C. P. R. At Montreal—Increased Civic Votes.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 5.—The estimates of civic expenditures for the current year, as made up by the City Council, at a special meeting last night, reach a total of nearly \$108,000, as compared with \$90,500 last year, showing an increase of over \$17,000. Among the items increased are \$2,000 more for schools, about \$5,000 for the purchase of a new chemical fire engine and hose. There is also an increase for parks and \$4,500 for relief of Campbellton.

EXCLUDE JEWS FROM MOSCOW

Moscow, Feb. 4.—Court proceedings have been instituted against Jewish merchants in connection with production and sale of goods without right of residence here. Conviction carries a maximum punishment of three months imprisonment without a fine. Prior to this the Jews have been dealt with through the medium of administrative expulsions.

WHOLE PROTECTION POLICY THREATENED

Canadian Aviator Twice Circles Morro Castle Completing 11 Mile Flight In 16 Minutes—\$50,000 Prize.

Havana, Feb. 5.—With practically the entire population of Havana looking on J. A. D. McCurdy, who recently crossed the Straits of Florida in a biplane, made a magnificent spectacular flight today from the drill grounds at Camp Columbia to Morro light-house, which he circled and returned.

Three cannon shots from Cabana's fortress, and a red flag flung from Morro at 9 o'clock in the morning, announced that the flight was about to begin. Instantly all the streets were deserted, the people making for the sea front, the roofs of houses, and the highest points of vantage throughout the city.

A few minutes after aine McCurdy's airplane was seen topping Principe Hill at a high altitude. It was coming at great speed against a stiff easterly wind. Passing over San Lazaro Hospital, the aviator left land behind and swept across the shallow outer bay at an altitude of 300 feet straight for Morro. He circled the great light-house fifty feet above the lantern, swinging to the left, McCurdy darted seaward, then wheeled again and circled the tower once more, and straightened out gracefully on the return.

The official time for the round trip was 16 minutes, 12 seconds. The estimated distance was 11 miles. The machine used by McCurdy was a 50 horsepower biplane and the prize for its flight was \$50,000 offered by the city. This, however, is open to competition until Feb. 28.

G.P.R. OFFICIAL DIED ON SPECIAL TRAIN

J. A. Clarke Did Not Survive Journey From Ottawa To Montreal—Stricken At Funeral Of Late Engineer.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—J. A. Clarke, the relieving purchasing agent of the C. P. R., who was stricken with paralysis while attending the funeral of the late J. E. Schwitzer, was brought from Ottawa to Montreal on Saturday. When the train arrived it was found that the patient was too seriously ill to be removed to his home, so he remained in the special car, attended by Dr. England, his wife and son-in-law and daughter. The patient rapidly became worse and expired at 8 o'clock in the evening.

NO SMALL BRANCHES OF \$10,000,000 BANK

Forget Says Bank Of Canada Will Be Purely Canadian Institution Though French Capital Is Invested.

M'GIBBON BUYS SHOE CONCERNS

Montreal Capitalist Pays \$400,000 In Cash For Ames Holden Ltd. And James McCready Co. Ltd.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Ames Holden Limited and the James McCready Co. Ltd., two of the largest boot and shoe manufacturing establishments in the Dominion, have been acquired by J. Lorne McGibbon, who will form a new company which will probably be known as the Ames Holden, McCready Co.

Mr. McGibbon would not give details as to the purchase price but a report has it that as high as four million dollars were paid for the two concerns. The deal has been put through on an absolute cash basis. There will be a factory for the making of high class goods a second for medium and a third for the cheaper articles such as a policy having been in operation in the shoe towns of New England for many years past, all this meaning a cheapening of production and a more efficient organization.

TURKEY BUYS STEAMER

Bremen, Feb. 4.—Turkey has purchased the North German Lloyd steamer Roland for transport purposes in connection with the risin in Yemen.

APPOINTMENTS

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The Canada Gazette announces the appointment of Captain George L. Wetmore of Yarmouth, N. S., to be portwarden and harbor master of Yarmouth.

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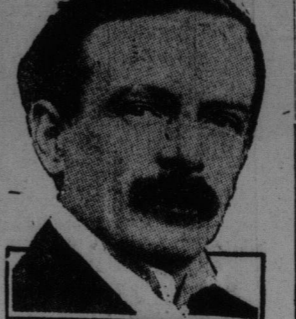
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