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Kruger Has Not Yet Decided on the ishment of the Johannes-

Barney Barnato Closing Out All His Mining Interests in the Transvaal.

patch, dated to-day, from Pretoria, from will have a decidedly

Ine times says in an article on the judgment of the Pretoria court: "The sentences were a complete surprise, but were regarded with equanimity solely because it was perceived that they could not be executed. This applied with course with solutions and the executed. This applied with course with solutions when presented.

Later in the day another dispatch from Pretoria announced that Dr. W. J. Leyds, secretary of state for the Transvaal, had informed Sir J. A. Dewitten the sentences when presented. common sense. To execute these sengladly believe Kruger would shrink. It would be an egregious political blunder. It is hardly necessary to discuss the certain consequences of the execution of the be lightened. ultimate issue of a conflict between Great Britain and the Transvaal, whatever its

gives the text of statements signed by Messrs. Hammond, Phillips, Farrar and Col. Rhodes, which were presented to the court at Pretoria on Monday, the chief points of which have already been cabled to the Associated Press. The principal new features in the statements are gates of the Transvaal executive council gave the reform committee a virtual promise that their grievances should again peaceably as soon as possible.

The Times this morning has a letter day. from Pretoria which describes the intrigues which the correspondent says from 200 to 250 votes at to-night's meetwere intended to revent liberal-minded ing. The Brown faction estimate the judges from presiding at the trial of the Reformers. The letter says that there has been an extensive German immigration as been an extensive German immigration and the state of the application and the state of the same faction and the state of the same faction and the state of the same faction and the same faction and the state of the same faction and the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction are stated in the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction are stated in the same faction and the same faction are stated in the same faction are tion of men well fitted to supply a corps Members of the anti-Brown faction say that many messages have passed on the of highly trained soldiers at the shortest that weeks ago, on the test of a vote of subject between Mr. Chamberlain and of highly trained soldiers at the shortest notice, and who are at the same time fitted for useful trades. "There is no doubt," the letter continues, "that the largely increasing state artillery will soon be in German hands, and British subjects are being vigorously taxed to find funds for this German invasion.

Phillips, president of the chamber of mines, Johannesburg: George Farrar, of canvassing, have been able to secure Life, Johannesburg; Colonel Francis Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, formemaining fifty-nine prisoners, including Joel Barnato, nephew of Barney Barnato; Mr. Bettelhern, Turkish consul, and formerly attorney-general of Cape Colony; J. W. Leonard and Captain J. S. Curtis, V. B. Clement, J. all Americans, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment, three years' banisoment and to pay a fine of £2,000, in default of which they will undergo an-

other year's imprisonment. The news of the sentences was received with the greatest amazement here, at Johanne burg, and even at Pretoria, and caused the greatest excitement everywhere, even though it was generally understood that the four men sententelegraph wires throughout the colony and the Transvaal were blocked with pression on his face. The attitude of the British population was one of angry resentment; the Boers were sullenly de-

lain, was communicated to President owing to the distress caused among them Kruger last evening by Sir J. A. Dewitt, British agent at Pretoria. The President was calm, but it was evident to all that he felt the gravity of the situation most acutely Later last night a rumor death sentences to a heavy fine and long terms of imprisonment, to be fol-lowed by banishment. The Presihave been dictated by a sense of justice. Mr. Daly will again enter the field. and not from any fear of the consequences which might follow the execu-

tion of the prisoners. Indeed it is stated upon high authority that he had decided some days ago upon the step just taken, and that the firm stand he took in his letter declining Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit courts if necessary.

England was assumed in order that there might be no mistake as to the actual attitude of the Transvaal tothere might be no mistake as to the actual attitude of the Transvaal towards Great Britain. The President in his concluding remarks distinctly out-

lined the future policy of the Transvaal. He said: Under existing circumstances the South African republic will not at present press for a reconsideration of the London convention and the substitution for it of a treaty of amity and commerce, but will rest satisfied with pecuniary compensation and with the assurance that no violation of its territory will be repeated."

Later in the day the report that President Kruger had commuted the death sentence was confirmed. There was still LONDON, April 29.—Secretary Cham-further relief on all sides and rejoicing berlain has received the following dis- in many quarters. The step, it is added Sir J. A. Wewitt, British agent there: effect upon the relations between the Levds (Dr. W. J. Leyds, secretary of state for the Transvaal) just told me the four prisoners, Hammond, Knodes, Far-rar and Phillips. It is undecided what punishment will be substituted. The whole responsibility in the matter upon latter will have to foot the Transvaal bill The Times says in an article on the of expenses when presented.

not be executed. This applied with equal witt, British agent at Pretoria, that the force to the monstrous penalties against government had not yet decided what the other prisoners (those sentenced to punishment would be imposed on the We rely on President Kruger's reform committee prisoners in place of tences would be a crime from which we that the executive council were reconsidering the sentence imposed upon all Africa Co. with the Johannesburg rethe remaining prisoners. This leads to form leaders and Dr. Jameson. They the belief that the other sentences will also prove that the Chartered Co. had

to death would kindle a bloody feud be-tween the English and the Transvaal No sober politician can doubt the count of the treatment received by the reform prisoners and the sentences imposed upon them. The paper adds that he is closing all his mines and selling A dispatch from Pretoria to the Times the lands belonging to the Barnato com-

PARSON BROWN.

San Francisco, April 29.—Both the Brown and anti-Brown factions in the oromise that their grievances should fore a municipal election, and it is of the ous situation. to guarantee with their persons that if same kind, too, Great efforts are being same kind, too, Great efforts are being made to rouse the voter. The most pasof a savage article, remarks: "President

subjects are being vigorously taxed to the most floeral amounts in the lishment nere over the severe sentences find funds for this German invasion. and additions, 150 or 160 is the outside that Judge Gregorowski has pronounced. Warlike preparations do not abate. Flyfigure that can be mustered in support. The wildest rumors are circulating anent Warlike preparations do not abate. Fryingure that the windest full of the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting ations had been made to support the state attorney's reason for insisting at the state at the onies and to the Orange Free State, se- own side, they claim to have ascret gathering to meet them, and warm surances from more than 200 that they meetings between the leading command-will be there to vote for a new era with cret gathering to meet them, and warm meetings between the leading commanders of the Natal border, all create anxiers of the Other hand, while claimfaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimfaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimfaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimfaction, on the other hand, while claimprisoners are very bitter and confaction, on the other hand, while claimfaction, on the other hand water hand. CAPETOWN, April 29.—After the death ing that the estimate of their own side ing that the estimate of their own side in strength is based on absolute knowledge, sentences had been passed upon Lienel say their opponents after several weeks in oprietor and publisher of Country only a scant 200 names to a petition, and that that is the high-water mark of their strength. Half of these, it is said, erly premier of Cape Colony, and John cannot, or will not, come to the meeting because of non-residence, sickness and gineer, manager of De Beers mines, the other reasons. So that the vote against Dr. Brown, they figure, cannot exceed

APPROACHING BULUWAYO.

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London, April 29.—The Daily Tele-Lawley, H. J. King and Mr. Lingham, graph says that it appears that a new York says: "The Transvaal death sen-protect them. impi is approaching Buluwayo, and that tences created almost as much interest although the rebels are surely demoral- here as in England, and the protest lowed to visit the reform leaders by although the rebels are surely demoralized by their recent defeats they do not ized by their recent defeats they do not was not believed that President Kruger said he found the English prisoners in show any signs of desisting in their hostile attempts.

There is a rumor in London that Earl Grey has arrived at Buluwayo.

The Times has a despatch from Palapye, dated Tuesday, April 28, which says: "Earl Grey and party arrived at Mangwe this morning, en route for Buluwayo. The roads are reported to be safe. Commandant Van Rooyen states ced to death would not be executed. The Mangwe this morning, en route for safe. Commandant Van Rooyen states strengthened or weakened by the prothat the natives for twenty miles around posed resolution of the house of repreSecretary of State of the South African messages to and from Pretoria, business was at a standstill everywhere, and every man had a "what next?" exevery man had a "what next?" exercise the Hussars, it is estimated there will be three thousand men under arms in be three thousand men under arms in be three thousand men under arms in the first of the first o be three thousand men under arms in A dispatch to the Times from Cape-

town says: "The Imperial government is taking steps for the relief of the na-Mr. Chamberlain's tone and his "bold by the rinderpest."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

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are spoken of for the nomination. Brandon has been called for May 11 in agent of the British government at Pre-

Chief Justice Taylor to-day dismissed don." with costs the appeal of F. Cloutier, a A dispatch to the Times from Pretoria the closing of stores. Mr. Clouder says so in the face of the mass of incriminative starvation because they had that died he will appeal the case to the highest pourts if necessary.

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Great Sensation Caused Througout Britain and the United States.

Opinions of the Press-Gravity the Situation at Pretoria Increasing.

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South African Company and that the sentence of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, and urge that strong measures be taken. They will not approve of any further negotiations involving an appeal to President Kruger's generosity, and Mr. Chamberlain is denounced on all sides.

A short instalment of a long message from Pretoria is to the effect that telegrams were put in as evidence during opened a credit for £400,000 in the name of Col. Francis Rhodes at Johannesburg

to organize the raid. The editorials of the afternoon news papers, written before the news that the sentence of death had been commuted reached the editors, clearly state that Great Britain does not intend to allow President Kruger to do as he will with the lives of British subjects.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, in the Sun says: way the Germans are doing their best to egg on the Boers against us. I believe there is no doubt that within a few weeks six or seven hundred Germans First Congregational church have been well trained and armed, have been landcome and assist Johannesburg two dele- counting noses and preparing slates. ed in the Transvaal, perhaps to provoke There was as much activity on the eve such a collision between us and German of to-day's meeting as there is just be-

Dr. Jameson were allowed to enter Jo- made to loase the vote. The most particle, remarks: Fresident hannesburg unmolested he should leave sionate appeals are being made to him kruger dare not carry out the sentences to exercise his franchise and save the of imprisonment and banishment passed upon sixty of the foremost inhabitants Each side claims that it will have of the Rand.

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intended to execute them, nor would good health, but Hammond's health is this country have looked on quietly while one of its citizens was sacrificed. The steps taken to secure the efficient intervention of no doubt this government, had the oc- Kruger has sent messages of sympathy

CAPETOWN, April 29.—The Volksrarad of the Orange Free State has adopted your telegram the executive council had Winnipeg, April 29.—(Special)—The the report of the armament commission Saskatchewan Conservatives will meet for an increase of artillery and for the

A convention of the Conservatives of following dispatch from Sir J. A. Dewitt,

box of the Jameson party, Under the circumstances, it is added that this was the most dignified course to follow. There was a long meeting defence committee of cabinet to-day. The commander-in-chief, Lord Wolseley, was present, and

it is believed that important military questions were decided. PRETORIA, April 30.—All the burghers of influence are flocking into this city from all sides, begging the government to totally abolish the sentences imposed upon the reformers. It is currently re-

ported this morning that the executive council has decided to substitute for the death penalty commuted yesterday, sen tences of five years' penal servitude and LONDON, April 29. — The sensation at the expirition of that time banishcaused by the sentencing to death of the ment for life for the four reform com-In order to justify the severe treatment, it is said that the executive refers

Farrar and Phillips, at Pretoria yester- to the records of the trial of the reformday, increases in spite of the fact that it ers. Telegrams were in evidence, which, else is talked about here to-day. People Doornkoop, compromise notable persongenerally are indignant at the attitude ages, officers in South Africa and elseof the Transvaal as outlined in President where. It was proved that telegrams to Mr. Cecil Rhodes, premier of Cape Colony and Mr. Rutherford Harris, secretary of the British Chartered South Africa Company at Cape Town, and Dr. Jameson when the latter was at Pitsania between December 7 and December 31, when the raiders were being organized and actually in movement.

Their contents, although couched in guarded language, evidently referred to he intended invasion of the Transvaal. The raid is alluded to under such expressions as "shareholders' meeting,"
"Flotation Co.," etc., etc. Further telegrams show that Dr. Jameson was urgently instructed to start on the raid at midnight of Saturday, December 28, and was enjoined to keep the telegraph silent, as it was suspected that the Transvaal authorities were getting wind of the affair. Other telegrams were protered South African Company was the was in great peril, when it could be actual authority for the raid. They refer to getting arms and ammunition from There is little doubt that in a quiet De Beers mines, where they had been moment, however, a hitch seems to have occurred, and despatches were sent to Dr. Jameson telling him to receive the cabinet. At noon he received General von Hahnke, chief of the Imperial military Dr. Jameson telling him to postpone the flotation owing to difficulty experienced in getting Cecil Rhodes to absolutely ledge himself that the authority of the Imperial government need not be insisted upon in order for the raiders to ross the border. Hammond was evidently opposed to any breach of the law, for a telegram from him was produced. dated December 27, in which he condemned any further developments of the

contemplated movement. had really got wind of the affair and suc- Hungarians as it is to the Jews." intercepting the messages. ceeded in intercepting the messages. "Dr. Jim" wilfully disregarded the inborder the raiders had been drilled with Lee-Metford rifles, the weapon adopted by the Chartered Company, and prepar-Colony, but, the hasty action of Dr. vance or participation except in joining the movement late in the day and in signing the manifesto. It is generally felt that the gravity of the situation is increasing hourly. The jury is signing a strong petition to the exceptive to commute the sentences and the most powerful influences are at an enterprise, and it was herd to be governed and a horrible scene ensued upon the explosion. Three persons were killed and a horrible scene ensued upon the explosion. Three persons were killed and eleven badly injured by jumping. Several others were burned to death in the car.

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A press representative who was althis government were immediate, and possible under the circumstances. Mrs.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Secretary Olposed resolution of the house of repre- Secretary of State of the South African many members of the house and senate, may be questioned. Congress, which freely passes belligerent tence would be commuted, and that he resolutions when danger is distant, would like assurance on that point. He speaks with bated breath in the presence was answered this morning by the of actual peril to an American citizen. Transvaal Secretary of State as follows: 'There was no talk of any understandmessage" to President Kruger are better ing between the judge and the govern-

penalty. ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT.

TORONTO, April 30.—(Special) - The city council will petition the Imperial

KINGSTON, April 30 .- E. Hume, of with costs the appear of r. Counter, a merchant, who was recently fined for an infraction of the city by-law regulating cause their counsel advised them to do the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores. Mr. Cloutier says so in the face of the mass of incrimination of the closing of stores.

Drought in Spain.

Italy's Negotiations With King Menelek-Serious Explosion in a Yorkshire Colliery.

London, April 30.—A Rome dispatch to the Times says that it has the best leader of the Acheenese, who rejected authority for denying the story sent to the ultimatum of Holland. the London Chronicle from Rome, that the Nuncio at Madrid had approached Castillo, with a view to inducing Spain new ministry. to accept the mediation of the United States on the Cuban question.

Dispatches received at St. Petersburg

The Bishop of Madrid and the bishops elsewhere in Spain are calling meetings

A dispatch from Madrid says: The mutual conversion of the Spanish and Russian legations into embassies is reericans at fault in interfering in Cuban affairs which only regard Spain is

much remarked. Green books which have been issued show that Italy in the peace negotiations with King Menelek, of Abyssinia, stipulated that if Italy renounced her protectorate over Abyssinia, it should not be replaced by that of any power. Baldissera was instructed to hold Kassala until the autumn. Then the final decision was to be taken, unless the city

The Emperor William has arrived at Potsdam and received in advance Dr. Lucanaus, the chief of his civil cabinet. Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, minister for foreign affairs, and Dr. Kaiser, chief of the colonial office, had a special audience with His Majesty, and it was afterwards stated that the consultation had reference to the defeat of a large body of Hottentot rebels in Damaraland on April 5, when 46 of the lost 8 men killed.

A Times despatch from Vienna says: It is believed that at some future time Subsequent dispatches were exchanged between various people interested in the raid going to show that instead of it the crown sanction. The anti-Semites ooking very much as if Dr. Jameson are now in a position to carry every cut the telegraph wires so as not to re-thing before them. The incident will ceive any further messages throwing a cause surprise and dismay in Hungary, damper on the scheme, President Kruger for Dr. Lueger's party is as hostile to the

The Spanish cabinet met yesterday to consider the serious conditions structions sent him to postpone the raid and crossed the border on his own real almost destroyed the cereal crops. The discharge of his duties as High Commissional Commission of the border on his own real commission. sponsibility. Previous to crossing the cabinet decided to enter upon the organization of relief work. Unless there is

foreign corn.

1900 will be held in Paris, and for 1904 the committee will choose between New York, Stockholm and Berlin.

The hearing of the action of the French it was announced that judgment will be contest the Brandon riding.

rendered on May 11... The Emperor Francis Joseph has arbrations commemorating the thousandth anniversary of the Magyar conquest and | ballot as a candidate for East Assiniboia settlement in Pannonia, a feature of for the Dominion house. The convention was large and enthusiastic, the

that President Reynoa is aiding the Nicaraguan revolutionists with arms and munitions. The present government is strictly for non-intervention with other states. New banks have been established and 500 new dwellings are build-

creased its population by 87,250, chiefly outside the fortifications.

pronounced, but before the receipt of your telegram the executive council had city. They fully identified the property, and thousands are homeless. resolved to let mercy take the place of now in possession of the officers of Scotjustice, and not enforce the death land Yard.

not able to find any further signs of life.

to adopt under the circumstances; but his impulse in the matter appears to will be definitely known whether or not

of Hottentot rebels in Damaraland on known. April 5, killing forty-six of them. The

The final results of the Spanish elec-

ents, 17; Republicans, 4; dissentient Conservatives, 3; Carlists, 2. A commercial modus vivendi between Argentina and Brazil has been con-

A collision occurred at Woosung on Precarious Health of the Czarewitch

—The Pope and Cuba—

A consion occurrence the steamers

Thursday morning between the steamers

New Chwang and On Wo. The latter sunk, and over 300 persons, mostly

Chinese, were drowned. Capt. Lothaire, the Belgian officer who has been on trial for the illegal hanging in the Congo Free State of Stokes, the wealthy English trader, who is said to have sold arms and ammunition to the natives, has been acquitted. A dispatch from Batavia says that the Dutch forces are now shelling Lampisang, the chief village of Toekoemar, the

Messrs. Labouchere and Turret accepted respectively the portfolios of ommerce and public works in the the Spanish premier, Senor Canovas del Meline cabinet. This completes the

DOMINION POLITICS.

Ottawa, April 30.—The Premier was from Nice, say that the health of the agreeably surprised to-day by receiving

hearty congratulations on your acceptto organize volunteer battalions to fight ance of the office of Prime Minister of Canada. (Signed) Chamberlain."

This has been a great day of conferences among politicians and the end is garded as important. The attitude of not yet. Sir Charles Tupper has no anthe Russian press in declaring the Am- nouncement to make to-day, possibly he may have to-morrow both with regard to Ontario and Quebec. The personnel of the cabinet is not yet decided. Leading Quebec politicians have been here for the last two or three days and others, including Commissioner of Works Nantel. arrived to-day.

Hon. Mr. Ives left for Montreal this afternoon. Before his departure he was gratified by being asked by the Premier to retain his portfolio. **

Hugh John Macdonald, who is to be Minister of the Interior, arrived here tonight at 8:30, having been on the road from Winnipeg since Sunday afternoon. Mr. Macdonald was met at the station by Hon. Dr. Montague and Lieut.-Col. J. Pennington Macpherson, his cousin, whose guest Mr. Macdonald is for the present. Speaking to your correspondent, he said he had come to Ottawa at Sir Charles Tupper's request and had an appointment with the Premier for ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and after that might be in a position to speak. He had no doubt about Winnipeg returning

to its old political faith. J. L. Payne, who was private secretary natives were killed and the Germans to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, will perform similar duties for Sir Charles Tupper.

Hon. Mr. Desjardins bade good-bye to official life to-day. Before his departure Sir Charles Tupper saw him and thanked him cordially for his services as a member of the government, and expressed ber of the government, and expressed the hope that he would be able to render

assistance in the coming fight. Hon. E. G. Prior leaves for home on Monday.

MONTREAL, April 30.—(Special)—Sir Donald A. Smith stated to-day that the statement that he would run in Montrea sioner in London would take up all the rain before the middle of May the loss from the drought will amount to £36, on May 16. Another statement that he the advisability of repealing the duty on longer in sympathy with the Conservative party he also declared to be un-

sider that they were ill-advised in pleading guilty. Fully forty of them avow that they could have ing taken under the direction of the receive Dr. Jameson. All steps were being taken under the direction of the received by the dire seats, will not accept nomination on ac-

count of positive medical orders. Brandon, April 30.—The political convention which is called to meet at Souris syndicate of shareholders against the on May 5 will be attended by a number commissioners of the caisse of the pub- of McCarthyites from Brandon. Some lic debt having been resumed at Cairo, delegates says that in all likelihood Dalarguments were heard on both sides and ton McCarthy himself will be asked to

WINNIPEG, April 30 .- At the Conservative convention held at Broadview, rived at Buda Pesth to attend the cele- N.W.T., to-day W. W. McDonald, the old member, was nominated on the first Guatemala is peaceful. It is untrue total vote cast aggregating 217, of which Mr. McDonald received 174 votes.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., April 29 .- A second great fire broke out this after-The census of Paris, up to March 30, noon and was attended with grave loss shows the French capital to have inp.m., the fire had burned itself Mr. Burden, wife and daughter, and out. Thousands are homeless and their attorney, have arrived here from the york to claim the jewels which had been stellar from the interest and there is not a building left standing in the business section of the city. Only a

is as follows: Dead-J. Griffith Bassett, An explosion by which 100 persons two others unidentified; injured—John are believed to have perished, occurred Small, John Rice, E. Evans, Geo. E. at Micklefield, Yorkshire, to-day. Ad- Youngstron, Geo. Lydan; fatally—J. E. Smith, superintendent of waterworks; in a colliery. Twenty injured persons L. Maroney, E. Bradley, and eight there whose names are not yet learned. ot able to find any further signs of life.

Sir William Robinson, governor of Creek fire has broken out afresh. It has regiment restored to Canada and the Hongkong, telegraphs that there have extended to West Cripple Creek, and it regimental depot located at Toronto. been seventy-five new cases of bubo is feared that this city will be entirely A German force defeated a large body morning. The origin of the fire is un-

KINGSTON, April 30.—A Jew peddlar named Simons, belonging to Napanee,