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It Was a Bad Defeat-Particulars of the Engagement-Matabeles Well Prepared.

Only by a Desperate Rush Was It Possible for the English to Escape.

CAPETOWN, April 24. - Telegraphic communication with Buluwaye was reestablished to-day, then there was an- marauding bands of Matabeles. other break, believed, however, to be only temporary interruption. The news is somewhat conflicting, but the main facts seem well established that the British have made a sortie in force, encountered large numbers of Matabeles. inflicted mortal loss upon them, and suffered some loss in return. They were at one time in danger of annihilation, and finally retreated.

The official version of the sortie says the British force, shortly after midnight, were quietly called to arms, and without alarming the native part of the town, a force of about 300 men, under Captains rapid firing gun and a Hotchkiss quick firing gun belonging to the flagship St. George, mustered outside the barbed defence. They were served with a ration of rum, and saddled up for a dash as the enemies' lines. Swords and all clattering accourrements were deadened with cloth and the feet of the horses bagged-covered with strong sacking.

The first streak of grey on the horizon could be seen when the column arrived within striking distance of the enemy, who had quietly camped behind stone topped earthworks, thrown up when the Matabeles had made their last advance to within about four miles of Buluwayo, but, contrary to expectations, they had thrown out pickets, which, although surprised, a sleepy advance guard raised the alarm. This was no sooner done than the troopers advanced, charged and shot down many of the fleeing natives. This was the signal for the advance of the main body of troops, and they gallopped forward in fine style to the sup-port of their comrades. Unluckily by this time it was getting quite light, and the Matabeles sprung to arms along the

ceived by a scattering fire from behind the earthworks, but the advance guard charged right up to the mounds and spurred their horses over them in several places. Then followed a setback for the troopers. The Natabeles charged in force and drove the advance guard back. Being met by the main body of the Buluwayo force, fire was opened at about 400 yards on the Matabele position. This was kept up until broad daylight, when a retreat was ordered in view of the fact that much ammunition was on either side had not been heavy, although the Matabeles had by far worst of it, especially when the Maxim and Hotchkiss guns were brought into play to cover the retreat. An advance was again made on the Matabele position and two rapid firing guns were set to work, and for about a quarter of an hour were made to sweep the Matabele position in front of the British force.

When the right moment had seemed to arrive a charge was ordered and there was a prolonged period of sharp fighting at close quarters. Pistols, rifles, shot guns, assegais, war clubs, spears and are in constant communication with the knives clashed prettily, the music of the artillery camp from which these wagons rapid firing guns, sent to the rear for load and depart."

The Daily Telegram has a despatch fear of their being captured, having ceased. Both sides fought bravely. It was a case of a handful of well armed whites against a small army of badly armed Matabeles. The former were fighting for the helpless women and children in the beleaguered town o Buluwayo, the latter for what they considered to be their own, their native land, for Buluwayo, the old capital of King Lobengula, now the Mecca of the Gradually the Matabeles pressed forward, and by sheer force of numbers almost surrounded the British, who, to avoid being encircled, retreated, fighting foot by foet. Being driven steadily backward, one squad for a time was quite cut off, and only extricated itself by a brilliant charge through the

Matabele cordon. Eventually the British were very hard pressed, losing ground fast, then they slow but well directed fire. Then it was the turn of the Matabeles to give ground and a squad of troopers, charging with a ringing cheer, threw them into confusion and the British were apparently getting the upper hand by slowly forcing the enemy backward, when suddenly the retreat was ordered, the British began to fall back and finally returned toward Buluwayo, which place they reached

considerably the worse for wear and Much heroism was displayed by indiwidual British troopers and volunteers in rescuing their wounded comrades.

The loss of the enemy is said to have been very great. No correct estimate ide, but the reports place the number of Matabeles killed at anywhere between four hundred and one thousand. The loss of the British is not stated.

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word, the sortie was a failure, a defeat for the British, and what is worse under the circumstances, an expenditure of much of the stock of ammunition re-

maining at Buluwayo. any good, and nearly resulted in the an-nihilation of the British forces. On the other hand, the Matabeles, believed to be flushed with victory, have driven back into Buluwayo a strong force, about half the garrison of that place. Though they suffered severely, the loss in prestige and ammunition to the British is much more severe. F. C. Selous, the explorer, with a squad of fifty troopers, was last reported on his way to Mangwe to complete repairs to the telegraph line at Fig Tree, and protect the wires as far as possible from the

herds to provide a supply of "biltong" lean meat cut into strips and dried in sheep and goats.

main body was first discovered about by the members. four miles west of Buluwayo. They oc- this evening. Owing to the somewhat prepared to receive the British forces. the Senate chamber as heretofore. Consequently a slight detour was made on the throne read the following speech: so as to bring the column north of Bulu- Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Genwayo. The enemy were found to be covering four miles of well select-

sunk had it not been for Lieut. Windlay, of the river in the face of the ene- the militia forces of the country. my, rescued Selous and reached drove back the Matabeles, as already will, I trust, facilitate the investigations cabled, they were engaged with only a portion of the Matabele force. ment of these long-standing claims. So soon as the enemy swarmed over the Gentlemen of the House of Commons: ridge in large numbers, they almost sur-

rounded the British and the latter were compelled to retreat: The squad of troopers previously referred to as having been for a time quite cut off Honor only able to extricate itself by a brilliant charge through the Matapele cordon with Captain Grey's scouts. Hotchkiss and Maxim rapid firing guns liament to be immediately dissolved.

that of the official report which says the feat. The Matabele loss was not so great as rumored. LONDON, April 25.—A despatch from Capetown to the Times says:

ported from Johannesburg that numermen with Kaffir drivers, are leaving Pretoria with ammunition and field requirements, their destination being unknown. The Boers, it is further said,

from Gwelo, Matabeleland, which says that an epidemic of influenza is raging there and that fifty per cent. of the troops relied upon for defence are suffering from it.

FRENCH CRISIS.

LONDON, April 24.-The Paris correscondent of the Daily News says: There is no issue in the French cabinet resignation of President Faure as a couple of weeks yet.

The opposition challenged the vote for chamber places President Faure in a 67 to 35. tight place. Should be have the weakess to go with society and the senate Mowat will be in the federal fight as the only safe solution is his resignation, one of Mr. Laurier's lieutenants. on an agreement that he shall be reagain assumed the offensive and drove elected. The ministers have pledged back the swarms of natives under a each other that they will not enter a cabinet that is not distinctly radical." The Paris correspondent of the Times

"The senate has saved France from an invasion of socialism, for M. application made to him to change the Bourgeois was dependent upon Socialist rotes and had ended by opening the door to them and he would soon have surrendered the citadel to them.'

DUCHY OF OLDENBURG.

Berlin, April 23.—As a result of Emaperor William of Germany's visits to Oldenburg, the Hereditary Grand Duke \$6,000. The building was insured for he may start an independent church in Augustus has announced his intention to \$3,000 in the Commercial Union. make a second marriage, hoping to obthrone of Oldenburg. His wife was the chant, is mentioned as the probable defeat of the pastor. She says she will daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of selection. The West Assiniboia Liberals place him behind prison bars for slander

The sortie, in any case, has not done Session of Parliament Formally The Bay Conference of the Congre-Brought to an End by the Governor-General.

> Commenced-Movements of B. C. Members.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

been rush and turmoil around the par- the actions of its pastor, Rev. Dr. C. O. upbraided him, called him names and Rinderpest is still causing terrible liament buildings to-day. Members Brown, does not seem to be ended with ravages in Bechuanaland, where the were crowding in their last batches of the minister's suspension by the Bay natives are killing the balance of their campaign literature, because as soon as conference of Congregational churches, prorogation occurs, the franking privi- by a vote of 49 to 32. Dr. Brown has the sun) with which to sustain them- lege ceases. Others have been busily announced that he is in the hands of selves. A famine is in progress, as the packing up their belongings and prepartheorems are, in one way or another, being wined out of existence. To make matters worse, the plague is attacking the It is morally certain that in the incoming parliament there will be more than also said that he will probably continue strain him. the usual average of changes. The late CAPETOWN, April 24.—Further particu- Sir John Macdonald's well known exlars from Buluwayo regarding the sortie pression as to the uncertainty of horse of the British, show that the Matabeles' races and elections is well remembered

Parliament was prorogued at 8 o'clock Napier and Duncan, with one Maxim cupied a ridge, on the top of which were inconvenient hour there was not such a earthworks and stone parapets and were large representation of the fair sex in His Excellency having taken his seat

tlemen of the House of Commons: I am glad to relieve you from further with cloth and the feet of the horses composing the advance guard were ed positions on the north bank attendance in Parliament. I desire to composing the advance guard were of the Umguza river, and after express my regret that the mission fierce fighting the natives drove the which my Government recently dis-British back and down the bank. Cross- patched to confer with the local authoriing the river in retreat, F. C. Selous had | ties of Manitoba has been unproductive a narrow escape. His horse was killed of any immediate result, and the quesmidstream; he became entangled in his tion relating to schools in that province stirrups, and when he extricated him- still awaits settlement.

I thank you for the appropriations elf was half drowned. He would have which you have made towards providing who swam his horse out into the middle for the better arming and equipment of The powers with which you have en left bank without in-dowed the commissioners appointed When the British rallied and under the Behring sea claims convention

> I have to thank you for the supple mentary provision you have made for corrying on the services of the current

off Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: Inasmuch as in the opinion of my adisers it is desirable that the judgment They were to a certain degree ambushed, of the people upon the questions which almost in the hands of the enemy, when now engage public attention should be now engage public attention should be by a desperate rush, they extricated obtained at an early due, I have to anthemselves. It is now said that both the nounce my intention to cause this par-

the disappearance from the House of gational church I will ber of the Commons, Mr. Thomas Temole, for many years member for York,

From this time out both parties will ons Boer wagons, all in charge of white devote themselves strenuously to perfecting their arrangements for the great Most of the ministers will be fight. ere for two or three weeks yet, and not there on that day. until about a month before polling will the actual field work commence. Considerable organization work has yet to be undertaken by both Liberals and Conservatives. Many constituencies have yet to hold their nomination con-Many constituencies ventions, but before the Queen's Birthday the country will know pretty well

who the candidates are to be.

The government gave a pledge to-day that Mr. Goodwin's claims for extras on the Soulanges canal would not be paid until the courts had decided whether or not he is entitled to it.

Mr. Haslam left for home direct to night. Mr. Mara also started, going via state the times and places of the various St. Paul. Mr. Earle leaves on Saturians attributed to me. They failed utdeadlock except the dissolution or the day. Hon. Mr. Prior will be here for a

means to the speedy revision of an un-workable constitution. The state of the the militia, but the vote was carried by It is almost certain that Sir Oliver

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, April 23.—(Special)—Justice Killam delivered judgment on the

venue in the Queen v. Morran, in which says that the church is declining, and the prisoner is charged with the murder that the trustees must force Brown to Lordship stated that he had decided to alists believe Brown will resign without ty days. The cost of effecting repairs make the order asked, and the prisoner will therefore be tried in Winnipeg.

A fire broke out this morning in J. H.

Lyons' brick residence, Carberry. The ence. Many prominent and wealthy

The Liberals of Marquette meet at Shoal Lake to-morrow to select a candi-date for the House of Commons. James the trouble in the church, does not at tain a male heir, and thus exclude the date for the House of Commons. James Russian branch of the family from the Ashdown, Winnipeg's millionaire mer-

gational Church Declare Him an Unworthy Member.

Says He Will Preach on Sunday.

San Francisco, April 23.—The trouble OTTAWA, April 23.—Everything has in the First Congregational church over pathizers surrounded Dr. McLean. They to preach in the First church, and he will probably preach next Sunday. His friends says the decision of the council was a complete surprise to him, as he had confidently expected that the loyal riends who rallied around him would be able to carry a favorable vote. Dr. Brown has made the following tatement about the verdict of the con-

> 'The findings of the conference all such a surprise to me that I feel bound in justice to my friends to say very little at present concerning them. n fact, I am in doubt as to the exact meaning of the verdict of suspension. do not even know if I am now a regulary ordained minister, although my riends tell me that under the laws of the state and of Congregationalism I may still fulfil all the functions of a preacher of the gospel, such as marry-

tain extent relieved. Anything was preferable to the suspense I have undergone since the beginning of my trouble. In me. Sometimes it seems to my 'Herron tions, washington, D.C., April 23.—The reextent to my Imagination. After all I me a matter of life or death, almost. the by the will of things inevitable.

"The verdict speaks for itself. I canation with their actions in the ecclesiastical council that heard the charges.

According to that tribunal I was acfellowship. It looks as if they were juggling with their original werdict. I tem of arbitration." jammed repeatedly. No correct estimate of the killed or wounded has been received, the only statement made being.

The closing of narhament with received the only statement made being the course of the church. If they see fit to retain me the church is the church. If they see fit to retain me the church is the church in the church. my troubles, and, come what may, I

> "I have no plans for the future. other calling. I have been fighting for my home and the honor of my profes-The Bay conference says practically that I have not cleared myself of the charges against me. In reply I say I have done the best I can. I do not know how any man can repudiate such done. I have asked my accusers to terly to do this. They have declared me guilty without furnishing any definite evidence of my guilt. To each and all of these imputations I have replied as best I

ship of my brethren." those of the young and are the equal three Sarah B. Cooper, whoma Brown lent of half as many more young. house and contents were totally destroy- members continue to stand by him, ed and nothing was saved. The loss is however, and it is not improbable that

this city.
Mrs. Mary A. Davidson, whose arrest tempt to conceal her gratification at the

Brown, Dr. Brown's son, rushed up to him and in a very threatening manner

father? I'll put a hole through you! Dr. McLean' waved his hand gently

"Take this little boy away."
Young Brown was not to be silenced He clenched his fist, and, drawing back his arm, was about to strike Dr. McLean a fierce blow in the face. Just at that moment a powerful man grappled with young Brown and held him fast. There's Vallie in trouble," said Mrs

Brown Then there was a rush for the scene o the excitement. Dr. Brown, Valentine Brown, Mrs. Brown and a score of symalmost assaulted the aged pastor. scene was intensely exciting as Dr. Mc-Lean, standing in the midst of threats, raised his hand and said: "God will judge you all.

Valentine Brown tried to get at Dr. McLean again, and the preacher simply said: "Take the boy away."
By this time Dr. Brown had gone for trustees are favorable to him. He has ward and taken hold of his boy to re-

> You're a coward!" shouted Valentine Brown at Dr. McLean. When the attempt was made to assault Dr. McLean, his friends were outside the church waiting for him, and did not know anything about the trouble until it was all over. Dr. McLean was being threatened and called a coward. when a friend took him by the arm and

led him out of the crowd. "We will meet on judgment day, shouted one of the Brown contingent. This ended the exciting scene. McLean was taken in charge by his friends and escorted home.

THAT ARBITRATION.

London, April 23.—The Chronicle in interior. an editorial says it regards the statement in the Times Washington dispatch ng, visiting the sick and comforting the quite seriously, and asks: "Why, instead of coming to a sensible compro- of the Chamber of Deputies. mise, should we risk such a rebuff as the American commission reporting against conduct was unconstitutional and moved

the British case." my heart I impuga none of the motives of my brethren who tried and suspended questionably hoped for a favorable terme. Sometimes it seems to me this is a mination of the Venezuelan negotia- the virtue of universal suffrage.

am human. This struggle has been to and a general discussion thereon was submitted a motion, which was defeated business of the arbitration by a vote of 283 to 268, that the house Now that it is all over, I put myself in conference here this afternoon. the hands of my friends, and will abide President Angell of the Universithis afternoon. adjourn. ty of Michigan, presented the report, not exactly reconcile the present atti-tude of certain ministers of the associ-ternational arbitration does hereby

adopt the following resolution: "That in the judgment of this conference, religion, humanity and justice, as The first part of the motion up to the quitted of any immoral cendust. Now well as the material interests of civiliz-these same clergymen vote to suspend ed society, demand the immediate of 309 to 83, and the second portion was me from their ministerial and pastoral fellowship. It looks as if they were and Great Britain of a permanent sys-

BACK FROM HONOLULU.

Commons of a well known figure in Can-adian politics, Sir John Carling. He was I will, of course, submit to their will and beles lost heavily. The opinion is gaining that the British suffered a bad deseat in the upper house this afternoon.

I will, of course, submit to their will and retire. Thus far I believe a majority of seat in the upper house this afternoon.

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Accompanying him was another member of the Commons. Mr. Thomas Temporal of the Commons and the Common and my troubles, and, come what may, I shall never forget their kindness in the the American minister to observe dents of the chamber of deputies and hour of my tribulation. Deacon Morse Hawaiian independence day on January senate to-morrow in regard to forming a says there is no reason why I should not occupy my pulpit mext Sunday. If a the matter before Secretary of State day received he report of the commitoccupy my pulpit mext Sunday. If a matter before Secretary of State day received he report of the commitmajority of the board of deacons is of the Olney through Minister Hatch. It has been an open secret here since January gascar credits and then adjourned. that the social relations between Minis ter Willis and the Hawaiian government have spent the best part of my life in have not been cordial. It is stated that the ministry. I am now getting pretty well along in years, and of course I am were invited to be present at Washingtoo old to think of beginning a life in an-

NEWFOUNDLAND SEALERS.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 23.—(Special) -It is expected that there will be stirserious charges as those preferred ring scenes in the court to-morrow when against me more thoroughly than I have the grand jury present their finding in Vancouver Island. The price was £4, sins attributed to me. They failed ut- ectors. A panel of petit jurors has been

guilt. To each and all of these imputations I have replied as best I knew. If the Bay conference expects more from me than this it is asking more than is human. I feel that I have done all in my power in this direction. I know of no other step I might take that would reinstate me into the fellowship of my heathern?"

Four of the sealing fleet have arrived tween Great Britain and the United States have resulted in the withdrawal of an immense lot of British capital from the American investment field and this money is beginning to flow towards her colonies. Western Canada, he added, offers splendid fields for investment and we are going to get the lion's share. Mr. those of the young and are the equiva- Lawrence will pass through Winnipeg made his assistant pastor, and who has been leading the fight against the pastor, port side being crushed in; she is leaking so badly that the pumps have been Hannah Hatton at Holland. His retire. Many prominent Congregation- kept constantly going for the past twenwill offset any profits from the fishery.

BAYONETS AND BULLETS.

this city discuss the rumors of negotiations between Washington City and late the importation of cattle Madrid regarding Cuba. El Liberal from Canada. The deputation contendsuggestion from the European powers that she give Cuba liberties compatible celection. The West Assiniboia Liberals place him behind prison bars for slander with Spanish sovereignty, but a never selection. The West Assiniboia Liberals place him behind prison bars for slander with Spanish sovereignty, but a never selection of the United States.

French Ministry Throw Up Their Portfolios-Proposed Revisions of the Constitution.

Nothing Yet Done Towards Forming a New. Government-The Madagascar Credits.

Paris, April 23.—Almost immediately after the re-assembling of the chamber of deputies to-day M. Bourgeois announced the resignation of the cabinet. The chamber of deputies was crowded. M. Bourgeois and his colleagues withdrew as soon as the announcement had been made.

The retiring ministry consists of M. Bourgeois, premier and minister of foreign affairs; M. Sarrien, minister of the interior, M. Cavaignac, minister of war; M. Lockroy, minister of the navy; M. Ricard, minister of justice; M. Doumer, minister of finance; M. Viger, minister of agriculture; M. Combes, minister of education; M. Mesureur, minister of commerce; M. Guyot d'Essaigne, minister of public works; M. Leveille, minister of the colonies. The ministry was formed on October 31, 1895, on the fall of the Ribot cabinet, as a result of the southern railroad scandals. The only change in the composition of the ministry since then has been the retirement of M. Bouthelot. who was minister of foreign affairs. That portfolio was then assumed by the premier, also minister for the interior.

After the withdrawal of the ministry, M. Ricard, in name of the Progression ists, presented a motion in the Chamber of Deputies, affirming the predominance

M. Goblet declared that the Senate's that the chamber side with the minis-Mr. Curzon in the House of Commons try, which was resolved to realize demo-M. Lebon asked that the discussion be adjourned, seeing that the ministry had port of the committee on resolutions resigned and amid considerable uproar,

The discussion was then continued and M. Goblet announced that he would which stated that the national confer- support M. Ricard's motion which ran, versal suffrage and its resolution to pursue a policy of democratic reforms.

> motion was adopted in its entirety by a Several proposals for a revision of the constitution were then presented and ent to a committee, after which the

BIG FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

WINNIPEG, April 23.—(Special)—J. A. Lawrence, of Victoria, B. C., passed through the city yesterday on his way home from London. He is said to have been pre-eminently successful on this Besides handling a large amount of Victoria real estate and several large mining properties, he succeeded in effecting the sale of a valuable tract of timber land comprising 130,000 acres on the case of the Commercial Bank dir- 000,000 sterling. The purchasing syndi-

The again in six weeks en route to London where he returns for the purpose of still turther promoting British Columbia in-

BRITAIN'S CATTLE SCHEDULE.

London, April 23.-A deputation of farmers from Norfolk and Suffolk waited upon Mr. Walter Long, president of Madrid, April 23.—The newspapers of the board of agriculture, to-day to urge the government to abandon the cattle disease bill, which aims to reguthinks Spain might yield to the friendly ed that there is no disease among portation. Mr. Long's reply was unpromising. He said it was useless to However, it is believed to be more severe than the commanders at Buluwayo are willing to admit.

The unofficial report of the sortie says there was a great deal of unnecessary delay in getting the troopers away from Buluwayo and it was almost daylight when levered consequently never send a commission to Canada. The