

GENERAL CRONJE PASSES AWAY COMMANDED WESTERN ARMY DURING WAR

Forced to Surrender at Paardeberg, Where Canadians Distinguished Themselves

Klerksdorp, Transvaal, Feb. 6.—General Pieter Cronje, the noted Boer general, died Saturday.

General Cronje, who was born in 1835, commanded the western army of the South African republic in the recent war. General Cronje and his Boer forces were brought to bay on the Modder river near Paardeberg. In February, 1900, when he defended himself for nine days in a position that was impregnable to assault, but greatly exposed to artillery fire from the surrounding heights. After suffering loss to such a degree that his men would not endure any longer, Cronje surrendered on February 27, the anniversary of Maluba. The British forces had drawn in closer each night, and a heavy bombardment had been kept up. At 3 o'clock in the morning the Canadians, backed by the Gordons and Buffs, rushed the enemy's outer trenches, and three hours later the Boers laid down their arms unconditionally. The prisoners numbered 4,000. Cronje was instrumental in frustrating the Jameson raid at Krugersdorp in 1896.

He was a member of the executive council of the Transvaal republic and chief commissioner.

He besieged Potchefstroom in 1881, and received its capitulation, keeping the garrison in ignorance of the fact that an armistice had been declared.

JEFFRIES HAS LEFT THE RING FOREVER

Declares That He Will Never Participate in a Ring Contest Again

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 6.—James J. Jeffries, former heavy-weight champion of the world, dragged from retirement as the "white hope" and beaten by Jack Johnson at Reno, has been asked by thousands of persons whether he will fight again. Wary of the question, Jeffries has decided to make the following single answer through the United Press. He says it is the last.

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BY JAMES J. JEFFRIES.

I intend what is written here shall be an ultimatum, the tenor of which cannot be misinterpreted. It is my hope that the public at large will consider this my final word on a subject that has caused me enormous personal inconvenience. I refer to the question of whether I shall ever enter the ring again.

I shall not attempt to say how many times I have answered that query during the last six months. Hardly a day has gone by without the question being put to me. Day after day I have answered it seriously and squarely. I have stated that I never shall enter another ring. But friends and the public have refused to accept my word. At least, I must believe they have, in view of the fact that after answering the question, I have in the next hour, been asked exactly the same question.

It has come to the point where I and the members of my household respond to the door bell with the reply to the question on our lips.

If some one were to test patience by asking you a certain question, say, for instance, "how old are you?" day in and day out, how long do you think you could go to the door or the telephone, near the question asked and answer it without losing your temper? For half a year, do you think?

It would be difficult to explain what it is to go through such an experience. In my case, instead of one person putting the question each day, the query has come from innumerable sources. What I want to say is that while the question of whether I ever would fight another ring battle has been asked of hundreds of persons upon hundreds of different occasions, I alone have been compelled to listen to each inquiry separately, hear the same metaphorous words, asked the same question that I have answered countless times. This is the last answer I will ever make to that question.

Under no circumstances shall I ever again participate in a public prize ring contest. I have retired from the ring for all time.

This is the decision I made months ago. It is a decision I shall adhere to.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES.

MARRIAGE BY PROXY.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 6.—A marriage by proxy is being arranged to-day by William Alger, a chauffeur, who desires to wed a girl in Holland. Two brides, two grooms, two brides, two wedding ceremonies, thousands of miles apart, considerable red tape and exchange of certificates, and then one wedding will be required before Alger will have the woman of his choice. Because his sweetheart is poor and the immigration laws bar her out of this country, Alger will wed a proxy here, his sweetheart will do likewise in Holland and then sail for America.

WOMEN WORKERS INCREASE IN FRANCE

Number Has Nearly Doubled in the Last Forty Years

Paris, Feb. 6.—Some remarkable figures regarding female labor in France are tabulated in the census for 1906, which has just been compiled. In the last forty years the number of women wage-earners has nearly doubled. In that time the figures have risen from about 4,500,000 female workers to 7,750,000. This is a 65 per cent. increase, whereas the percentage of increase among male workers was only 24 per cent. The figures being formerly 10,500,000, as against the 1906 total of 13,000,000.

It is shown that in 1906 the "active population" of the country, that is to say, excluding children, women having no occupation save that of housewife, and all persons living solely on unearned incomes, pensions, etc., numbered 20,750,000 souls, of whom less than two-thirds were men and more than one-third were women. Agricultural pursuit accounted for 5,500,000 men and nearly 3,500,000 women. Nearly 4,750,000 men and nearly 3,000,000 women were engaged in the liberal professions and public services. In the domestic services the women outnumbered the men in a proportion of 170,000 to 170,000.

The totals show the working population is made up of 39 per cent. women to 61 per cent. men. The total number of workers has risen from 15,000,000 to 20,750,000 in forty years, the proportion of workers to the total population having risen from 40 per cent. to 53 per cent.

The figures which prove most conclusively, however, that people work more and are waited on in idleness less, are these: Forty years ago 1,200,000 persons were employed as domestic waiters, cooks, etc., in private houses. In 1906 less than 1,000,000 were so engaged.

Trade employment has nearly tripled and in the manufacturing and liberal professions there has been an increase of 75 per cent. in the total employees.

GIVE UP FIGHT.

Chicago Garment Workers Return to Work on Employers' Terms

Chicago, Feb. 6.—The striking garment workers, weakened by desertion, have given up the fight after struggling since September 22 and have asked for terms. Supplies have been nearly exhausted for some time and for the last two weeks the relief committee has kept the commissary stores open only by cutting down the supplies furnished the strikers.

The executive committee of the strikers met Saturday and after a long discussion sent for Thomas A. Rickett, president of the United Garment Workers, and told him they could hold out no longer. Rickett urged the men to return to work at the employers' terms. He then sent a committee to the employers and several firms agreed to take back their former employees without discrimination.

ENGLISH SOCCER GAMES.

London, Feb. 6.—Results of the second round of the English football cup are as follows:

Westham United, 3; Preston North End, 0.

Swindon Town, 1; Woolwich Arsenal, 0.

Crews, 1; Grimsby Town, 5.

Burnley, 2; Barnsley, 0.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1; Manchester City, 0.

Darlington, 2; Bradford, 1.

Chesterfield, 1; Chelsea, 4.

Bradford City, 2; Norwich City, 1.

Everton, 2; Liverpool, 1.

Newcastle United, 1; Northampton, 1.

Manchester United, 2; Aston Villa, 1.

Derby County, 2; West Bromwich Albion, 0.

Hull City, 1; Oldham Athletic, 0.

Blackburn Rovers, 0; Tottenham Hotspur, 0.

Brighton and Hove Albion, 0; Coventry City, 0.

Middlesbrough, 0; Leicester Fosse, 0.

LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION.

Notts Forest, 1; Sheffield, 2.

Bristol City, 1; Notts County, 0.

Sunderland, 4; W. J. 1.

League Second Division.

Birmingham, 2; Leeds City, 1.

Huddersfield, 2; Blackpool, 2.

Gainsborough, 2; Trinty, 0.

Stockport County, 0.

Southern League.

New Brompton, 3; Millwall Athletic, 1.

Luton, 3; Southampton, 1.

Exeter City, 3; Watford, 0.

Bristol Rovers, 0; Lewton, 1.

WANTS REPORTS ON MAINE.

Madrid, Feb. 4.—That the Spanish government insist that official copies of all reports of investigation being made upon the blowing up of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor, is the demand of the government's official newspaper.

"This," the paper adds, "would be a slight reparation for the injury suffered by Spain in her war with the United States."

OPTION ON ORE DEPOSITS.

Prince Rupert, Feb. 4.—Prince Rupert will before long have a steel industry to rank with the most thriving on the American continent. It is announced by James D. Sword that with H. K. Owens, C. E., and other associates, he has just taken over a tract of iron ore deposits on Louise Island, Queen Charlotte group. The sum of \$250,000 is represented by the transaction, and the property is being turned over to one of the largest steel corporations on the American continent.

Development work is to commence this spring. Many millions of tons of the ore are on the ground.

With the coking coals and necessary limestone for blast available on the islands and in the interior, there can be no doubt that the iron and steel industry to be established will flourish in Prince Rupert.

THOUSANDS PERISHING FROM STARVATION

Supplies for Famine Sufferers in China Will Be Sent From Seattle

London, Feb. 6.—Shanghai dispatches to a news agency here set forth the situation due to famine in the provinces of Nian, Iwei and Kiang Si, as most serious. Information received at Shanghai indicates that thousands are perishing from starvation, the dead remaining unburied.

It is said that nearly two million people are in danger of death unless prompt relief is forthcoming.

Aid for Sufferers.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—For the purpose of sending an expedition from Seattle, Wash., to China, with relief supplies for the famine sufferers in that country, the Commercial Club of Seattle has asked the war department for the use of army transports. They were informed that the war department was without authority to place a transport at their disposal, and that it could be done only by an act of congress.

The American National Red-Cross Society has received a request for assistance in connection with the expedition. The society telegraphed to Seattle asking for specific information as to what co-operation was desired from the Red Cross, and in awaiting a reply before taking action.

Supplies for China.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 6.—The first shipment of food supplies to the famine sufferers in China will leave Seattle on Tuesday. One thousand barrels of flour have already been received by the Commercial Club, and other supplies are being collected. The Commercial Club asked the government for the use of a transport to carry supplies in the belief that if free transportation is provided enough provisions could be assembled here from various parts of the country to fill the steamer. Upon receiving word from the war department that a transport could be assigned to this work only upon authorization of congress, steps were taken to have a bill introduced by Representative Humphrey.

ON THE VERGE OF A BREAKDOWN

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the Only Hope for Weakened Nervous People.

This warning will be read by thousands of people who only just succeed in getting through the day's work without a breakdown. If you feel always tired out, if you have little appetite, and a poor digestion, and if you suffer from headaches, backaches and nervousness, it may mean that you are on the verge of a serious breakdown.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure weak nervous, troubled men and women because of their direct action on the blood. Every dose of these pills helps to make new, rich blood, which tones the vital organs, strengthens the nerves and brings renewed health and strength. Mr. Geo. Johnson, of Lequille, N. S., suffered for some years as a result of overwork and strain, but found no help for his condition until he began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Johnson says: "While working on a railway handling heavy ties I hurt my back and had to give up work. Later I was able to do light work, but for about six years I suffered from dreadful pains in the back and down my legs. This condition became aggravated by indigestion and chronic constipation, and my life was one of constant misery. During those years I was treated by different doctors, but did not get any help. One day a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and proved his faith in them by presenting me with a box. It was more to please him than from any belief that they would be of service to me, that I began taking the pills. Before the box was finished, however, the pains in my back and legs grew less intense, and the bloating in my stomach, caused by the indigestion, disappeared. I continued taking the pills until I have used over a dozen boxes, when I found myself fully restored to my former health. I am now able to do heavy farm work, and for the past year have not lost a day, or had the least return of my former troubles, and I attribute it entirely to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all medicine dealers or may be had by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

SEEKS RELIEF.

New York, Feb. 6.—Charles A. Henderson, former husband of Bernice Golden, the actress bride of F. Augustus Heinze, hates to pay alimony, especially when the money is to go to the wife of a millionaire, and Supreme Court Justice Gerard took under advisement his application to be relieved of paying Mrs. Heinze \$100 a week.

SINGULAR ACTION.

Farmer Seeks to Prevent Aviator Flying Through "His Private Air."

Paris, Feb. 5.—Decision in a suit brought by M. Valet, the first of his kind, to restrain Henri Farman and his pupils from flying through "his private air" and over his farm which adjoins the Rue Aerodrome, is being awaited with great interest in France because of the precedent it will establish.

Valet alleges that, as he has been frightened, his farm hands lose interest in their work and the lives of his family are endangered. Aeronauts hold that if Valet wins, aviation will become impossible.

PLAGUE SPREADS IN MANCHURIA

OUTBREAKS REPORTED NEAR THE BORDER

More Than Six Thousand Deaths Have Been Reported at Harbin

(Times Lasec Wire.)
Harbin, Feb. 6.—More than 5,000 victims of the plague have been buried or burned here within the last few days. Of these, nearly 5,000 came from the Chinese town and 1,000 from the Russian quarter. Stacks of coffins and pits full of bodies blazes every day in the outskirts of the city.

Deaths among the physicians, nurses and hospital orderlies who are fighting the plague are growing more numerous daily.

The plague to-day is reported to have reached trans-Baikalia, a trans-Siberian railway station at the Manchurian border, and suspension of all traffic on the railroad, it was explained, would be ordered to prevent the spread of the dread disease.

ANTI-TIPPING BILL.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 6.—Dissatisfied with the present anti-tipping bill, Assemblyman J. N. Johnson is framing a new bill which he will introduce in the Wisconsin legislature, assessing a heavy penalty upon any corporation whose employees accept tips. Johnson's bill is aimed directly at the railroads and the Pullman company, all that is coming to them when the tickets are purchased without a porter holding out a black palm with the idea of getting a tip.

Johnson believes that the railroads and the Pullman company get all that is coming to them when the tickets are purchased without a porter holding out a black palm with the idea of getting a tip.

TRIAL OF FORMER NEW YORK BANKER

Judge Orders Plea of Not Guilty Entered in Case of J. Robin

New York, Feb. 6.—Sticking fast to his contention that his client, Joseph Robin, wrecker of the Northern Bank of New York is insane, former District Attorney Jerome yesterday, in Judge Swan's court refused to enter a plea. The court ordered that a plea of not guilty be entered.

When Robin was indicted on eight counts which charged larceny of more than \$100,000, Jerome interposed a demurrer to the presentments, claiming that they did not conform to the law, having been improperly signed by the district attorney.

In the arguments which followed, District Attorney Whitman opposed Jerome, and Judge Swan overruled the demurrer. Jerome then refused to plead. His belligerent attitude was rebuked by Judge Swan, and all his attempts to evade trial were frowned down.

INFORMATION ASKED.

H. C. Brewster (Albany) has two questions to ask the Minister of Public Works to-day. The first question is as follows: "Did the government erect a wharf at Mary Island in 1910? If so, what was the cost of erection?"

The second question is: "1. How many tenders were submitted for the construction of the government ferro-concrete pile wharf at Prince Rupert in 1909?"

"2. By whom were tenders submitted, and at what figures?"

"3. To whom was the contract awarded, and at what figure?"

"4. When was the contract signed?"

"5. Has the work tendered for in 1909, or any part of it, been commenced or completed?"

"6. What style of ferro-concrete pile is being used, and by whom designed?"

"7. Has this particular design of ferro-concrete pile ever been used in the construction of concrete wharves, and, if so, where?"

"8. Has the government any report on the success of this particular design of pile, or has it been passed upon and approved by a competent ferro-concrete engineer, and, if so, who is the authority?"

"9. Has the contractor deposited security for the completion of contract? If so, how much?"

"10. Is this work, or any part of it, being done, or to be done, on a percentage basis of cost?"

"11. When will the wharf be completed, and what is the estimated cost when finished?"

SEEKS DIVORCE FROM AVIATOR.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 6.—Walter A. Brookings, the Wright aviator, is made defendant in a suit for divorce filed here in the common pleas court by his wife, Mrs. Miriam Brookings of this city.

Mrs. Brookings charges desertion after only one year of married life, and seeks to enjoin the Wright brothers from paying any money or cash prizes to her husband for his work as an aviator. There are no children.

Brookings has been in Cincinnati for several days forming a class for the study of aviation.

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WILL NOT AS DELAY IN

Hon. W. S. F. Erroneous regarding

London, Feb. 6.—Special secretary commons yesterday Canada to postpone reciprocity agreement States until after once should be held.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt's reciprocity "internal matter, on concurrent with the United States affecting Great her colonies.

Premier Asquith to a question in House said the agreement was not submitted to the cabinet, whose changes in the that Mr. Bryce, the United States, notice of its signature and the United States on the subject as the correspondence.

Ansten Chamberlain agreement, and himself as a dis-administer, to who perial preference now committed. He declared that the agreement was a conclusive of a tariff in commerce.

Finance Minister Ottawa, Feb. 9, took steps to what is regarded as a compromise between the Canadian Government. Hon. taken up the matter, Canada in London and the agreement, has a telegram.

"Canada is seen where for her siding almost out of commercial the ridiculous in the policy to refuse to markets of the worldside."

On the expressed wish affect minor is groundless. The agreements deal which Great Britain.

"The range of is comparatively narrow. There is no case the reduction."

"It appears to quarters that the upon discrimination United States and the agreement."

"In every case Canada have the same preference as she touched by the action of the agreement lead to further tariff in which it ment will be entirely British preferential it may be deemed.

LLOYD GEORGE

Reports That Chan- suffering from

Naples, Feb. 6.—British chancellor his friends raising of his health, making a needed rest. The reports, however, suffering from no that his condition may eventually be ported.

David Lloyd George 24 for a fortnight, according to dispatches emanate from through.

FOOD RICE

Premier High Pri- With Troops in

Rome, Feb. 6.—half a dozen cities day as the result of lost against the tax and high rents."

That wide outbreak government is to be of living, partly the levied on all food products, raising the progressive taxes. As a result of all of the poor classes starvation.

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