

SKILLFUL STRATEGY

Shown by the Matabeles Working Against Bulawayo—Acting Like Old Soldiers.

Every Day Adds to the Danger of the People of the Besieged City.

A Small Band of Hostile Natives Has Grown into a Great Besieging Army.

Cape Town, April 28.—The news of Saturday's events in Bulawayo show that the Matabeles are displaying great boldness and energy in the pursuit of their purpose to surround the town completely and cut off all communication with the outside world.

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were killed—H. G. Whitehouse, O. Gordon, R. Parsons. The exact number of wounded is not stated.

The rapid firing gun is thought to have saved the day for the whites beyond question. The loss sustained in view of the forces of the attacking party and the fact that they were actually outnumbered is considerably small, and the whites are considered lucky to have come off so well.

Although the attacking party came off without very heavy losses, they did not drive the Matabeles, but simply repulsed their attacks. The hostile lines are practically as near to Bulawayo as ever, and it is certain that only a part of the Matabeles who are besieging Bulawayo were engaged in yesterday's fight.

The uneasiness here regarding the situation in the hard pressed settlement is unabated, and about the only agreeable factor is that telegraphic communication with Bulawayo is still open. The administrator thus announces that the town still has provisions for twenty days. The supplies on their way from Mafeking are expected to arrive before that period expires.

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The president begins by stating that his visit to England always depended upon the settlement of the basis of discussion. He regrets that that basis has not been reached.

Continuing, he says: "In a friendly spirit but from the very first the government saw clearly, and recorded its opinion, that no foreign interference in the international affairs of the republic could be allowed."

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The tactics of the Matabeles are really admirable. When the uprising commenced, only a few hundred hos-

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WILL YOU WALK IN?

Says Sir Charles to Chapleau and Meredith, Who Politely Answer "No, Sir."

Hugh John Macdonald the Only New Man Who Walked into the Web, So far.

Several Millions of Sockeye Fry for the Skeena River This Coming Season

Ottawa, April 28.—Sir Charles Tupper commenced this morning to form a new government. He has so far succeeded in getting only one new man, Hugh John Macdonald, to join the administration.

Steps have already been taken in connection with the operations on Skeena river. Inspector McNabb has received his instructions, and the prospects are that several millions of sockeye fry will be planted in the Skeena river this year.

M. MELINE'S NEW MINISTRY Will Have Some Trouble With the Radicals and Socialists.

Paris, April 28.—It is stated that the new cabinet will be announced in the chamber of deputies at the close of to-day's session. The general expectation is that the cabinet will meet with vigorous opposition on the part of the Radicals and Socialists.

THE DISTINGUISHED CRIMINAL Trial of Dr. Jameson and Associates Still Attracts Attention.

London, April 28.—The trial of Dr. Jameson and his associates was held to-day, when the court was crowded, among those present being Ladies Foley, Mohr, Chesterfield and Sheppard, and Mrs. Bayard, wife of United States Ambassador Bayard.

A VERY HANDSOME DEFICIT. Uncle Sam's Treasury Will Lack \$25,000,000 on June 30th to Even Up.

Washington City, April 28.—The treasury deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, will be approximately \$25,000,000. This is the opinion of officials best qualified to make an intelligent estimate of the result of the fiscal operations of the year.

THEY CAN'T HAVE WHISKY. United States Behring Sea Patrol Fleet Must Drink Water.

Port Townsend, Wn., April 29.—Instructions came from the treasury department this afternoon ordering the commanders of the revenue cutters of the Behring sea patrol fleet not to take aboard any spirituous liquors.

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of long experience in the department to be extremely conservative. The receipts from both customs and internal revenue sources, however, have been surprisingly low, and there does not seem to be any immediate prospect of material improvement.

A GOOD EVENING'S WORK. Two Tennessee Murderers Lynched by a Vigilance Committee.

Nashville, Tenn., April 28.—At midnight on Sunday night a mob of armed men, about fifteen in number, entered the jail at McMinnville, dragged the jailer from his bed and forced him to give up the keys.

The prisoners murdered in 1894, in Van Buren county, Carl Martin at his home, the purpose being robbery. The trials in the lower courts and one in the supreme court have been held, and the cases were sent for trial next week again.

ACCIDENT ON THE C. P. R. A Train Runs Into a Washout and the Engineer is Killed.

Port Arthur, April 27.—The C. P. R. express going east from Port Arthur this morning ran into a washout east of Neponit. The engineer, Dan McNeill, was killed.

WILL WOOD WAS WICKED. He Wrote Bad Letters to the Murderer of Pearl Bryan.

Newport, Ky., April 28.—It has been the policy of the prosecution to bring out the bloody garments of Pearl Bryan every day since the trial began. The effect on the jury was unquestioned, and the defence will have much to combat when their side of the case is presented.

A CHINESE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. To be Built from Peking to Hankow—Railway Stocks.

Peking, April 28.—An imperial edict authorizes the building of a railroad from Peking to Hankow. This is to be a grand trunk line, and the emperor says that the distance is great and the cost immense.

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TUPPER HAS HARD LUCK

In Forming His Cabinet—He is Still Bargaining to Get Mr. Chapleau Into It.

But That Astate Politician Will Exact Perhaps Too High a Price.

Sir Mackenzie Thinks Twice—School Question Proposition from Winnipeg.

Ottawa, April 29.—Sir Charles Tupper is having no easy time in forming a government. So far he has not made any success. He is making all kinds of offers to Mr. Chapleau, but it is said that the latter will take nothing less than the premiership.

The retiring premier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, had intended issuing a valedictory in the shape of a manifesto to the Canadian people, but on further consideration he decided not to do so.

Winnipeg, April 29.—The Tribune says there is a feeling in the Brandon constituency that Attorney General Stanton ought to resign for the occasion and run against Hon. T. M. Daly, in order to bring out a full test of the feeling of the people on remedial legislation.

Cable News. Nice, April 29.—The Queen and Princess Beatrice left here for Cherbourg to-day on their way to England.

CANADIAN CREE INDIANS. Active Steps to be Taken for Their Removal from Montana.

Washington, April 29.—The senate committee on foreign relations to-day took favorable action upon Senator Carter's proposed amendment to the general deficiency bill providing appropriation for the removal of the Cree Indians from Montana.

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