

# The Chatham Daily Planet.

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## What Shall I Do With My Money?

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Great Handkerchief Sale.

## HEAVY FIGHTING AT PAARDSBERG.

Lord Roberts has Cronje Surrounded There and is Trying to Shell Him Out.

the British Losses Very Severe—Forty-nine Officers, Including Two Generals, Killed and Wounded—This Probably Represents a Loss of 800 Men—Why is Buller Allowing Joubert to Escape?

London, Feb. 22.—A special correspondent of the Cape Argus says:—Gen. Cronje is surrounded at Paardeberg Drift, but is offering a stubborn resistance. The British are shelling the Boers vigorously, and expect to capture the whole force. Another report says General Cronje has been given a time limit in which to surrender and the war office is waiting until it expires to make announcements.

London, Thursday, Feb. 22, 4 a.m.—Lord Roberts' list of 49 killed and wounded officers, including two generals, in the engagements on Sunday evening causes anxiety, especially as in the officers' list neither the losses of the Welsh and Essex Regiments nor those of the mounted infantry are included. This is about the number that fell at Colenso, where the non-commissioned officers and men brought the total loss to 800. It is considered strange that, when sending his casualties, Lord Roberts gives no information as to the result of the fighting. If he has sent such a report the war office is withholding it. Moreover, nothing is known as to what took place Monday, Tuesday and yesterday. This absence of details from Lord Roberts' despatches contrasted with his rather full narratives during the first part of his operations.

PRODUCES UNEASINESS. Among military observers. All the comment in the morning newspapers, both editorial and critical, is threaded with the disturbing suggestion that despite hard fighting, Gen. Cronje has been able to beat off his pursuers, escaped, and been reinforced by rail from Ladysmith and by force on foot and horseback from Northern Cape Colony, as well as the late beleaguers of Kimberley. As the correspondents with Lord Roberts are silent, the telegrams from Boer sources receive some countenance. The latter aver that Gen. Cronje, while the British were endeavoring to surround him between Paardeberg and Koodoosrand, received reinforcements under Dewett and that together the Boer commanders fought the British to a standstill. However this may be, public opinion here will not be reassured until the war office issues explicit statements of successes, which, of course, would clear away the gathering doubts respecting the interrupted success of Lord Roberts' forward movement. No one doubts his ultimate success, but there is a fear of temporary disappointment and a lot of hard fighting is ahead of the British.

The latest report from Gen. Buller, circulated in the house of commons last (Wednesday) night, was that an

agent of the De Beers Company had received a cablegram from Cape Town which must have passed the censor, to the effect that Gen. Barton's Fusiliers brigade had reached the hills commanding Ladysmith. Quite apart from this, however, and from every other rumor, the early relief of the beleaguered garrison is thought inevitable.

An incomplete list of the recent British casualties gives nine officers killed, 39 wounded and one missing.

FIGHTING AHEAD.

Winston Churchill, in a despatch from Chieveley, dated Feb. 20, says he still expects heavy fighting before Ladysmith is relieved, and he again urges the imperative necessity of "pouring a continual stream of men, guns and supplies into the Cape. The correspondent declares that soldiers are wanted in South Africa and not at Aldershot. Meanwhile he sees "many encouraging signs that the Boers are wearying of the struggle."

Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post, says:—"Sir Redvers Buller can hardly be expected to follow up the Boer army to or through the passes, but it is rather surprising that he should have allowed the Boers to make good their retreat from Natal with a desperate effort either to hold them fast or to convert their retreat into a rout. The net result will be the addition in a week's time of from 15,000 to 30,000 men to the Boer army confronting Lord Roberts. The latter probably has twenty thousand available at Paardeberg. A prolonged fight from Friday to Monday seems to argue something like a balance between Gen. Cronje's and Lord Roberts' forces. The question, therefore, is—Which side is able to get the largest immediate reinforcements available to Lord Roberts are the divisions now at Natal; but it will take time to move them. Would that the eighth division were held ready at Cape Town instead of Aldershot. The purpose of the British Government is to crush the Boer army, and this purpose implies possession by its commander-in-chief of an assured and growing numerical superiority."

WAR NOT YET ENDED

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says:—"It is of the very greatest importance that the British public should not be carried away by recent successes into a belief that the war is practically over. Nothing could be more fatal to a satisfactory prosecution of the war, and above all to the satisfactory settlement of the whole country after the war, than any relaxation of the military activity and stoppage of reinforcements and temporizing or bargaining with the Free State or the Transvaal through mistaken ideas of magnanimity towards an assumedly beaten foe. The highest authorities and the soundest opinion here say that the war has really only just begun in earnest. Indeed, they say that the real struggle will only begin when the present military operations end. I have the best reasons for asserting that an attempt is likely to be made by Boer supporters in the colony to force easy terms for the Free State, now or soon, by holding out a threat of a Dutch rising in the colony. Any idea of leaving the Free State its independence would be fatal to British interests. The British people must not be deceived themselves into thinking it is now only a walk-over. They have a most dangerous, subtle and powerful foe to deal with in more senses and ways than it would be politic to discuss publicly. There should be no halting in sending out troops. A quarter of a million of British troops will be none too many. The more we have and the sooner they are there, the quicker will be the end of the war, and the surer will be the settlement that is to mean justice to everyone, Dutch and British alike, and lasting peace and certain prosperity to South Africa."

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## 'T WAS A GREAT BATTLE In Which the Canadians Fell at Paardeberg—Our Casualties Number 91.

The revised list of Canadian losses in Sunday's battle on the Modder shows 25 killed, including one who died in hospital at Orange River, 57 wounded and nine missing. Of these nine, seven are known to have been captured by the Boers. These are Corbould, Wood, Warren, Padmore, Dorssoneus, Walsh and Drake. They fell out of the march through illness and were left at Waterfall drift, where they were taken by General Dewett's division. They are all easterners. The other two missing, who are also likely prisoners, are W. G. Adams, son of Sergt-Major Adams, of the London police force, and W. J. Burns, of the 26th Middlesex Battalion. Here is the revised list of killed, wounded and captured:

"A" COMPANY, WINNIPPEG. Killed. W. T. Scott (corporal), Manitoba. A. Mandeville, Manitoba. W. Jackson, Manitoba. J. H. Somers, Manitoba. J. Todd, Manitoba.

Wounded. Capt. R. M. Arnold, Winnipeg. A. C. Beach, Winnipeg. H. E. Neibergall, Winnipeg. A. O. Lohman, Winnipeg. C. W. Duncoffe, Winnipeg. H. J. D. Andrews, Winnipeg. R. Rixon, Winnipeg. — Smiles, Winnipeg. C. C. Thompson, Winnipeg. H. McKenzie, Manitoba.

"B" COMPANY, LONDON. Killed. J. A. Donegan, Chatham. J. R. Smith, London. G. White, Windsor.

Killed. J. C. Mason (Lieut.), Toronto. F. C. Beers, Windsor. Geo. B. Sippi (Sergt.), London. L. Power, Royal Canadian Artillery. — Smith, Thamesford. V. F. Marquette, Windsor. A. E. Paddon, Windsor. E. Baugh, from R. C. A. G. Greene, London. Chester D. McLaren, London. J. B. Corley, Guelph. I. Day, Thamesford. A. H. Wheeler, London. R. Kingswell, Royal Canadian Artillery.

Missing. W. G. Adams, London. W. J. Burns, Middlesex.

"C" COMPANY, TORONTO. Killed. J. H. Findlay, Simcoe. W. T. Manion, Toronto.

Wounded. W. M. Stewart, Toronto. J. E. Fisher, Toronto. James Kennedy, Toronto. J. H. Sutton, Hamilton. T. L. McGivern, Toronto. S. M. Ward, Toronto. R. H. McLaughlin, Toronto.

"D" COMPANY, OTTAWA. Killed. Z. Lewis, N.W. Mounted Police. — Jackson, Haldimand. O. T. Burns, Ottawa.

Wounded. R. R. Thomson, Ottawa. O. P. Clark, Ottawa. A. Laird, Ottawa. A. Macaulay, Ottawa. F. Bradshaw, Belleville. D. C. Coleman, Ottawa. C. A. Gibson, Belleville.

"E" COMPANY, MONTREAL. Killed. P. Goodfellow, Montreal. Lester, civilian, Montreal. G. Harris, civilian, Montreal. A. McQueen, Royal Rifles, Quebec.

Wounded. T. Moore, Montreal. J. F. Gorman, Montreal. A. P. Thomas, Montreal. W. McIver, Montreal. J. C. Shaw, Montreal. A. J. Turco, Quebec. G. E. Roberts, Montreal. D. R. McGill, R. C. R. I.

"F" COMPANY, QUEBEC. Killed. — Brunswick, Quebec. — Taylor, Quebec. — McClary, Quebec.

Wounded. W. Hunter, St. John, N. B. J. A. Scott, Cumberland, N. S. L. Larne, Quebec. J. A. Hudson, Montreal. P. McLaughlin, R. C. R. I. P. E. Waye, Charlottetown, P. E. I. B. Gifford, Aurora, Ont. J. Johnson, St. John, N. B.

"H" COMPANY, HALIFAX. Killed. D. J. Ryan, Halifax. J. F. Adams, Halifax. R. McCallum, civilian, Halifax. A. Robertson, Halifax.

Sick or Captured. G. B. Gorbould, Toronto. — Wood, Ottawa. C. Warren, Quebec. Pte. Padmore, Ottawa. G. Dorssoneus, Montreal. T. J. Walsh, Halifax. J. Drake, Halifax.

Died at Orange River.

D. S. Moore, "B" Company, London.

THE LATE JOHN A. DONEGAN. Pte. John A. Donegan was the third son of Patrick D. Donegan, of London. His father is locomotive foreman in the Canadian Pacific roundhouse. Pte. Donegan was born in the town of Perth, on Dec. 16, 1879; was educated in the schools of that district and in Smith's Falls, whither his father moved in subsequent years. Five years ago Mr. Donegan came to London, where John attended the separate school. At the examination for entrance to the Collegiate Institute he passed with the highest marks and obtained the gold medal. When 17 years of age, he left the institute and worked for one and a half years in a boot and shoe store. Afterwards he obtained a situation in the freight office of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Chatham, where he was working when the order was received for the formation of the first contingent. He immediately gave up his position and went to London, and was among the first to enlist. Besides his mother and father, there are two older brothers, Alphonso and Edward, of the C. P. R. Freight offices of London and Chatham, respectively; two younger brothers and one little sister, who survive him.

ADD ANOTHER.

A war office dispatch includes Lieut. Paet among the wounded. This brings the total casualties up to 91.

Captain Arnold is among the dangerously wounded.

It is estimated that the British losses at Paardeberg will number nearly 1,000 showing that the fight was almost as severe as that at Magersfontein.

The battle in which the Canadians were so severely cut up occurred near Paardeberg and the war office claims to have no details of it as yet.

In the Highland brigade 16 officers were wounded, including General Hector MacDonald; Major the Hon. H. E. Maidwell, of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), brother of Lord Farnham, and Lieut. Akers-Douglas, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of the Right Hon. Aretas Akers-Douglas, first commissioner of works. Besides Gen. Hector MacDonald, Major-General Knox was wounded, and Lieut. Col. Aldworth killed.

Other officers killed were Captains Wardlaw and Newbury, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; and Lieutenants McLure, of the Seaforth Highlanders; Courtenay, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Sordet and Neave, of the Yorkshire Regiment and Bright and Ball-Aston, of the Oxford Light Infantry.

Then follows a list of wounded oficers, including Col. Bowers, of the Yorkshire Regiment; Col. Cartwright-Yorston, of the Black (Royal Highlanders); Captain H. M. Arnold (dangerously); and Lieuts. Paet, J. C. Mason (slightly), both of them Canadians.

IN THE COMMONS.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—In the Commons yesterday both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper made touching reference to the Canadian losses. "I would suggest to my right honorable friend, said Sir Charles Tupper in conclusion, "that a message, reflecting the universal sympathy of this hour and of all the people of this country whom we represent, should be sent to Col. Otter as a solace to the wounded." (Cheers.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—"I shall have much pleasure in preparing a telegram, and which I shall show to my honorable friend, in the terms he has suggested." (Prolonged cheers.)

MESSAGE TO COL. OTTER.

The following is a copy of the cable message sent by the Premier, at Sir Charles Tupper's suggestion, to Col. Otter to-night:—

"Ottawa, Feb. 21.—I desire to convey to you and your men the grateful thanks of the Government and Parliament of the Dominion for the gallantry displayed on the battlefield. Canada warmly appreciates the sacrifices made by her sons for the honor of the Empire. The wounded have our sympathy and our prayers for speedy recovery. Those who have given up their lives will ever be held in remembrance by a grateful people.— (Signed) WILFRID LAURIER."

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is quite a serious matter if you haven't money to burn—it pays to be careful—to look about and find the best place—even in buying shoes. Some one shoe dealer must have better shoes than the others—must have better prices—he's the one you want—look around until you find him—it won't do any harm to start here.

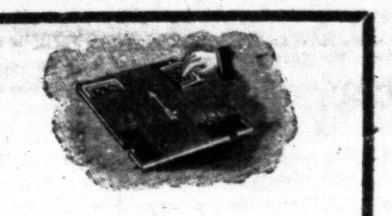
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# The Planet

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## A TAKE ON THE FACE OF IT.

No man can serve two masters, neither can the Government of Canada stand in successfully with both the binder twine combine and the farmers. The manner in which it is trying to get the good will of the one without injuring the other is thoroughly exposed by the London Free Press. The Free Press points out:

The binder twine made by Government in the Kingston Penitentiary is advertised in lots to suit purchasers who may get terms "on application." The price is kept dark. At the same time it is said that the business is to be conducted on a strictly commercial basis, so that "the interests of private manufacturers will not be interfered with."

By this the farmers are to understand that the price will not be set under the current list of the market. Then, of what advantage is it?

The plant was put in at the Central Prison plainly as a mere bid for the political support of the farming community. It must have been for that purpose, since no attempt has ever been made through it to serve the farmers by giving them cheaper twine than they could get elsewhere. The Mowat-Hardy Government of Ontario having started the manufacture of twine in the Central Prison, the Ottawa Government under Sir John Thompson followed suit in the Kingston Penitentiary, and a large quantity of twine was in stock there when the Conservatives left office. Their successors instead of selling this twine to the farmers, followed the example set at Toronto, and sold the stock to the syndicate which had control of the Central Prison industry. Thus the whole purpose of making twine by prison labor, namely, to relieve the farmers of the Combine Tyranny, was defeated. Instead of the Government breaking the shackles imposed by the Combine, the Combine controlled the Government as regarded the twine trade.

And this is the situation today. Two governments, working hand in hand, are making twine ostensibly to cheapen it to the farmers, but both are joined with the Combine to keep prices parallel. The Dominion Government will not sell twine "to interfere with the interests of private manufacturers." The Ross Government make no pretence of serving the farmers at all. No twine is offered to them from the Central Prison.

This is very different from the way the business is done in the State Prisons of the U.S. where twine is made. In Minnesota, for instance, the price is advertised in the trade journals, together with the cost of raw material and labor. The farmer knows exactly what he is doing, what advantage he gains when he buys from the State Prison. First come first served in any quantity required. No maudlin talk there about safeguarding "the interests of the private manufacturer." He has got to look out for himself. It is in deep contrast with the way such things are done at Kingston and Toronto.

## CHATHAM NOT SO BADLY OFF.

The following figures, compiled from the Government statistics, showing the rate of taxation per head of population of the different towns and cities in the Province, is full of interest as well as information:

Walkerville,	\$22.14
Aylmer,	8.14
Niagara Falls,	11.20
Welland,	8.06
Petrolia,	8.35
Kincardine,	7.54
Owen Sound,	7.04
Barrie,	7.18
Ingersoll,	7.36
Tilsonburg,	7.07
Woodstock,	6.95
Galt,	6.81
Brampton,	8.64
North Toronto,	10.81
Toronto Junction,	8.83
Whitby,	8.06
Bowmanville,	8.17
Nagawee,	8.01
Brookville,	7.19
Peterborough,	6.87
Sault Ste Marie,	11.58
Port Arthur,	13.72
Rat Portage,	8.35
Windsor,	13.74
Chatham,	9.48
St. Thomas,	9.35
London,	9.88
Brantford,	7.88
Stratford,	8.42
Georgetown,	8.96
St. Catharines,	12.00
Hamilton,	10.61
Toronto,	14.15
Kingston,	8.16
Ottawa,	9.10
Belleville,	9.21

Thus, these 36 places show an average tax per head of \$9.15; so Chatham is not so badly off after all. It is only thirty-three cents per head above the average, and besides, the assessment here is low, except on outlying property.

The killing and wounding of eighty Canadians has brought the horrors of war home to our own door.

## They died for their country.

The best came high, but the Canadians did their duty.

Poor Donegan! He nobly died in a good cause, but the pity 'tis that he should have died at all.

Sunday's losses will not shorten our memories regarding the fact that Edward Blake voted that this war was unjust and unnecessary and inspired by greed and the desire of conquest.

Now that the sorrows of war are ours in reality, we can appreciate to the full the utterances of those home rule traitors in the British parliament who boldly assert that they glory in every success of the Boer arms.

Our somewhat sleepy acquaintance, the Banner, included an announcement of the relief of Ladysmith in an "extra" it got out yesterday. Now, if it really wanted to show enterprise it could have copied that announcement from the Planet of the day before and issued its "extra" Tuesday night.

Readers of The Planet will please notice that this great family journal contained the news of the raising of the siege of Ladysmith just one day ahead of any other newspaper in Western Ontario. It appeared under a large heading in Tuesday evening's Planet.

Does the poor old Banner think it got its share of the government patronage? It came in for \$71 last year, when other Liberal dailies got their thousands (see public accounts). But perhaps the government is not aware our esteemed cotem is a daily paper, and is rating it in the same category as the Bothwell Times, which received a dollar and a half, and the Blenheim News, which came in for nothing.

Cablegrams from South Africa are rated at \$124 per word, and the Globe's special announcing the Canadian losses at the Modder must have cost somewhere about \$1500. It arrived just after the regular paper had gone to press, but the Globe showed its enterprise by immediately getting out a second edition in time to catch the morning trains, and thus the whole province got the news.

A despatch from San Francisco says that William Macdonald, a young Californian bass, who has been singing with the Bostonians for two seasons, is seriously ill, suffering from what physicians say is paralysis of the jaw. Here is an opportunity for our Liberal friends to rise and remark that Sir Charles Tupper should take warning by poor Macdonald's fate.

**THE GREAT EQUALIZER.**  
Philadelphia Press.  
Lives of great men all remind us,  
We are just as great as they.  
When we die we leave behind us  
All that we can't take away.

**WHAT ABOUT EDWARD BLAKE?**  
Hamilton Herald.  
If the electors of South Mayo elect Major John McBride, leader of the Irish Brigade in the Transvaal army, to the seat vacated by Michael Davitt, they will have as their representative a man who is no worse enemy to Britain than Davitt is.

**SMIFF THE DOUBTER.**  
Bobaygeon Independent.  
This heart failure fad is getting very silly. A man is found hanging to a beam, and it is heart failure; he steps on a glare bit of ice, and sits on it, and it is an attack of heart failure; he suffers with. Now, a man near Geulph, loaded himself with a tremendous heavy meal, dropped dead, and of course, it is heart failure. Heart fiddlesticks. It was the man's stomach that failed.

**BRITISH AND BOERS.**

It is remarkable that General Joubert could not have done greater things with his army than he has done. For four months his armies were in fighting order, fully equipped and provisioned from the start. For four months the British armies, small in numbers, fought aggressively and defensively to a stand still. They awaited the coming of men and artillery and munitions of war from a long distance across the sea. They would not give way, and they could not advance. They became contented to hold the Boers in front of them. Sometimes they battled for effect and sometimes for strategic reasons, but always with determination and the best of military spirit. On the side of the Boers, it may be said, that while they defended well, they did not seem to have the faculty of advancing. They shot well, but if we may include pluck and determination under the protection of trenches and rocks, that is all the military qualifications they have shown.

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## WAYBACK TALES.

AS TOLD BY TWO MEN FROM THE WEST.

Confession at Seward's Statue, Madison Square, New York of One Assigned to Egg Him as a Boy—President Arthur's Trip to Kentucky.

Two men, one from the West, the other from the South, were in Madison Square. They stood before the Seward statue.

"I never see that statue," said the Western man, "that I do not think of the time when, as a boy, I was selected to regale the gentleman with a stock of eggs that had been deposited in the market. It was on the occasion of Mr. Seward's first trip beyond the Mississippi, or his first campaigning trip."

"On the assurance of the Joe Wakes, that he would not be insulted, for at that time a Republican speaker in any part of Missouri was not ill-received. It was up to the time of Lincoln's Presidential nomination his adherents about my town were not aggressive. But they organized a club and finally became sufficiently bold to parade. The Seward meeting was extensively advertised by handbills. There were some old Scotch chaps living in St. Louis, and they were the same who afterward refused to go to the front and fight, who hated a Yankee, or anybody who came from the North, and whenever there was any devilment to be done they fell back on the boys of the town who had peculiar talent for anything that came under the head of sassiness."

"The balcony from which Mr. Seward was to speak was that of the Patee House, a building some distance from the business centre. It was built by a very rich old man who owned all the land thereabouts, and he thought a hotel would draw business. A road divided the hotel from the hill. The place was a bully one from which to make an attack. I was selected to go there with my basket and do the hurling act about the time Mr. Seward got under headway."

"Mr. Seward and his party arrived by the Hannibal and St. Joseph train in the evening. The Wide Awakes met the party at the old station on the plateau. The club had their torches burning; a brass band had been hired, probably under protest. No Union music had penetrated into northwest Missouri at that time, and I remember that Mr. Seward was taken to his hotel behind 'Wearing of the Green,' 'Wait for the Wagon,' and 'Pop Goes the Weasel.' The Wide Awakes formed company front before the hotel. I remember that nervous fathers and mothers of the town called in their broods early that evening, and there was a general commotion, emphasized by the Gazette, the Southern paper, that there would be trouble in the streets if the Wide Awakes did not behave."

"When Mr. Seward stepped out on the balcony my curiosity to see a live black Republican got the better of me. I can't explain how it was that his first words to me were, 'I never have I ever forgotten it. It was a quiet night, and his voice sounded like a trumpet around the amphitheatre of the town.'"

"Fellow citizens of St. Joseph and Buchanan county," he said, "we come to you to-night as Republicans." Then the Wide Awakes gave the hoiler. That was the time to throw eggs, but the situation was novel to me and I looked on. When the hoiler was over, Seward, evidently encouraged, followed the first words with these, 'Black Republicans, if you please.' That was said defiantly, and that on until he got talking he hammered our side until I got tired, and leaving the basket and its contents untouched, I sneaked home and went to bed."

The two men walked across the square and stopped before the Arthur statue, which reminded the man from the South of a story:

"If the Republicans had nominated Arthur in 1884, I believe he would have been elected," he said. "Do you remember Arthur's trip to Kentucky when he was President? It was to open the Cotton Exposition at Louisville. Most of the Citizens' Committee on Entertainment were ex-Confederates. The most elaborately decorated homes and business houses were those of Southern people. The people of the South were just opening their eyes to their interests. If there ever was a time when its solidity as a political section could have been broken it was in 1884."

"The women of the South were at Arthur's Louisville entertainment. Every representative citizen was present. Southern women always had a good deal to say in big politics in Dixie. There was an informal gathering of these women at a citizen's house in Louisville the day after they had met the President. Old Gov. Buckner was informed that the women had rather see Arthur continued President than any Northern Republican, and that he was less objectionable than some Northern Democrats. The incident passed as a compliment. But at the reception to the President at the Civic Club the business men of Louisville, most of them Southerners, informed Secretary Folger, who was one of the Presidential party, that if the Republicans nominated Arthur for President the South would vote for him quietly, rather than for Cleveland. You know Cleveland was unknown then, and the South was a little suspicious of Northern Democracy; besides, it didn't believe Cleveland could be elected."

## THE PLANET End - of - the - Century COMBINATION

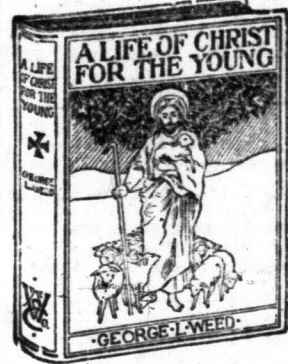
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SECONDLY, The one undivided part or share in part of Lot Eighty-five, on the Southern side of King Street, in said City of Chatham, particularly described in a certain deed dated Sixth of October, 1886, to one Charles Northwood, from the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Joseph Northwood and duly registered, save and except that part thereof heretofore conveyed by registered deed to Edwin C. Radley.

THIRDLY, Part of Lot number Fourteen, on the corner of King and William Streets, in the said City of Chatham, as describe in said deed to said Charles Northwood, fifty feet more or less on William Street by Seventy-five feet more or less on King Street.

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The budding maiden's hat, perf. smart or trim. According to "sweet sixteen's" mood or whim.

Braves of all, the bridal wreath and veil. Which marks life's great event and turns the scale.

The new-fledged matron's "dream," by Worth designed. Which bubbly pays for, sighs and looks resigned.

The well-planned bonnet of the chaperon. Which hides time's ravages from her alone.

Last scene of all, the widow's ruche and weeds. Sans feathers, flowers, ribbons, lace or beads.

—J. K. Oliver in New York Sun.

# "A KISS, A WORD."

A Story of a Woman Who Could Not Keep a Secret and How She Paid the Penalty.

By MAURUS JOKAI.

When the Princess Alexandra Serbatoff was presented at the luxurious court of Catherine II, two men found the most influence in the empire. One was Gregory Alexandrovitch Potemkin, the mighty minister, the other Prince Monomoff, the handsome favorite of the czarina.

The gossiping world said that the pretty eyes of the favorite had just as much share in governing the land of all Russians as the great brain of the famous statesman.

The quick eye of Prince Monomoff noticed at once the extraordinary beauty of the new court lady, and of course it was only natural that so wide awake a statesman as Potemkin, whose less pretty but nevertheless watchful eyes were always open, couldn't help seeing and admiring.

Both men fell in love with the young princess, and in the ensuing ardent but secret struggle for her love the czarina's favorite, Monomoff, was finally the more successful. He became the devoted admirer of the princess, and the wise Potemkin, knowing that he was "not in it" any more, withdrew, buying his malice in his diplomatic heart.

Thanks to his intrigue, the new love of Prince Monomoff now became known to the czarina, who, to avoid a scandal, ordered her favorite to marry at once the girl.

The "punishment" was taken by the prince with resignation, which was only natural, knowing that the young princess was not only bewitchingly beautiful, but also enormously rich.

The wedding took place with great pomp and ceremony. The young pair was overwhelmed with the costliest presents, among which the most valuable was that of the czarina. It was a large solitaire diamond. Its wondrous fire had a beautiful color.

Nothing marred the happiness of the young couple, and their honeymoon passed in joy and pleasure.

Once in a happy hour the young wife approached her loving husband with this inquisitive question: "What is the value of that large diamond which you have on your finger?"

Monomoff looked upon the czarina's present and did not answer for awhile. "Tell me honestly, sweetheart," continued the princess, "how much was given for that stone?"

"A kiss," thoughtlessly replied Monomoff. They both laughed at the joke.

"Won't you sell it to me? I will pay you double that much for it." And the charming young woman demonstrated right away her generosity by allowing her husband to "help himself."

And the price, two kisses, was willingly paid—in fact, overpaid—but of course that is none of our business.

"Alexandra, if you value our lives you must not tell of this bargain to any one. You know the czarina."

"I do promise to you, dear," that no soul shall learn from me the price of the diamond.

"I have also promised to Catharina and told you just the same."

"Yes, but I won't."

And she didn't until the next court reception. Of course she didn't mean to tell it to a soul, and it was only by mere chance that the secret escaped her lips. During the evening her most intimate friend, the Princess Orloff, had admired the sparkling gem and (we must remember that all this happened in Russia) inquired about its value.

Princess Monomoff smilingly whispered into her rosy ears: "It was given to my husband for a kiss. I gave him double the amount for it. But I said this only for you and to no one else. Don't let it go farther, or it may bring us into danger."

Of course Princess Orloff did not want to tell the secret to any one and, in fact, did not tell it to a soul except to the wife of General Romanoff, but she was such an intimate friend of hers that she could be trusted without fear. And she knew also perfectly how to guard an intrusted secret. No body learned it from her but her bosom friend the Princess Kerchikoff.

The Princess Kerchikoff told it to no one except to the Princess Daskoff. So the well kept secret reached Princess Potemkin shortly after midnight, whispered confidentially by an unrecorded lady's rosy lips under the promise of strict secrecy.

Princess Potemkin hated Princess Monomoff, and being the wife of a great diplomat, she was herself a great intriguer. She had maneuvered so skillfully that she approached the empress unopposed, and when the Princess Monomoff paraded by she remarked innocently:

"Oh, how beautiful that diamond

the Princess Monomoff wears! Splendid!"

The czarina recognized at once her gift to her former lover, but nevertheless nonchalantly said:

"Yes, it is a fine stone. It must be very valuable."

The princess tells everybody that it was given to her husband for a kiss, but she gave two for it.

After the court ball, in the early morning, Prince and Princess Monomoff retired, giving orders to their attendants not to disturb them until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

It happened, however, that hardly one hour after they were rudely awakened by somebody who executed a lively tattoo on their bedroom door.

"Who is that? Who dares?" called out indignantly from their bedchamber the sleepy prince.

"His excellency the chief of police wishes to pay his respects."

In Russia every door must open before this "resame," and in the next minute Prince Monomoff appeared in the half opened door.

The chief of police was polite.

"I must beg your pardon a thousand times, your excellency, but I must disturb you at this unseasonable hour. I regret it very much, but duty compels me to do it. My most gracious czarina has bid me to deliver to you this order and also to carry it out personally and without delay. Knowing good manners, I do not wish to intrude into the sleeping apartment of a lady, and have brought with me lady attendants to help me in executing it. I must beg your kind indulgence to allow these ladies to enter."

Prince Monomoff threw a troubled look in the direction of the "lady attendants," who were lined up nicely in the hall. They were all six feet high, very well built "ladies." They were all richly, although a little negligently, dressed. They wore very large French hats with large feathers, and their faces were thickly veiled. On their large hands the fine suede gloves nearly burst. But the most extraordinary thing was that instead of a fan every "lady" had a rod of birch in her hand.

The chief of police delivered his order to the prince. It was a sweet little perfumed, rose colored billet doux containing these words:

"One kiss—one word, then women—hundred rods."

Monomoff paled. The chief of police politely withdrew, and two of them advanced in orderly steps. Two of them took the arms of Monomoff, and all entered into the bedchamber and closed the door.

What kind of a ceremony they performed we don't know positively, but one thing is certain, that when they emerged again from the sanctum of the princely pair their rods were used up to a great degree.

The chief of police took polite leave of the prince, and the "ladies" arranged themselves in line again and filed away in a nice, solitary manner.

Before leaving the chief of police assured the prince that all those "ladies" were selected especially for one merit, their knowledge how to keep a secret.

But, in spite of his assurance, the story soon became known all over the world.—Narrated From the Hungarian For New York Journal.

The Star of Bethlehem.

It was a cloister fancy of the dark ages that the star of Bethlehem was some especially created starlike body, probably within our atmosphere, designed wholly for the leading of the wise men. The law of parsimony rejects such explication, and science, with silent scorn, turns its back upon the humble star, for in the glorious depths of heaven are matchless orbs which, swinging on their way into mortal ken for awhile, meet all the demands of poet and of prophet for the "Star of the King."

History affords data for determining this wondrous star.

When the marl arrived in Jerusalem, Herod was within a few weeks of his death. The massacre of the babes of Bethlehem was one of the last of his tragic deeds. Herod died in the year of Rome 750. When "Herod inquired diligently what time the star appeared," the reply was evidently such that he thought it safe to exterminate all baby sons of Bethlehem from 2 years old and under, showing that "the star" had been known to the wise men for at least two years before their arrival in Jerusalem, and whether its appearing had marked the conception or the birth of "the king" Herod could not decide.—New Lippincott's.

Flintaring.

Not long ago two commercial travelers started from Birmingham on a night train to Holyhead. Wishing to have the compartment to themselves, however, they sat thinking for a moment how they would manage it. At last one of them said that he would put it right, and, stepping out on the footboard, told his companion to sit still and stare in front of him. As the people came to the carriage door to get in the traveler on the footboard whispered something to them, and the passengers were seated, the train started, and the traveler stepped into the carriage to join his companion, saying as he did so:

"Done it, haven't I?"

His companion replied:

"Yes, I see you have, but how did you manage it?"

"Oh, I told them that you were a flintar, and I had you in charge."

A Well Meant Apt.

"How did you happen to give that footpad such an unmerciful drubbing?"

"I felt sorry for him. You know that they are talking of giving footpads public floggings, and I thought I'd save the poor fellow the open disgrace by licking the hide off of him in private."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Peculiar Characteristics of Species of the Dumb Life.

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Of the American bison there are believed to be not more than 200 in existence. "Buffalo" Jones has a few on his ranch in Kansas, there is a herd of 50 in the Yellowstone park, 30 or 40 are distributed among different parks in the larger cities and a small herd is reported to be still running at large in Canada.

THE ROYAL BOX.

Notes of the Persons and Characteristics of Blue Blood.

The Prince of Wales, it is said, tips the scales at 200 pounds.

The czar's widow was a telegrapher before her marriage.

For a private audience Queen Victoria is usually plainly attired in black silk.

Grand Duke Frederick William of Mecklenburg-Strelitz has asked the president for facilities on his eighteenth birthday and give it to the people.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

John A. Brown and family arrived from Nelson, B. C., this morning via C. P. Ry.

George Van Blaricom, of Honor, Mich., is visiting his uncle, T. B. Farley, Colborne St.

W. F. Ireland, Winnipeg, arrived in the city today and will leave for the west to-morrow.

Mrs. Alex. Besume, of Tibury, underwent an operation in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Richardson Bros., printers, of Stratford, have been awarded the Middlesex printing for 1900.

The funeral of the young daughter of Bridges Trudell, will take place to-morrow morning at nine o'clock to St. Paul's Church.

In the curling match now on between the rinks of the president and vice-president, the former's rinks are leading by a slight margin.

There was a large attendance at the Opera House last night. The performance was of the variety character and very good. It kept the audience in raptures.

The Maple Leaf Pleasure Club will give a one o'clock hop in Northwood's Hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th. Pritchard Bros. orchestra will furnish the music.

The Ladies' Aid and Sister Society of St. Joseph's church will give a tea in their rooms on the corner of Queen and Cross streets, on Tuesday evening, February 27th, from 5:30 to 8. As it will be Shrove Tuesday, hot pan-cakes with maple syrup will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to come.

### THE DEFENDANTS WON.

A case in which there has been considerable local interest was the suit of the Merchants' Bank of Canada against James Cleave on a promissory note for \$700. This note was made by James Cleave and endorsed by N. Massey. It was claimed by the defendants that value had not been received and it was upon this ground payment was resisted. The case was tried last December and a commission was appointed to take the evidence of J. E. Durand, the late manager who is residing in British Columbia, and this morning Judge Bell handed down his judgment dismissing the action with costs. Scane & Co. for Plaintiffs; Wilson & Co. for defendants.



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## A DESPERATE DEFENCE

Cronje has Been Cornered up and is Making One.

London, Feb. 22, 4:12 p. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Roberts: "The Boers have been driven off in all directions, leaving many killed and wounded."

Paardeberg, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—6:20 p. m.—A Boer kopje has been captured with 50 prisoners. Gen. Cronje's position is unchanged.

A special despatch from Paardeberg, dated Wednesday, Feb. 21, says: "Commandant Botha has been attempting to relieve Cronje. There has been severe fighting. Gen. Botha's force is scattered with heavy losses."

### WHAT IT MEANS.

The above despatches show that up to Wednesday night Cronje's force was still intact, but unable to retreat. The rest of the Boers have been scattered, including Botha's force which was attempting to relieve Cronje. It is apparently, therefore, only a question of time when the latter will be compelled to surrender.

## SUNDAY'S BIG BATTLE.

The Engagement in Which the Canadians Were Slaughtered.

Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Feb. 20 (via Modder River, Wednesday, Feb. 21).—One of the costliest actions of the war occurred at Paardeberg Drift, Sunday, Feb. 18.

Gen. Kelly-Kenny, in his pursuit of Gen. Cronje, caught his rear guard at Lip drift and followed the burghers to the Boer laager at Koodoosand.

The drift action began at daybreak, the mounted infantry driving the Boer rear guard up the river toward the main body, while another body of mounted infantry manoeuvred on the right front and flank of the Boers.

The British main body advanced to outflank the Boer laager on the north bank of the river. Gen. Kelly-Kenny having seized two drifts, found the Boers strongly entrenched and ordered an attack, with the Highland brigade on the left and Gen. Knox's brigade on the right, while Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade, comprising the Canadian contingent, crossed the river and advanced along the north bank.

On both the north and south banks the ground is level and the advance

across this was deadly and the Canadian and British losses were heavy. The battle was an exact replica of the Modder River.

The soldiers were under fire all day long, and all the fighting had no definite result, as the Boers' laager was well barricaded and they remained in it. The British guns shelled the laager vigorously and the Boers confessed to a loss of over 800 men.

The terrific shelling was resumed Monday, when Gen. Cronje asked for an armistice. The shelling was continued Tuesday, over 50 guns pouring lead into the Boer camp.

### BULLER'S CASUALTIES.

London, Feb. 22.—Gen. Buller reports that his casualties Monday, Feb. 19, were: Killed—Capt. Thornburn, of the Royal Fusiliers. Wounded—Two officers and 14 men.

### ON TO LADYSMITH.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Wednesday, February 21.—The steady progress of the relief column is uninterrupted. The Boers, Tuesday, were forced from their last position south of the Tugela, resulting in the evacuation of Colenso, which was promptly recaptured by the Dublin Fusiliers and Thorneycroft's Horse. A Transvaal flag was captured, as was a handkerchief inscribed with Gen. Botha's name. This is treasured as a great trophy.

The Boers heavily shelled Hlangwana hill and Colenso Wednesday, Feb. 21, but the British advanced infantry was subjected to a severe musketry fire, but they had excellent cover and the casualties were few. The Boers had the railroad running from Colenso to Beaufort.

The British continue to discover large quantities of ammunition. The Boers are well supplied with food, and a quantity of provisions was left behind.

It is expected that further resistance will be half-hearted and that Ladysmith will be reached in a few days.

### WAR NOTES.

Brief reports say General Joubert's nerves are unstrung and that he no longer exercises the chief command.

A despatch from Sterkspruit dated Wednesday, Feb. 21, says: The prominent rebels in this district intend to surrender and the Stormberg rebels will shortly lay down their arms.

There have been many eulogistic references to the speeches of Laurier and other Canadians on the subject of the losses of the Canadians in South Africa, concerning which curiously enough, there is not a single word, official or otherwise, known or published here, except that two officers were wounded.

The Globe says: "The spirit in which a brave, strong nation should meet trial is admirably illustrated by the tenacity displayed by Canada. The war, if it has done nothing else, has killed political bitterness and mere party strife in all the colonies. The contrast between Ottawa and Westminster is painful and humiliating."

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Franklin Fyles, writing of "The Theater and its People" in The Ladies' Home Journal, touches interestingly upon the earnings of actors and corrects the oft repeated reports of the enormous earnings of players. "Salaries vary with circumstances," he says. "The manager may find at \$25 a week a player whose moderate talent exactly fits a part of considerable importance. He may have to pay \$150 if the role is singular and fit candidates scarce. If he wants a celebrity in addition to ability, he may be willing to make the salary \$500 a week. In that case he takes into account the public value of the name and makes a feature of it in his advertisements."

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Strange Freak of Fate.  
Says the Portland Oregonian: "It is the belief of some historians that the name 'Oregon' is Aragon in disguise. It was given to this country by the early Spanish voyagers and that American explorers so interpreted the word given them by the Indians. The theory is at least plausible and indicates a strange freak of fate. The name Spain proudly brought to this distant coast returned to the West Indies 300 years later to destroy the power of Spain on the seas. Little thought De Ponce when he sighted this coast in 1532 that some day it would build a warship which, under the name of Aragon, or Oregon, would be foremost in the battle that marked the end of Spain's dominion in the new world."

Peculiarity of Snakes.  
A snake tamer who had trained a serpent to follow him around the house and even out of doors happened one day to take it with him to a strange place. The snake, unused to the locality, suddenly seemed to forget all his training and, escaping into the bushes, resisted capture with bites and every indication of wildness. When caught, it at once resumed its tame habits. This tendency to become wild immediately upon obtaining their freedom and to again become tame when caught is said to be a peculiarity of snakes. New York Tribune.

The Probable Reason.  
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Miss Chicago—Money talks, you know.  
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It was the custom of the Greeks to offer beads on a silver tray to Apollo in his temple at Delphi. Lord Bacon loved the onion so that he declared the rose would be sweeter planted in a bed of them.

The Byzantine princes played a game which differed very little from our modern polo.

## STAGGERING BLOW

That Will be the Effect of the Capture of Bloemfontein

On the Free State Troops—They will Have no Further Heart in The War.

London, Feb. 21.—The development of Lord Roberts' campaign is so important that little attention is paid to the fragmentary despatches coming from Jacobabad and Kimberley, indicating that guns as well as military stores were abandoned by the Boers in their retreat, and that Col. Kekewich's garrison had been reduced to horse meat and was under a heavy artillery fire the very day that Gen. French's cavalry brigade galloped into the town.

Military men agree that Bloemfontein is not a point of strategic importance, and that the real lines of defence are the bridges between the rivers all the way up to the Transvaal border, especially the Venterburg and Senekal line, but South Africans tell me that the occupation of the capital will have a great moral effect in the Free State. Bloemfontein is not like Pretoria, a dismal town, which even the Boers themselves avoid, but even the Boers have built town, of which the Free State are justly proud. Its occupation by a British garrison will have a disheartening effect upon the Free State troops who will lose interest in the war when they perceive themselves doomed to a long defensive campaign across the Vaal and in defense of the Transvaal capital.

South Africans contend that whatever may be the strategic points of

the campaign the capture of the Free State capital will be a staggering blow to the Boer cause. They assert that it was from anxiety to defend their own beloved capital that the Free State troops commandeered into Cape Colony to hold the Stormberg and Zuurberg ranges, and that they planned a stubborn resistance to a passage of the Orange River, and determined to stand at every boulder-strewn ford on the way to Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts' advance has been at once a turning movement for the relief of Kimberley and a flanking operation of a large scale for the avoidance of all these lines of defence. The effect of it has already been to compel the Free State authorities to recall the bulk of their forces from Cape Colony.

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## SCIENCE NOTES.

The sewers of Paris are now being searched for treasures, owing to the recent discovery by workmen of a bundle containing \$120,000 in securities.

The latest American idea for the sheathing of vessels to prevent fouling with glass plates, which is said to be entirely feasible. The above item is from The Engineer, of London. While this may be true, we have heard nothing about it, and it sounds suspiciously like paper bicycles and other things of like order, which seem to exist only in the minds of newspaper reporters.

The British Eastern Australasian and China Telegraph company filed a claim with the State Department of the United States for \$36,000 damages for cutting its cable by Admiral Dewey at Manila last May. The United States Attorney-General has now rendered a decision finding that, according to international law, there was no ground for a claim for indemnity where a military commander cuts a cable with in the territorial waters of an enemy.

Petit Bled, of Brussels, recently had a curious experience in which it was shown that no one is indispensable in this world. The compositors having struck, the text accompanying the illustrations was written out on the typewriter; then the copy for the pictures and the copy for the engraving was made from which the paper was printed.

The authorities of the Southern Metropolitan Gas company, an English corporation, have added workmen directors to the board of the company. The report stated that the profit sharing system, which was introduced in 1889, continues to justify its existence, as it induces a generally intelligent interest in the welfare of the company on the part of its officers and men. Two of the workmen were elected by the workmen shareholders to sit on the board, and the result so far has proved very satisfactory.

According to The Medical Sentinel, it has been ascertained by careful observation that certain families in a village of St. Omer, France, enjoy absolute immunity from tuberculosis. They are gardeners of excellent habits who intermarry among themselves and keep apart from the immigrant laborers. The latter suffer severely from the disease. It is considered probable that hygienic conditions are not the sole cause of the difference, but that a kind of natural selection has been developed.

Cases of disease of compressed air disease is a malady which is often contracted by those who are engaged in engineering work in positions where they are subjected to great air pressure. Dr. Thomas Oliver has observed several cases of this kind, and he has arrived at the conclusion that the symptoms are best explained by the theory that the malady is due to increased solution by the blood of the gases met with it in compressed air, and the liberation of these gases during decompression. The increased solution of the gases is due, of course, to the greater pressure upon the person of the caisson worker.

The old "Physic Garden" at Chelsea, which was leased to the "Apothecaries Company" in 1673, and presented to them by Sir Hans Sloane in 1722, is to be placed under a Committee of Societies and the garden is to be maintained for promoting the study of botany with special regard to the requirements of general education, scientific instruction, and research in systematic botany, in pharmacy, as concerns the culture of medicinal plants. New offices, lecture rooms, and laboratories are to be provided. The old "Physic Garden" was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, botanical garden in the world, and of considerable historical importance.

## NOTES OF NOTABLES.

Colonel Edmond Bainbridge, the Superintendent of the Royal Laboratory at Woolwich, who has been made of the ordnance factories, entered the Royal Artillery in 1860, and has been associated with Woolwich in various capacities for many years.

M. Ernest Lezoune has completed his ninety-second year. He is the senior member of the French Academy, both by election and by age. Crowned for the first time in 1829, he was elected in 1854, and only a few days ago received the "Prix Jean Reynaud."

The request made to Mr. Ruskin that Mr. Holman Hunt should paint his portrait has received a negative. His present state of health, says those who know him best, would not permit him to face the fatigue of sitting to a laborious and conscientious painter as Mr. Holman Hunt.

Lady Georgiana Grey, daughter of Earl Grey, the famous English statesman, has just celebrated the ninety-eighth anniversary of her birth. Lady Georgiana is the oldest resident of Hampton Court Palace, where for some years she has occupied a suite of apartments. Considering her age she enjoys remarkable health, and takes drives almost daily.

Franklin Elsa Neumann was "promoted" to her degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Berlin University the other day, the first woman to be so honored. She obtained it in the studies of chemistry and mathematics, which she had pursued at Göttingen and finished at Berlin. The hall where the ceremony took place was crowded to suffocation, and the young woman received great applause from the general public and the students present.

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