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GEN. CRONJE LOST ALL HIS BIG GUNS

The Whole Boer Army Barely Escaped Annihilation Through the British Being Delayed at a Ford.

General Kelly-Kenny Still Hotly Pursuing the Flying Enemy Toward the Free State Capital—Reported Capture of 7000 of Them—Over 100 Wagon Loads of Supplies Fall into General Roberts' Hands.

London, Monday, Feb. 19, 4:50 a.m.—It is now amply confirmed that Gen. Cronje escaped. Every detail received, however, proves how admirably Lord Roberts' plans were conceived and executed. But for the unexpected delay at Dekil's Drift, which was almost impassable for wagons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day gave them their chance for a hasty retreat. All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed exactly to time. Apparently Gen. Cronje is retreating with the main army, and even if he escapes altogether he will probably lose all his baggage. Rumors were in circulation at the clubs and elsewhere in London last (Sunday) evening that Gen. Cronje, with an army of 7,000 men, has been captured. Apparently they emanated from this continent. No confirmation of them can be obtained here.

CRONJE LOST HIS GUNS.

London, Feb. 19.—The Daily News publishes the following despatch, dated Sunday morning, Feb. 18, from Modder River: Our sudden appearance seems to have astounded the enemy and thrown them into a panic. All their positions were hurriedly evacuated and the big guns at Magersfontein and Kimberley were moved behind. Gen. Cronje moved his transport, consisting of many hundred wagons, along a bank of kopjes north of the Modder, toward Koffyfontein. It got past our mounted infantry, but owing to weariness had to stop. Thereupon our artillery opened upon it. The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight, the whole day, vainly trying to escape.

Each time their advance guard sought to move off, our mounted infantry galloped round and checked them. We never attempted to stop their main movement, contenting ourselves with trying to check them. Their position at Koffyfontein is said to be very strong. They entertain a wholesome dread of 10,000 cavalry moving more quickly than they do themselves. We hope to be in Bloemfontein shortly.

The Daily News has another dispatch from the Modder River, military camp, dated Sunday morning, which says: At dawn on Friday the Boers were observed moving wagons along the kopjes toward Koffyfontein. Our mounted infantry was sent out from Klip drift, but was driven back and the enemy's wagons passed.

Gen. Knox's twelfth brigade, however, quickly attacked the enemy's main body and severe fighting

on all day over a line which was very extended. The enemy, making a desperate attempt, finally escaped owing to the serpentine bend of the river. The mounted infantry suffered from the trying flanking movement. Our force has now been reinforced.

CAPTURED 100 WAGONS.

London, Feb. 19.—A despatch from Jacobsdal, says Gen. Kelly-Kenny is still pursuing the Boers. He has now captured more than 100 wagons. The Highland Brigade reinforced him after a forced march. Gen. French has left Kimberley to join in the pursuit of the Boer army. The Guards have occupied the Boer position at Magersfontein.

The report seems doubtful about the capture of the British convoy. According to a Daily Mail correspondent the convoy—which consisted of 200 wagons, each loaded with 6,000 pounds of rations and of forage, and each drawn by sixteen oxen—it was quite unexpectedly attacked by a commando supposed to come from Colaburg. The escort, consisting of eighty of the Gordon Highlanders, forty men of the Army Service Corps and a few of Kitchener's Horse, maintained a defence until the arrival of reinforcements, sustaining insignificant casualties.

The Standard's correspondent at Jacobsdal, telegraphing Thursday, Feb. 15, says: An attack was made yesterday upon the rear guard of our main body by a force of 1,400 Boers who were hurried up from Colaburg. They succeeded in capturing some of our wagons; but Lord Roberts did not delay his march to retake them. There were few casualties on our side. The last of our supply columns arrived from Honeynest Kloof today, having met with no opposition on the way.

METHUEN CAN NOW AID.

London, Feb. 19.—Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post today says: Lord Methuen's army can now be used to assist the operations of Lord Roberts. Probably the march from Jacobsdal to Bloemfontein will occupy six days. The British right wing is acting on the defensive in the country south of the Orange river, and is now holding its own, which is all it is required to do for the moment.

The army of Lord Roberts, in pushing through the Free State, will probably have the effect of disturbing the Boer army in Natal, because if the enemy remains there he will run the risk of being caught between the armies of Lord Roberts and Gen. Buller. While the two British armies are several days marching apart it is possible for the Boers to throw the bulk of their forces against one, while attacking the defensive with the smaller

commander-in-chief must therefore hold against the other. The Boer now desire to strengthen Gen. Cronje to the point where he might hope to check or delay Lord Roberts. How far he can do this depends largely upon Gen. Buller's action.

Despatches from Ladysmith indicate a movement among the besiegers. This may mean that they are sending reinforcements to Cronje or that they are preparing a new assault upon Ladysmith.

It is satisfactory, therefore, to hear that Gen. Buller has occupied Hussar hill.

A PROCLAMATION.
Cape Town, Feb. 19.—Lord Roberts has issued a proclamation to the burghers of the Orange Free State, saying that he feels it his duty to make known to all the burghers the cause of the coming of the British, as well as to do all his power to terminate the devastation caused by the war, and that he issues the proclamation in order that if the burghers should continue fighting they may not do so ignorantly, but with a full knowledge of their responsibility before God for the lives lost in the campaign. The proclamation goes on to say:

"The British government believes that the wanton and unjustifiable invasion of British territory was not committed with the general approval of the people of the Free State, with whom the British government has lived in complete amity for so many years. It believes the responsibility rests wholly with the government of the Free State, acting not in the interests of the country, but under mischievous influences without. 'Great Britain, therefore, wishes the people of the Free State to understand that it bears them no ill will, and that so far as it is compatible with the successful conduct of the war and the re-establishment of peace, it is anxious to preserve them from the evils brought upon them by the wrongful action of the government.'"

In conclusion, Lord Roberts warns all burghers to desist from further acts of hostility toward Her Majesty's government and troops and he gives directions regarding requisitions and complaints.

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What some minds produce does not come from their soil, but from the enriching nutriment with which it has been covered.

MISSING CANADIANS.

They were in a Heavy Engagement at Waterfall Drift Near Jacobsdal.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 15, via Modder River, Feb. 16—(Delayed in transmission)—In the operations which have resulted in the occupation of Jacobsdal by British troops, the hasty retreat of Gen. Cronje from Magersfontein and the relief of Kimberley, the Royal Canadian Regiment was given a share.

When the order to make the forward movement was given, the Canadians, who, as I before have wired, were brigaded in the Ninth Division, moved out from Wegerdraal on the right flank of the force, to attack Jacobsdal as reserves.

Preparatory to the occupation of Jacobsdal, Gen. French arrived at Wegerdraal on the 15th. The Seventh Division advanced upon Jacobsdal from the east on the afternoon of the same day. This movement was a part of a general advance ordered through the Free State for the relief of Kimberley and the discomfiture of Cronje. During his advance Gen. French captured Brown's Drift, on the Modder River.

After the junction of forces at Wegerdraal and the decision to advance upon Jacobsdal, it was seen that a sharp fight was in store. The city of London Volunteers formed the advance guard, the South Wales Borderers were placed in the centre, the North Staffords on the right flank. These latter were first in Jacobsdal. They cleared out the Boers opposing them, after a gallant charge with their bayonets.

Meanwhile the 75th Battery shelled the outskirts of the town. The enemy

retired towards Magersfontein, where Gen. Cronje's forces were entrenched. Col. Henry, and Major Hazlett were wounded and captured in action on Tuesday, and after the Boers evacuated Jacobsdal, we found these officers and ten of the British who had been wounded in previous engagements in the German Red Cross hospital.

While the Canadians, as part of the Ninth Division, were patrolling the right flank of the troops operating for the capture of Jacobsdal, a rear guard, composed of troops from the Ninth Division, attacked Waterfall Drift. They were acting as an escort to the British supply column, and quite a heavy engagement resulted. Gen. French, with his cavalry, after the capture of Jacobsdal, pushed off toward Kimberley, and the official information which reached here Thursday at midnight, stated that he had relieved that place and on Friday evening dined at the club there where the victory was celebrated.

FELL OUT OR WHERE CAPTURED

In the advance from Wegerdraal several Canadians fell out on the march and are either in the hospital or captured. Their names are:

Private James Drake, formerly of the 63rd Halifax Rifles.
Private M. Munis, formerly of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, of St. John's, N. B.
Private Bordonneaux, of "D" Company.
Private A. W. Woodward, formerly of the 26th Middlesex Light Infantry, whose home is in London, Ont.
Private G. B. Corbould, formerly of the Fifth Regiment Canadian Artillery, of "A" Company.
The name of Bordonneaux, of "D" Company, which appears in the above list, is not recorded in the official list of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

BOYS GET THERE.

Laurentian With the Batteries Reaches Cape Town.

Gunner Shore Writes An Interesting Description of His Trip From Here to the Cape Verde Islands.

Cape Town, Feb. 19.—The British steamer Laurentian (Capt. Nunn), which sailed from Halifax Jan. 21 with the first artillery section of the second Canadian contingent of troops for service against the Boers, arrived at this port on Saturday. The troops were welcomed by Maj. John Hanbury Williams, military secretary to the Governor at Cape Colony, and British High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, on behalf of his excellency.

ALL ARRIVE WELL.
Ottawa, Feb. 19.—A cable message was received by the militia authorities from Major Hanbury, announcing that from Major H. Laurentian at Cape Town last evening with "D" and "E" batteries on board. "All well."

THE BOYS HEARD FROM.
From Corp. Skirving, mid ocean, steamship Laurentian, Jan. 30, 1900.

To the boys,—Shore, Oogon and myself wish to let you know that we are all well and having a fine time at present after a week of terrible rough weather which made us all think of happy home and mother for the boat.

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Since we left Halifax we have signed only one boat and that was this morning about half past six. She was a sailing craft one hundred and forty-five days out from 'Frisco bound for Antwerp.

By the time that you receive this I think that we will be about landing in Africa, so if you will be so kind you can address me as soon as possible at the address I will give you below.

I suppose you know how well Chatham used us three fellows who went from there. I tell you, Ed., she did very well by us, myself especially, considering that I had resided there only a short time. In fact I was very much surprised when I received my check.

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"Difficulties give way to blood-gence," and disease germs and blood-brood's disappear when Hood's Sarsaparilla is faithfully taken.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

Thames Lodge, No. 101, S. O. E., held their usual weekly meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall, Friday night, Bro. T. J. Walters, vice-president, in the chair. One candidate was initiated. The A. M. B. fund will close the end of this month, so kindly hand your subscriptions to Bro. J. Westmore. The lodge will not meet again till March 2nd, on account of the Patriotic Concert at the Opera House.

February 16th, 1900.

buying shoes



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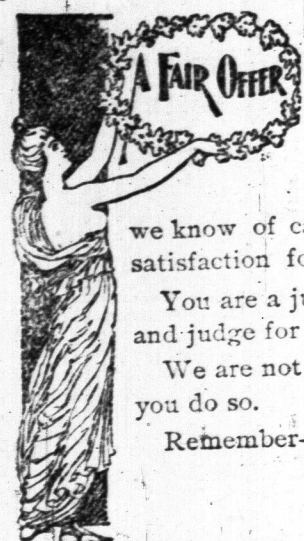
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Ten minutes pass;
She says, "Alas,
Time flies!" and off she dances.

No real word said
From heart or head,
No thought to live in beauty;
Her list she checks;
What name's the next?
She's doing social duty.

—Lydia A. Conolly-Ward in Woman's Home Companion.

A DIPLOMATIC ADVENTURE.

How an Effort Was Made to Obtain Possession of an Important Letter and the Result Thereof.

I was wandering through the grounds of a London exhibition one evening when a short, foreign looking man, clothed in evening dress, approached me and said in a low tone:

"Have I the honor of addressing Mr. Godfrey Vance?"

He handed me a letter, saying abruptly: "Be good enough to read this letter. It will serve to introduce me."

The communication was from Count Antonio Delarocca of Milan, whom I had aided some months before by carrying off for him a famous Greek statue from an English country house. It was very brief and merely said:

"Sir—This letter will introduce to you my good friend, Herr Fritz Moskovitz, who is anxious for you to undertake for him a difficult mission. I have told him that you are the one man in England who can hope to carry out such a work with success, and, wishing you all good fortune, believe me, yours, DELAROCCHA."

We left the exhibition grounds at once, going to my abode.

"In the first place, my good sir," he exclaimed, talking in an excited undertone—"in the first place I must tell you that this business is difficult almost to the point of impossibility. Friday morning next about 3 o'clock Count Rodolphe will cause to be posted or post with his own hand at the pillar street, Berlin, a certain letter addressed to the Berlin foreign office. It is absolutely vital to me and to the cause I represent that that letter should never reach its destination, and I am commissioned to pay \$10,000 to the man who will hand that letter to me intact—exactly as he finds it."

"Is not 3 a. m. rather an unusual hour for the dispatch of diplomatic communications?"

"Most certainly it is, but the count is not like other men. For the past four years—in fact, since he first came to the embassy—he has been in the habit of posting this document between 3 and 4 o'clock Friday mornings."

"I presume that the obvious and old-fashioned method of obtaining the letter by force is out of the question. Otherwise we might waylay the person posting the letter, overpower him and depart with the document."

"Useless, quite useless, for it would simply mean that the entrance would be discovered almost immediately, and the contents of the letter would be telegraphed to Berlin, defeating our plans most entirely. No; the essence of the whole affair, my good sir, is that the letter should be removed and handed to me without the embassy people having the slightest knowledge of the fact."

Next morning I went to Percy street, Mayfair, to survey the ambassador's house. Thirty-one Percy street, the mansion in question, was a dull looking, grey abode exactly similar to the other houses in the street. Facing the house on the other side of the street was a pillar box—the receptacle, it seemed, where the count was in the habit of posting his communications to Berlin.

Had the pillar box been a receptacle easily shifted the matter would have been as easy as smoking a cigarette, for we should simply have had to divert the policeman who had to deliver the letter by means of a detestable drunken disturbance, and then we could have driven up in a van and carried the box away. But I must think of something else.

And then of a sudden there flashed upon me an idea, coming whence I knew not, but it seemed to me that a voice spoke in my ear, and this is what it said:

"Substitute another pillar box on the opposite side of the street. Place the genuine box with a notice saying that it is temporarily disused and that letters are to be posted opposite. Clear the streets of the police by means of a row and wait with a van at the corner of the street till the document is posted. Swoop down, collar the box and drive off."

I jumped into a cab and drove to a certain hostelry in the East End where I knew I should find plenty of my pals, who for a few dollars would throw themselves into any adventure of the kind.

In a few words I conveyed to them what I wanted done. Two of the men, burly fellows, known as Jim Thursday and Bill East, were to devote their powers to quarrelling and getting "run in" at the corner of Percy street, while another two were to keep watch at the corners of the street. The remaining man, Tom Rogers, was to assist me in depositing the pillar box and removing it when the time came.

Then a more difficult arose. How were the pillar boxes to be obtained? What was to be done about getting a

box? I asked the men. There was silence for a moment, and then East, scratching his head, said gruffly:

"Try old Bennett, the iron founder in Goodge street, who got five years' stretch for passing flash coin. E's out on ticket now and is up to making a fancy pillar box as soon as wink at yer."

Having hidden them hold themselves at my disposal for final instructions, I went straight to Goodge street, where I found the worthy Bennett in a surly mood owing to sickness of trade. He smiled when I asked him if he could build for me a pillar box to the government pattern in the time at our disposal.

On reaching home I wrote briefly to Herr Moskovitz, informing him of my scheme and adding that I hoped to have the pillar box and letter safely at my house between 4 and 5 on the following Friday morning. I asked him to be waiting at my residence to receive the document and to bring the promised reward with him, as I would only part with the letter in exchange for the same.

All went well, and on the following Friday morning the van with the pillar box, my assistants and myself set out for Percy street, where we arrived at 3.10. I noticed with satisfaction that the night was very dark, which fact was of course advantageous. I at once dispatched Thursday and East to two men taking up their places at the corners of the street.

At 3 o'clock I heard loud shouts and curses proceeding from our two friends, and a moment later two policemen were hastening in the direction of the noise. The coast thus clear, we drove up to the ambassador's house and in a twinkling deposited the dummy box, which was an exact duplicate of the genuine article on the opposite side of the street.

"Now for the notice of temporary disuse," I said with a laugh, and in an instant afterward the mouth of the genuine pillar box was closed with gummed paper and the following notice posted in front of the time table of postal deliveries:

Notice.—This pillar box being in temporary disuse, the public will direct by posting communications at the temporary box across the road. By order.

This work completed to our satisfaction, my pal and I climbed back into our van and drove noiselessly down a side street, from which we could watch all that happened outside of Count Rodolphe's mansion.

I confess that, hardened and experienced as I was, a terrible thrill of nervousness went through me as I stood in that van with my companion waiting. The return of the policemen from the station before the conclusion of the business would ruin all; nay, if a chance youth on the way home from a dance were attracted by the notice on the box and lingered to look at it, we might be equally overthrown.

It was therefore with a feeling of relief that amounted to positive joy that I beheld at about 3.15 the door of the house open and a young man, evidently the ambassador's secretary, glide into the street. He held in his hand the letter, and I saw him run up to the genuine box and peer at it for a moment in surprise.

Then, with some expression which of course we could not catch at that distance, he crossed the road and, having deposited the letter in our box, returned with all speed to the house.

Not a soul was in sight—the street was silent as the grave. We quickly tore down the notice which had done us such good service and removed the paper from the mouth of the box. Three minutes later we were driving away quickly in the direction of my house. We arrived at 4 a. m. and found Herr Moskovitz awaiting us in intense excitement.

"Well," he cried, gesticulating with both hands, "well, have you succeeded?"

"Perfectly," I replied. "Here is the box and here is the key. We have not touched or looked at the letter, believing it to be private."

"You have acted well," he returned quickly. "And now to obtain the letter."

With hands that trembled so violently that he could scarce insert and turn the key the excited man knelt down and drew forth the envelope. As he looked at the superscription a cry of disgust escaped his lips, and he tore it open. On glance at the letter seemed to suffice, and it transformed him utterly. He strode across the room and shook his great fist in my face.

"Fool! Simpleton! Imbecile!" he yelled, each word having the malignity of a blow. "You have failed after all and made a fool of yourself and me."

He flung the letter at me and darted from the house, uttering curses as he rolled down the stairs.

I took up the letter and read these words:

Dear Mary Anne—Marcel still up late tonight, as per usual, with his blessed little red and sick like. I have a few minutes to write to say as 'ow I loves this little you as it leaves me, in 'with an spirit, tho' dog tired, and please to meet me at the Marble arch at 3 sharp next Sunday, from your loving

George.

I saw through the whole business at once. The man was merely a valet or butler, and the letter was a servant's communication to his sweetheart in a word of an ambassador's letter to his government. We had come away too soon.—Pittsburg Press.

A Social Formality.

"What do you propose to do with this man?" said the stranger in Crimson Gulch.

"We ain't goin to do nothin to him," said Rattlesnake Pete, "only jes' show him that we don't feel under no obligations whatsoever. We're goin to take him out 'an' stan him up in a wagon under a tree with a rope around his neck, an' then we're goin to drive off an' not have any more sociability with him."—Washington Star.

WORKING WOMEN.

Women are women after all. Mistress and maid are alike in physical make-up. Both are women. Both are subject to the ills and ailments peculiar to their sex. But the servant seldom gets any consideration. She is expected to do her work even if her head does throb and a dreary, dragging, bearing-down feeling makes her wish that each step might be her last.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is made for maid as well as mistress. It makes weak women strong and sick women well, no matter what their station in life. It gives the poor working woman an equal chance with her richer sister and at exactly the same price.

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Many a Day has Gone by Since we saw any Report of a new Bicycle Complaint

Many a day has gone by since we saw any report of a new bicycle complaint, or, indeed, since we saw any noteworthy reference to any of the old complaints. Once upon a time, you remember, the papers bulged out with wise dissertations on the bicycle nose, the bicycle throat, the bicycle hump in the back, and still other forms of what might generally have been classed as cycling. Ah, and what sport it all was for the poor, hard-digging paragrapher and the lazy, conventional cartoonist, with his feet on the editor's table! But days and months have passed without either a new discovery or an old recurrence. In fact, about the only thing worth noticing recently was the sensational attempt of two New York women to ride to death. One of them came very near doing it, the other succeeded in getting her pictures into all the yellowish papers.

However, an odd item came flying up from the south the other day. A friend of ours down where the cotton and the sweet potatoes grow believes that the cycle, like the famous horse that the Manchurian warrior mounted, is going backward, scared out of its wits by the complaints to which we have referred, and the rise of the automobile. A year or two ago the country was fairly bicyclic mad. Now the people are beginning to appreciate the real worth of the wheel. The wheel used to be a fashion. Nowadays it takes its place as a pleasant recreation and a sterling medicine for those afflicted with dyspepsia or the milligrubs. As for the old complaints, well let us say hush! Some ignorant and too enthusiastic riders may have loosened a screw somewhere in their anatomy, but we do not remember that a specific case of one of the forms of the fanciful cyclingitis has ever been demonstrated. The bicycle is down for a long visit. Not even the clanging and rattling automobile can drive it out.—Boston Journal

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LOCAL BRIEFS

James N. Halliday, of Merlin, is in the city today.
Claude Wamp, of Toledo, spent Sunday with his mother in this city.

THE MACAULAY CLUB

The debate at the Macaulay Club on Saturday evening was "Resolved that Canada should have representation in the British House of Commons." A. E. Jewett, Edwin Bell, C. E. Beeson and W. Mowbray spoke for the affirmative, while J. S. Lane, J. G. Kerr, Wilson Taylor and S. B. Arnold defended the negative. C. J. O'Neill, who occupied the chair, gave his decision for the negative. Thos. Scullard criticized.

RUTLEY-SMITH.

On the evening of Feb. 18th, Miss Lottie Smith, daughter of the late James Smith, and W. J. Rutley, son of T. G. Rutley, architect, were united in marriage by the Rev. W. H. Locke. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only a few intimate friends and relatives. The young couple will take up their residence on Head St. at an early date. Both young people are well known in this city and have a large number of warm friends. Mr. Rutley has been in the employ of Blende Bros. for several years and his fellow employees all unite in wishing him prosperity in his new life.

ANOTHER FIRE.

An alarm of fire, was sent in from box 26 this morning about 2:30 o'clock. The department turned out in good time, and had left the hall within 30 seconds of the alarm. The fire proved to be in a vacant frame house on the north side of King street, opposite the property of Mrs. Hawkins, and known as the Hunton property. The fire was got under control soon after the department arrived, but not before the whole rear of the place was burned. This makes the sixth incendiary fire in the east end within the past month. John Hood, who lives next door, was awakened by the flames and turned in the alarm. The loss will be several hundred dollars.



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Buller Drives the Boers Across the Tugela--Gen. Brabant Captures Dordrecht.

London, Feb. 19.—It is officially announced that Gen. Buller reports that he has captured several camps, a quantity of ammunition and a number of prisoners. The following is Gen. Buller's dispatch:
Chieveley Camp, Feb. 19.—I yesterday moved around the enemy's flank. The Queens, who had bivouacked on the northern slope of Tugela, crossed the neck, and supported by the rest of the Second Brigade, under Hildyard, assaulted and took the southern end of Monte Cristo.

The Fourth brigade on the left or Western side, and the Welsh Fusiliers, supported by the rest of the Sixth Brigade cavalry, on the extreme right, watched the eastern slopes of Monte Cristo and drove back those of the enemy attempting to escape from our artillery fire. Assaulted by heavy artillery fire on their front and flank and attacked on their rear, the enemy made last slight resistance, and, abandoning their strong position, were driven across the Tugela. I have taken several camps, a wagon load of ammunition, and several wagons of stores and supplies. The work of the day was very hard, and the ground traversed was exceedingly difficult. But the energy and dash of the troops have been very pleasant to see. They have all done splendidly. The work of the irregulars, the Queens, the Scots Fusiliers, and the rifle brigade was, perhaps, most noticeable, while the excellent practice of the artillery and naval guns, and the accuracy of the gunners, under, at times, very accurate fire, was remarkable. The accurate fire of the naval guns from Chieveley was of great assistance. Our casualties are not. I think, many.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A cable has been received by the military department from Cape Town stating that Private Moore of 4 company, London, Ont., of the Canadian contingent, had died of enteric fever.

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It is said Dr. Leyds attempted to get Germany to assume the protectorate over the two Boer republics.

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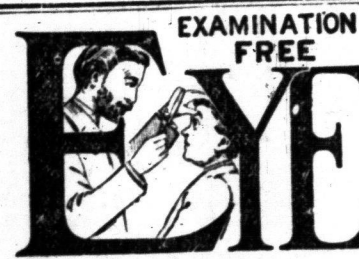
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DORDRECHT TAKEN.
Sternkroon Camp, Sunday, Feb. 18.—The Boers are retiring and Gen. Brabant's forces are now entering Dordrecht.

BOERS ON THE MOVE.
Ladysmith, Saturday, Feb. 17, by helicopter via Weenen.—The Boers have been very active here during the last few days and are evidently making a move somewhere. The garrison is greatly delighted to learn of the escape of Kimberley, in excellent spirits and fit for anything.

GALLANT COLONIALS.
There are signs of activity all along the British lines. Gen. Clement's dragoon work for at least finished their reconnoitering the Boer position west of Heunburg and drawing the fire from two Vickers-Maxims at Vaal kop. Col. Brabant, the popular Cape Town leader, has been showing his mettle by attacking the Dutch outposts of Dordrecht, which they had entrenched. The colonial forces were under fire throughout Friday, and bivouacked in front of the entrenchments. They had not finished their work for at midnight, they carried the trenches at the point of the bayonet. Dordrecht has again been occupied.

This brilliant feat shows how well the colonial soldiers can fight, if any proof were needed. Their casualties are reported as 16 killed and wounded. It is probable that the Free State forces have been recalled to Harpersburg and Heidelberg, but it is not likely that the siege of Ladysmith will be abandoned by the Boers until the Transvaal is menaced with invasion.

WHERE IS CRONJE?

London, Feb. 19.—Practically nothing is known of the progress of Lord Roberts' column during the last day or two and speculation as to the ultimate gain from the recent movements is necessarily unsatisfactory when based on belated telegrams evidently vigorously censored.

Many important points remain obscure. What has become of Gen. Cronje's heavy artillery? One correspondent, it is true, says it was left behind at Magerfontein and Kimberley, but it is difficult to believe Lord Roberts would not have mentioned a detail of such importance.

Again, the statement that a large Boer force was massing northward of Kimberley, once more raises the question of some experts in the question whether Gen. Cronje is really with the force retreating on Bloemfontein.

It is suggested that the latter is really the Free State main army, under Gen. Prinsloo, supplemented by a portion of the Magerfontein command, while the main body of the latter, under Gen. Cronje is trying to secure the Vaal bridge, at Fourteen Streams, thus barring the way to Mafeking.

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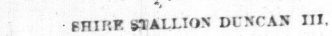
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of a very last resort. It is surprising, therefore, that horse breeders in a small way have never yet made a serious attempt to form themselves into groups and endeavor thereby to compete on something like equal terms with the owners of extensive studs. The public cannot be blamed for declining to waste time and money in visits to establishments where there are only one or two horses for sale, and where the prices paid by dealers and those the breeders receive for them is a pretty liberal margin, a portion of which might have gone into the pocket of the breeder if he could only have succeeded in persuading people to come down and see his animals.

Cape Angoras.
A bill to impose an export duty of \$500 on every Angora goat leaving Cape Colony has passed to a second reading in the colonial parliament and will doubtless become a law. Severe penalties are provided for a violation of the law, which is applicable to both male and female Angoras. It begins to look as if the government of Cape Colony was determined to put an end to the further exportation of Angoras. Are the Angora breeders afraid of the growing importance of the mohair industry in the United States? If not, why the necessity of a doubly prohibitive duty on the exportation of Angoras?—Sheep Breeder.

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Stray Leaves Gathered from the Artists of the Stage

Mrs. Langtry is said to have abandoned the project of writing an account of her life.

Richard Harding Davis is said to be writing a play, which Daniel Frohman will produce if he decides it will do.

Marion Longfellow, a grandniece of the poet, has gone on the stage in Boston, playing a part in the farce "Three Little Lambs."

London music hall players have taken advantage of the British-Boer war to introduce into their sketches nearly every variety of "patriotic" song.

Beerholm Tree is understood to have been most fortunate in his revival of "King John" in London. It is said the play will run the balance of the season.

The Earl of Yarmouth, who will be known to the stage under his simpler name, Eric Hope, is already on a tour with the Frohman company, playing "Make Way for the Ladies."

Lesbia's "Sparrow," which was in Rachel's repertoire, but has been neglected in the last half century, is to be revived at the Paris Opera in one of the Saturday literary and dramatic matinees this winter.

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Many Difficult Problems have to be met and Surmounted in Their Construction and the Trade is a Difficult One

"The making of decorative street floats is a difficult trade," said a New Orleans scenic artist who has had plenty of experience in the line he mentioned. "There are so many things to be considered. For instance, a float must look well both near and far. It must be able to stand a dash of rain. It must be light enough to go over any kind of street and solid enough to resist a gust of wind, and, most important of all, it must be so constructed that it will appear all right to folks in upper windows."

"Some years ago, a young designer from the north made several small models for tableau cars that charmed everybody who looked at them. They were certainly very beautiful and novel, but when I was called in as an expert I said at once that they wouldn't do. They were designed to be viewed from the banquettes only, and from a second story window every particle of effect would have been lost. Moreover, a lot of hidden mechanism was certain to be discovered at any elevation above 15 feet."

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Every little while you read that a man 50 years old and still hale and hearty has smoked all his life, but it is nevertheless a fact that smoking is very injurious. Men should be ashamed that they are unable to quit the habit. This is not written by a man who has no desire to smoke, but by a man who smokes a great deal, has tried several times to quit and couldn't do it.

When you find a boy who is pale and sick from his first smoke, remember that his father and his grandfather are to blame. It will take thousands of years to reform the world if we begin now. A boy is as certain to look for a pipe as he is to look for a sweetheart. His father was guilty of both offenses before him.—Atchison Globe.

Her Little Confidence Game.
"We're playing railroad train," she said as she pulled her father's paper away. "and I'm the conductor. Tickets, please."

He took a card from his pocket and handed it to her. She looked at it intently for a minute and then handed it back. "That was issued yesterday," she said, "and isn't good today. You'll have to pay cash or get off the train."

He gave her a dime. He knew he had been "worked," but what else could he do?—Chicago Post.

Same Big Salaries.
Speaking of big salaries, the biggest on record was paid to George Gould. For ten years' work his father gave him \$5,000,000. The account went down as "for services rendered." That was at the rate of \$500,000 a year.

The highest salary ever paid a railroad president was the \$75,000 a year that went to Sir William C. Van Horn when he was president of the Canadian Pacific.—New York Press.

At His Word.
Customer—You sell cracked eggs at half price, do you not?
Clerk—Yes'm. We always make a 50 per cent reduction on cracked goods. Anything else today?

Customer—Yes; you may give me a dollar's worth of cracked wheat. Here's 50 cents.

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