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MAFEKING IS FIRM

Beleaguered Garrison Can Hold Out Several Months.

Fruitless and Costly Reconnaissance at Springfield.

Many British Officers and Men Either Killed or Wounded by the Boers.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from Mafeking says the garrison there can hold out until June.

An official dispatch from General Buller at Chieveley announces a reconnaissance at Springfield, resulting in no gain of ground on either side, but causing the wounding of Captain Hamilton Russell, Lieutenant G. Churchill and ten men. In addition, Lieutenant Pilkington and six men were captured.

The dispatch contains detailed accounts of what appear to be unimportant operations. They only tend to throw light on the situation by proving that the Boers are actively following General Buller's every move.

From Field Marshal Lord Roberts, at Modder river, where all eyes are turned, there was no word today.

General Buller's dispatch from Chieveley dated Monday, Feb. 12, says:

"The commanding officer at Springfield reports this morning that a squadron of the First dragoons moving to the outpost line covering the right flank of the camp met a party of Boers near Fustenberg. The Boers, reaching the crest of a hill first, opened a heavy fire on the squadron, which retired. He sent out supports, and the Boers retired."

Continuing, the Chieveley dispatch says:

"Dundonald, with 700 mounted men, a field battery and the First Royal Welsh fusiliers, Feb. 12 reconnoitered the high ground which the enemy has been in the habit of visiting. The enemy evacuated it, with the loss of two men, after slight resistance. When the force retired on the completion of the reconnaissance, the enemy returned in considerable number and kept up a heavy rifle fire, wounding slightly Lieutenant G. Churchill of the South African Light horse. Five men are missing."

It is not quite clear who wrote the dispatch, as Generals Lyttelton, Hildyard, Warren and other generals are believed to be in the neighborhood of Springfield. It is thought possible that the Lieutenant Churchill reported to be slightly wounded is Winston Churchill's brother, John, who was recently given a commission in the South African Light horse, and who joined General Buller's command.

Mrs. Arthur Paget's entertainment last night brought in over 55,000 for the families of the household troops, in which her husband is a colonel of the Scots guards; the Mansion House fund exceeds £300,000. The Daily Telegraph's fund amounts to £119,000, and The Daily Mail's totals up £77,000. These amounts only cover the larger London funds and do not include numerous provincial funds or large amounts being raised to equip volunteers.

The equipment for the yeomanry hospital has just left England for the Cape. The ladies at the head of this charity have now decided to raise funds to keep the hospital going for six months and have issued an urgent appeal to the British residents of the United States.

British Soldiers Missing.
BRUSSELS, Feb. 14.—Le Petit Bleu, in correspondence from Pretoria, publishes an extraordinary account of 2,000 British soldiers who, it is said by the writer, arrived toward the end of December last during the retreat from Dundee at the river Maputa, the boundary between Swaziland and Portuguese territory. According to the narrative they had lost their way and wandered for weeks in Zululand, arriving shoeless, in rags and dying of hunger. These soldiers, the correspondent says, were thought to have been shut up with Sir George White in Ladysmith.

Spain Favors the Boers.
MADRID, Feb. 14.—Senator Davilla, in the senate yesterday, questioned the government on the subject of the reported sale to Great Britain of Maximian cartridges manufactured at the Placentia arms factory. He took the opportunity to say that public opinion in Spain was entirely favorable to the Boers. The premier, Senor Silveira, replied that he could not give a definite answer, as he was not aware whether private industry had supplied ammunition to England. He promised, however, to endeavor to obtain the desired information.

Found Dead in a Closet.
NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The bodies of Charles Beirne, 11 years old, of 115 Edgecombe avenue, and Martin Loeffler, 9 years old, of 119 Edgecombe avenue, were found in a closet in a vacant house at 108 Edgecombe avenue yesterday afternoon, where they were smothered. The lads were playmates. On Aug. 3 last they left their homes to take a swim in the North river. This was the last seen of them, and the parents and police searched everywhere for them in vain.

Jersey Judicial Appointment.
TRENTON, Feb. 14.—Governor Voorhees sent to the senate yesterday afternoon the name of Francis J. Swayze of Newark as circuit judge to succeed Judge Francis Child. Mr. Swayze is a Republican, while Judge Child, whom he succeeds, is a Democrat. Judge Child was strongly endorsed for reappointment by the Essex county bar. Governor Voorhees says the appointment of Mr. Swayze is a personal one.

Noted Crook Caught.
WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 14.—Charles Moran, alias Reed, said to be a noted crook, was captured yesterday when about to blow open the safe in the postoffice at Nanticoke. He was brought before United States Commissioner Hahn in this city and in default of \$2,000 bail committed to jail.

Child's Body Found in Raceway.
BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to The News from Medina says the body of the 4-year-old son of Rev. R. L. MacFarlan has been found in a raceway. The child had been missing since Sunday.

GUERRILLA TACTICS.

Filipinos Continually Harass the American Garrisons.

HEMP INDUSTRY HAMPERED THEREBY

Report of General Pio del Pilar's Death—Said to Have Succumbed to Fever—His Troops Disbanding in Consequence.

MANILA, Feb. 13.—Of late the insurgents in Albay province, Luzon, have adopted harassing tactics against the garrisons. They camp in the hills and maintain a constant fire upon the American outposts. When the troops sally against them they scatter, returning when the Americans retire.

They shoot burning arrows and have burned a large part of the town of Albay. Indeed, most of the larger towns in that province are practically deserted except by the garrisons. Scarcely any of the inhabitants return to their homes. They are camping in the interior, and it is supposed armed insurgents prevent them going back. It is reported that there is much suffering among them owing to lack of food. As a result of these conditions the hemp business in that section is seriously hindered, and ships going for cargoes are compelled to take gangs of coolies to do their loading. Hemp held in the interior is quite inaccessible.

Guerrilla warfare continues south of Manila. Two attempts have been made to ambush the Americans. General Schwan while returning to Manila with his staff and an escort of 100 cavalry from Batangas was attacked by the insurgents. The latter were dispersed, but the Americans had five men wounded.

Reports from native sources, which are not confirmed, say General Pio del Pilar, the insurgent commander, died of fever recently.

A number of ex-insurgent officials who arrived here yesterday report that General Pio del Pilar, the insurgent leader, died of fever a fortnight ago in the Morong mountains.

The leaders after his death held a meeting, at which it was recognized that it would be futile to offer further resistance to the Americans.

They therefore disbanded their forces, which are now wandering in small gangs in the hills.

CONGRESS AT WORK.

Senate Begins Last Week of Financial Discussion.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The final week's discussion of the pending financial bill was begun in the senate yesterday. The speakers were two Republicans, Mr. Elkins of West Virginia and Mr. Wolcott of Colorado, and one Populist, Mr. Butler of North Carolina.

Mr. Elkins advocated the passage of the pending senate measure in a brief but forceful argument. Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the international bimetallic committee of 1897, spoke for many Republicans who adhere to bimetalism, and his speech, earnest and eloquent, was accorded unusual attention. Mr. Butler closed the debate for the day, advocating the adoption of his amendment providing for an issue of paper currency by the government.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Mrs. Bertha Honoré Palmer of Illinois to be a commissioner to the Paris exposition.

A bill was introduced by Senator Foster of Washington providing for the construction of a government cable line from the United States to the Philippines. An important bill was passed by the house which makes universally applicable the law that now permits the transit of goods in bond through certain parts of the territory of the United States to foreign ports. It is principally designed to give the transportation companies of the United States a share of the transcontinental trade to the orient.

Two Notable Speeches.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The financial debate in the senate reached its climax yesterday. Two great speeches, one in favor of the pending senate substitute measure and the other in opposition to it, were delivered and both were listened to by senators with close attention. The first was delivered by Mr. Allison of Iowa, the ranking member of the finance committee. He had been an attentive listener to the speeches delivered on the other side of the chamber, and in the course of his argument he presented his answers to the points raised against the pending senate bill. Mr. Jones of Nevada declared that the bill was vicious and unwarranted, conferring too great power upon national banks and fastening the country to a gold currency. He discussed the question from a historical and philosophical view point.

MOLINEUX CONVICTED.

Jury After Long Consideration Declares Him Guilty.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—After deliberating 7½ hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katharine J. Adams by poison on Dec. 28, 1898. Bartow S. Weeks, counsel for the defense, made the usual motions, and Recorder Goff adjourned court until Feb. 16, when he said he would hear the motions and sentence the defendant.

Between the time of his arrest and the end of his trial nearly a year has elapsed, during which time the defendant has been in the Tombs, while the district attorney's office and the police have secured the country for evidence and for experts. The trial has cost about \$200,000.

Kidnaper Barrows Insane.

SING SING, N. Y., Feb. 10.—George W. Barrows, who was sentenced to Sing Sing prison last June for 14 years for the part he played in the kidnaping of Marion Clark, the 20-month-old daughter of Arthur Clark of 159 East Sixty-fifth street, in Central park on May 26, has been adjudged insane by a commission of three doctors appointed by County Judge Lent of Westchester county upon application of Warden Johnson.

Family Suffocated by Gas.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Martin Jordan, an engineer; his wife, Mary, and their 5-month-old boy were asphyxiated by gas in their home, at Forty-third street and Stewart avenue. The bodies of the three were found today. A leak in a gas pipe in the basement of the house suffocated them.

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Soaps and Perfumes.

A full line of toilet soaps of all kinds. Buttermilk, 19c. a box of 3 cakes, tar soap, 5c., glycerine soap, 5c., heliotrope soap, 15c. a box of 3 cakes. Colgate's and Cotton's best perfumes in all odors, Florida water, toilet waters, bay rum, dental powder. Cut-aline, 10c., vaseline, 5 and 10c., cold cream, 10c. Try our toilet waters at 25c. a bottle. Vaseline shoe paste, 5c.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1900.
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Wanted!

We want 500 new subscribers to the COLUMBIAN this spring and as a special inducement will include the *Farm Journal* from now until Dec., 1904, free.

Or the *New York Times* a week *World* for three months free.

Or the COLUMBIAN and *World* one year for \$1.50.

Pay Up and Get Both Papers at Price of one.

We want to get 500 new subscribers to our paper, and are going to do it if we can; we therefore continue our arrangement with the *Farm Journal* by which we can send THE COLUMBIAN one year and the *Farm Journal* 5 years, both for \$1. And we make the same offer to all old subscribers who will pay all arrearages and one year in advance.

You know what our paper is, and the *Farm Journal* is a gem—practical, progressive—a clean, honest, useful paper—full of gumption, full of sunshine, with an immense circulation among the best people everywhere. YOU OUGHT TO TAKE IT.

SALES.

FEB. 21, 1900.—E. O. Heller and Mrs. Oliver Heller, Admsrs., will sell, at public sale, a property in Hemlock township. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

FEB. 28, 1900.—Charles G. Barkley, administrator of Conrad Kreamer, deceased, will sell personal property—horses, cattle, hogs, farm implements, hay, &c.—at Jerseytown, Pa., at 9 o'clock a. m.

MARCH 3RD, 1900.—W. B. Pennington, administrator of Mary Driesbach deceased, will sell real estate in Fishingcreek township, containing 2½ acres with a good two story brick dwelling, and stable. Sell at 2 p. m. on the premises. See advertisement.

MARCH 17, 1900.—Mrs. E. A. Rawlings, administratrix of E. A. Rawlings, deceased, will sell real estate in Bloomsburg, on the premises, at 2 p. m., including a two story frame dwelling, frame meat market building, stable and out-buildings. See advertisement.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Wall paper, at popular prices, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

We were so busy last week that we forgot to call attention to our new heading on the first page, and the small head lines at the top of all the other pages.

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Dr. Lincoln Hully will lecture on "Books and Reading," in the High School Thursday evening, March 15. The lecture will be interspersed with recitals from the popular poets—Reilly, Burns and Fields.

Lamps, of all descriptions—stand lamps, bracket lamps, hanging lamps, and all lamp fixtures—at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The board of directors of the Reading Railroad has agreed to pay a semi-annual dividend of 1½ per cent. on its preferred stock. This will be the first dividend on the Reading stock since 1876, and it is unnecessary to say that it will be very welcome.

For pure drugs and all kinds of patent medicines go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which opens at Hazleton, March 14, will be presided over by Bishop D. A. Goodsell, of Chattanooga, Tenn. This being the year for the lay conference 250 lay delegates in addition to the 300 ministers will attend.

Save up your money, boys, for we are going to show you the nicest and best line of bicycles this spring that you ever looked at. It will only be about sixty days until you will want one, and then you must not fail to call at Mercer's Drug and Book Store and see the different makes.

The nicest and most complete line of perfumes, either in bottles or in bulk, in Bloomsburg, is kept at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

C. Z. Schlicher of Beaver township, has announced himself as a candidate for the Legislature, from the south side. He is a school teacher by profession, and was a candidate two years ago, but withdrew before the primary election. He is the only one announced from the south side thus far.

When you want to buy window curtains go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store. He carries a nice line.

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The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Feb. 27, 1900. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised February 13, 1900":
Cramer, Mr. W. M.; Flint, Mrs. S. A.; Gearhart, Mrs. Frank; Schmidt, Mr. J. H.

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Marriage.
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