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MACDONALD FALLS

Gallant Leader of Highlanders Badly Wounded.

Other British Officers Suffer From Boer Bullets.

London Gets Unconfirmed Rumor That the Siege of Ladysmith Has Been Raised.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-It is reported that General Hector Macdonald, commander of the Highland brigade, was severely wounded yesterday. The last news re-ceived about General Macdonald and the highlanders was that they were pursuing General Cronje.

The following dispatch has been re-ceived at the war office from Lord Roberts, dated Paardeberg, Feb. 20:

"Between Feb. 16 and Feb. 18 Major General Knox was wounded, Major General Hector Macdonald severely wound ed and Lieutenant Colonel Aldworth was killed."

The war office adds that no details of the fighting have yet been received. These casualties occurred in fighting near Paardeberg.

A curious dispatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, Feb. 20, announces that Commandant Ferreira was killed Feb. 19, adding that his death was believed to be the result of an accident. Further details of the attack made by

Colonel Plumer's forces on the Boer position defended by a 12 pounder, near



GENERAL MACDONALD.

Crocodile pools, not far from Gaberones, show that as the British were struggling up the hill in the dark, through a net of barbed wire, they alarmed the Boer watchdogs, who gave tongue. The Boers opened fire, and the British charged, but the Boers exploded dynamite mines, doing much damage, and the British retreated.

A private telegram received here from Berlin this afternoon declares that General Cronje is in a bad position, bearing out yesterday's Berlin rumor that General Cronje was surrounded and that a time limit had been given him within which to capitulate.

The war office has received the following from General Buller, dated Chieveley camp, today:

"The Fifth division crossed the Tugela today by pontoon and drove back the en-emy's rear guard, our naval 12 pounder silencing all of the enemy's guns."

LADYSMITH RELIEVED?

Unconfirmed Report of the Raising



Although, on the whole, the British were driven back, they each time renewed the attack. The loss to the British must have been considerable. Thus far the Boer loss has been 8 killed and 12 wound-

Official reports have also been received

"Commandant Steyn says that Satur-

day, Feb. 17, and Sunday, Feb. 18, near Koodoosrand, he fought the British, who

tried to encompass General Cronje's laa-ger, and drove them off. They fought until late Sunday evening. The Boers

had one man killed and one wounded and

"General Dewet says that on Sunday afternoon he arrived between Paarde-borg and Koodoosrand, in which direc-tion there has been heavy firing since morning. He stormed several kopjes which the British vacated, leaving their dead and wounded and 40 prisoners in the

hands of the Boers, who captured the

kopjes. The Boer loss was two men billed and four wounded. The fight last-

To Preserve Historie House.

historic old manor house, now the city hall, the place where Mary Philipse re-

sided when courted by George Washing-

ton. The present movement came about as the result of a proposition to alter the

building by putting a wing on the west

Revolution regard it as little short of

Taft Confers With Root.

president of the Philippine commission.

mission. It is expected that the com-mission will be completely organized in the near future and that it will start for

Manila about April 1. Only two mem-bers of the commission have been ap-

pointed so far-viz, Judge Taft and Pro-

fessor Worcester of the original commis-sion. Colonel Denby of the old commis-

sion, who was also invited to serve on

the new commission, has declined the offer. As the commission will consist of

five members it remains for the president

to appoint three others. He has several

distinguished men in mind and will announce his selection in a day or two.

Mother and Children Drowned.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Feb. 21.-The wife

and two sons of Enoch Stevenson were

drowned in a pond near their home at Eldora, near here, yesterday. The two boys, who were 10 and 13 years of age,

were playing on the ice, when they broke through. Their screams attracted the at-

tention of the mother. She ran on the

ice close to the hole where her two sons

were struggling, and in attempting to draw them from the water she also fell

in. By this time the father and several

of the neighbors came to the rescue, but the three were beyond human aid when

taken from the water. The father in his

frantic effort to save his family also

in New York.

ed until late in the evening."

"General Dewet says that on Sunday

captured booty and 21 horses and mules.

This morning the British shelled us

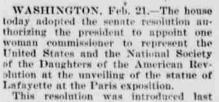
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as follows:

House Still Debating Porto Rican Tariff Bill.

ed. This morning the brinds cant Fer-reira's force was too small to stop the cavalry from entering Kimberley." A Place Provided For Mrs. Daniel Manning.

> **Resolution Adopted Providing** For Her Appointment as Paris Commissioner.



week by Senator Depew and passed without opposition. It is intended to provide for the appointment of Mrs.



MRS. DANIEL MANNING.

Daniel Manning to the commissionership thus created. Mrs. Manning has already been selected to represent the Daughters of the American Revolution, by whom the statue of Lafayette is to be presented to France.

Before the debate upon the Porto Rican bill was resumed it was agreed that the debate hereafter should begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and that there should be night sessions on Thursday and

Friday. Mr. Ray (Rep., N. Y.) was the first speaker today. He supported the bill in an extended argument.

Mr. Ray is the chairman of the judiciary committee of the house, and he devoted himself closely to the legal and constitutional phases of the controversy over the broad question as to whether new territory was a part of the United States in a political sense. He denied that any act of the president or congress could extend the constitution as a constitution over territory while it remained territory. The immunities of constitution could be so extended, but not the constitution itself. The constitution only covered the states of the Union.

Mr. McClellan (Dem., N. Y.) spoke in opposition to the Porto Rican tariff bill, considering it from two aspects, the legal and the moral, in neither of which, he urged, was it defensible.

nad Give-Away. Mrs. Gadd-Did you ever notice how

polite and attentive Mr. Gayfellow is to his wife? Mrs. Gadd-Yes. Looks mighty sus

picious .--- N. Y. Weekly. Without a Peer.

Jasper-Bighead is a stupid fellow isn't he? Jumpuppe-Stupid! Why, he isn't original enough to get off a chestnut

-Town Topics.

The Latest.

Waiter-This is the latest on boiled beef. Patron-What is it? Waiter - Horseless horse-radish. -

Judge.

Wise Crusoe.

Silly Billy-Why did Robinson Cru soe call him Friday? Pious Percival-To save him from the cannibals. You can't eat meat or Friday, you know .- N. Y. Journal.

The Modesty of Nature. Kathryn-I wonder what makes the

leaves of the trees turn red in the fall. Zaneta-Probably blushing at theil

bare limbs.-Harlem Life, His State of Mind. "Your bookkeeper is subject to fit of ill-humor, isn't he?"

"No; he has widely isolated attack. of amiability."-Chicago Record.

But It Always Dues. Uncle Bob-Lightning never strikes twice in the same place. Johnny-I wish ma's slipper didn't

-N. Y. Journal.

Very Strong Indeed. Bacon-Is an onion like a leek?

Egbert-Well, yes; there is a very strong resemblance .-- Yonkers States Trifetti.

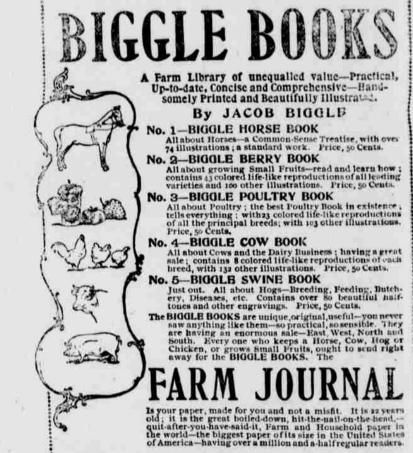
BURDENED WOMEN.

We look in amazement at the burdens some women carry upon their heads, Yet how light they are compared with the burdens some women carry upon their hearts. There are childless women whose hearts ache ceaselessly because of the childless home. That bunden of childlessness has been lifted from the heart of many a woman by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Many of the obstacles to maternity are removable. Such obstacles are entirely re-moved by "Favorite Prescription." It contains no alcohol nor narcotic.



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of the Siege.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-The war office declares late this afternoon it is unable to substantiate the reports of the relief of Ladysmith. But this does not prevent the public from believing the queen has again forestalled the authorities at Pall Mall and preferred to communicate the glad news direct to the public through the mayor of Windsor, just as yesterday she dramatically announced through Lord William Cecil, commander of militia corps, the tidings of General Buller's success hours before the war office was able to relieve the impatient anxiety of the United Kingdom. Nevertheless, as the queen's words are not actually quoted in today's announcement, official confirmation is eagerly awaited, especially as General Buller's dispatch of yesterday is very generally regarded as foreshadowing a juncture of his and General White's forces some time today. Public interest. expectation and anxiety therefore sway unceasingly and impatiently between Ladysmith and Bloemfontein. The practical relief of the former place is regarded as due more to Field Marshal Lord Roberts' brilliant strategy in drawing off the Boers than to General Buller's numerous assaults, and the news of the result of the battle between General Kitchener and General Cronje, re-enforced by the forces thus drawn off from Ladysmith, is expected to almost syn-chronize with the announcement that General Buller has reached his objective. The accomplishment of the latter event. however, is regarded with greater confidence than is the ability of General Kitchener to thoroughly cripple General Cronje, for the Boer general has proved bimself so clever and daring in slipping through the British lines that, even if Lord Roberts quickly occupied Bloemfontein, there are many fears expressed that General Cronje might still preserve the effectiveness of his mobile force.

The war office this afternoon announced that it had no news from other sources. There is yet nothing to throw light on the main issue.

Regarding the military conditions, the critics of the afternoon papers express the keenest satisfaction at the phase of the campaign, as revealed by the latest news, drawing attention to the fact that whether or not Lord Roberts succeeds inflicting a decisive defeat he has forced the Boers to release their grip on Ladysmith, Kimberley, Zululand and lower Natal, though admitting that the siege of Mafeking may be made more severe by the arrival of a portion of the per force driven off from Kimberley endeavoring to avenge itself on Colonel Baden-Powell. Arundel dispatches, dated nuclear owner. Arunder dispatches, dated Tuesday, Feb. 20, show that the Boers, in force, made a determined attempt to invest Arundel, but were buffled by the smart maneuvering of the British mounted troops.

Boer Commander's Report. PRETORIA, Feb. 21.-A portion of an 250,000 eac official report from General Cronje, dated at Norfolk.

broke through the ice, but was saved by the other rescuers

Barge Sunk: Crew Drowned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-It seems quite likely that the missing Pomroy Coal company's barge Oakland, which was lost on Sunday morning off the New Jersey const while in tow of the tug Nathan Hale, en route from Norfolk to Providence, has gone to the bottom with all hands. The Oakland's crew of four men were Captain A. B. Crooker, 45 years old, of Boston; Cook W. H. Watson, 33 years old, of Norfolk; Engineer Corsar Ignacio Ferio, 25 years old, of Brava, Cape Verde islands, and Deckhand S. E. Hopkins, 23 years old, of Maine.

Japs Inspect American Machinery. FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 21.-The four Japanese cotton manufacturers who are making a tour of the spinning and weaving centers of this country are in the city to visit the Fall River Iron Works company and the American Printing company, the machine shop of Kilburn, Lincoln & Co. and the Fall River Machine works. Their object is to examine the improved cotton machinery used in this country.

Killed Wife and Himself.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 21 .-- William Ulmer, a tailor, shot his wife in the left cheek, causing a severe but not se rious wound. He then shot himself dead. The couple had frequent quarrels on account of Ulmer's failure to provide for the wife and two children. Ulmer had been out of work for a couple of weeks. He was 45 years of age. The couple had been married 17 years.

Political Crisis In Jamaica.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 21.-There is excitement here over the political crisis. The elected members of the legislature, as a protest against the subversion of the constitution, left the chamber in a body. Additional official members were then introduced and sworn, marking the re-establishment of crown government. The American reciprocity treaty is being considered.

More Graves In Arlington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-The re mains of 80 soldiers were buried at the National cemetery at Arlington today with the usual military honors. Most of these men lost their lives in Cuba during and since the Spanish war. The remainder died in the military service in Porto Rico. Their bodies were brought home on the transport Buford and other vessels.

More Drydocks Needed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-The house committee on naval affairs continued its work upon the naval appropriation bill yesterday. The committee has practically decided to place in the bill a provision for two new drydocks to cost \$1,-250,000 each, one at New York and one

"The moral aspect of the case is quite," he said, "as important as is the legal. It involves the good faith, the credit and the honor of the United States. Some gentlemen distinguish between individual ionor and national honor; some insist that there is one standard of honesty for the individual and no standard whatever for the nation. Porto Rico came to us freely and of her own accord, believing that she would become a part of the United States and enjoy the blessings of our constitution and of free intercourse with us. I find myself taking my stand with the minority in support of the president of the United Sintes against the party that elected him to office,"

The blind chaplain of the senate in his invocation at the opening of today's ses-sion made touching reference to the bereavement which has fallen upon Mr. Lodge (Mass.) in the loss of his mother and to the illness and injury of Senators Pettigrew, Elkins and Bacon.

President Pro Tem. Frye named as members of the Memorial Association of the District of Columbia Hon. John Hay and Judge Walter E. Cox for three years and Major General Nelson A. Miles for two years

As routine business was concluded Mr. Penrose (Pa.) gave notice that on Washington's birthday immediately after the reading of Washington's function by Senator Foraker he would call up the by Senator Foraker he would call up that "the reading of Washingt n's farewell address senate resolution providing that "the Hon. Matthew S. Quay is not entitled to take his seat in this body as a senator from the state of Pennsylvania." Mr. Penrose directed attention to the fact that the question involved was privileged and intimated, therefore, that it would take precedence over other matters.

The senate received the following nominations from the president. Volunteers-Brigadier General Harri-

son Gray Otis to be major general by brevet; colonels to be brigadier generals by brevet-Owen Summers, Harry C. Kessler, Wilder S. Metcalf.

The Trenty With France.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-The senate committee on foreign relations today ordered a favorable report on the treaty of reciprocity with France. No amend-ment was made to the treaty. The committee did not take up the Hay-Pauncefote treaty relating to the Nicaragua canal.

No opposition was manifested on the part of any member of the committee, and the report in its favor will be unanimous. The members of the committee discussed the provisions at some length, but only for the purpose of becoming familiar with them. The fact was emphasized that if the treaty should be ratified 669 articles of American origin would be admitted to France at the minfied imum rate and only 19 subjected to the present rate.

Weather Indications. Ra's, followed by clearing; colder, with increasing southeast winds.

Flarried Six Years and Childless. "I have never written you how grateful I am to you for your help in securing good health and one of the sweetest, dearest, thirteen pound girls that ever came into a home," writes Mrs. M. Vastine, of 647 South Likerty Street. Galesburg, III. "I took six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Flavorite Prescription, four of the 'Golden Medical Dis-covery' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Before I had taken four bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' I was a new woman. I cannot make pen describe my heartfelt grati-tude, so will close by saying if any one disputes the value of Dr. Pierce's medicines I will be pleased to confirm the truth of all I say if they will enclose stamped envelope for reply."

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