JOUBERT'S DEATH.

The Boer Commander Passes Away at Pretoria.

Meager Information as to the Cause of His Demise.

Sketch of the Heroic Leader of the Afrikander Forces In Two Campaigns.

PRETORIA, March 28.—General Jou-bert died last night at 11:30 o'clock. He had been suffering from a stomach complaint.

The town is plunged in mourning for the true patriot, gallant general and up-

right and honorable gentleman. General Petrus Jacobus Joubert, commandant general of the Transvaul forces, better known as Piet Joubert, or "Slien (Slim Peter), was born about 68 years ago. He was descended from an old French Huguenot family, which settled in South Africa many years ago. He was born in Cape Colony, but was taken by his parents when 7 years old to the Orange Free State, where he was taught from early childhood to shoot straight and hate the British. He is described as having been utterly fearless. Of schooling he had but little, and he never



GENERAL JOUBERT.

saw a newspaper until he was 19 years old. In spite of this his ambition prompt ed him to read the few books he could obtain, and he succeeded in obtaining a fair knowledge of history and lan-

In consequence of the acquisition of Natal by the British he and his family moved from that part of South Africa and settled in the Transvaal. Soon after-African Republic and a daring fighter. It was claimed in his behalf that he could lead a body of men more successfully against hostile natives than any other man in the Transvaal. He was eventually so feared by the natives that the knowledge that he was at the head of a punitive expedition usually resulted in their surrender.

It was during these wars with the na-

tives that Joubert became acquainted with Paul Kruger, and the two men be-came bosom friends. He was elected vice president of the Transvaal in 1896, defeated Sir George Colley at Majuba Hill in 1881 and acted as president of the republic in 1883-4, during Kruger's absence in Europe. General Joubert was always in favor

of the use of force instead of diplomacy, and President Kruger on several occa-sions had great difficulty in repressing his hot headed colleague, notably in 1879, when Joubert, with Kruger and Pretorius, was planning the rebellion to overthrow British rule in the Transvaal. The result was Majuba Hill and the practical independence of the Transvaal, though the suzerainty of Great Britain was maintained.

It was Joubert who organized the army of the South African Republic later on, dividing the country into 17 military departments and each of these departments into smaller divisions, with commandants. field cornets and lieutenants of various ranks in charge. According to the general's plans, every man became a trained soldier without leaving his farm and had his equipment ready at home. To such a point of perfection was the system carried that when the present war was declared Joubert, it is claimed had only to send 17 dispatches, and within 48 hours the Boer nation was under

It was also, thanks to General Joubert that the South African republies suc ceeded in amassing the immense stores of war munitions and provisions which have stood them in such good stead during the conflict now in progress.

When the Jameson raiders were locked up in Pretoria jail, Joubert was strongly favor of their immediate execution and it is said that not even the sugges tion of another Boer leader that the ears of the raiders be cut off was a sufficiently harsh measure to please him. Joubert claimed that they deserved death and that they ought to be shot as a warning to others. It was not until Joubert and Kruger had been closeted together for a whole night that the wiser counsels of

Oom Paul prevailed. In spite of these characteristics, Jou bert, on some occasions, showed considerable regard for the usages of civiliza-tion. When the Boers raided British territory, Bechuanaland, in 1884, Joubert was probably the only prominent Boer who refused to support the movement, and his opposition resulted in the withdrawal of the Boers from the territory seized, as he threatened to resign unless

its covenants, and we have made covenants with England."

Although Joubert was known as "Slim Peter," he was nearly six feet in height and of stout build, his nickname being given him on account of his shrewd mill tary tactics.

In November last it was reported that General Joubert had been killed in ac-tion, and later reports said he was dangerously wounded and had to use a cart in order to follow the operations in the

n Miss Fraser, has been devoted to him throughout the campaign, frequently sharing his dangers in the field.

SITUATION AT PRETORIA. Hay Goes to Kroonstadt In Ameri-

can Interests. LOURENCO MARQUES, March 28. disputch from Pretoria, dated March

"United States Consul Hay and his secretary have gone to Kroonstadt to make necessary arrangements for United States representation in the Free State. "A dispatch received here from the Boer handquarters in Natal announces

that the destruction continues of coal mines likely to be useful to the British. "The Dundee colliery has been blown the machinery has been destroyed and the mine has been rendered useless

for three months. "According to a dispatch from Kroon-stadt, Commandant Olivier has joined Generals Grobler and Lemner, who are General Delarcy is still sick at Pretoria, but he will proceed to the front Trains are frequently leaving with burghers for the fighting line on

this side of Bloemfontein. "The Standard and Diggers' News says it learns that Generals Olivier, Grobler and Lemner have arrived at a point sufficiently far north to relieve all apprehensions of the possibility of their being cut off. It is expected they will arrive at Winburg in a few days and effect a junction with General De Wet, when the federals' position, it is declared, will formidably oppose Lord Roberts.
"Reports received from the various

of the republies show that the cash holdings amount to £2,233,057.
"General Joubert is confined to his bed and is seriously ill."

This information lett Pretoria two days prior to the date of the Lourence Marques dispatch announcing General Joubert's

American Trolley In Geneva,

WASHINGTON, March 28 .- Henry E. Butters of San Francisco, who was prominently identified with the construc-tion and exploitation of street railways in Cape Town, Africa, and in the City of Mexico, is now engaged in the construction of an electric street railway in Geneva, which will be completed within the next few months. This enterprise is the result of a casual visit to Geneva by Mr. Butters about two and a half years ago. At that time he found a congested population, badly served by old fashioned steam tramways and horse cars, and he secured control of the franchise of the principal companies and organized them for the operation of an electric street railway system on the American plan. French and English capitalists are large ly interested in the enterprise with Mr. Butters.

Uproar In Italian Chamber,

ROME, March 28 .- On the resumption of public business by the Italian chamber of deputies yesterday the president, Signor Colombo, made a short speech condemning the attitude of the Extreme Leftists and especially that of Signor Pantano, Radical, who had proposed the convocation of the constituent assembly for the reform of the constitution. Si gnor Pantano protested and refused to yield the floor of the house to a speaker who had been designated by the president. As he insisted upon continuing his speech of Saturday, the president, amid general uproar, was obliged again to adjourn the session.

Martinique Rioters Condemned. FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, March 28.—At Pointe a Pitre, Guade-

work has been resumed at the Usines d'Arboussier with workmen from the country. The director of the works expects to continue without making concessions to the strikers. At St. Pierre. Martinique, a number of persons recently arrested in the northern part of the is land for attacking the freedom of labor have been tried and condemned, two to six months' imprisonment, one to five months and many to four months. Two have been acquitted. Others who are in custody will be tried on Thursday.

Big Price For Thackerny Folio. NEW YORK, March 28.-The sale of Augustin Daly's collection of books, which was concluded yesterday at the American Art galleries, was marked by the receipt of the highest price yet paid in this country for a single volume, \$8,-100, which was paid by J. O. Wright for each of two volumes comprising an autographic collection of literary and pictorial remains and mementos Thackeray, the main part of which was the Brookfield correspondence. For the aggregation of 3,787 catalogue lots of books in the collection the receipts approximated \$166,035.65.

Electric Light In Peru.

LIMA, Peru, March 28.—Another illustration of the improving conditions in Peru was furnished yesterday, when in the course of a few hours the public subscribed 1,000,000 sols of capital stock of the Santa Rosa Electric Light company which has a concession for lighting Lima. The new company recently purchased the plant and contracts of the Santa Catali-na company for \$350,000.

Miss Clogg Gets Sureties. BALTIMORE, March 28.—Miss Harriet Clogg, the young woman who was arrested in New York on the charge of swindling bankers and merchants in this city, arrived here last night in charge of a detective and was immediately released on bail furnished by her friends.

Bonds For Redemption. WASHINGTON, March 28. - The amount of bonds so far received at the treasury department for exchange for the new 2 per cents is \$166,267,950, of which amount \$15,993,500 was received from individuals and institutions other than national banks.

The Kennebec Open. BATH, Me., March 28.-The Kennehe had his way, saying:

"I positively refuse to hold office under a government that deliberately breaks in a few days.

bec river is open to navigation to a point just above this city. The ice will go out in a few days.

Proposed Move of Goebel Men In Kentucky.

The wife of General Jonhert, who was The Alleged Confession of Prisoner Culton.

> It Is Stated That He Implicates Taylor In the Conspiracy to Kill Goebel.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 28,-The arrest of Governor William S. Taylor, it is strongly intimated, will be the next step in the proceedings to fix the responsibility for the murder of William Goe-

The report that Henry E. Youtsey, one of the men accused of complicity in William Goebel's murder, had made revelations to the prosecution is unfounded.

Youtsey not only maintained his own innocence, but said that he stood ready at any time to tell all he knows, nothing of which is of a criminal nature. Youtsey's attorneys say they will go before Judge Moore tomorrow and ask for an immediate examining trial.

One of the leaders in the prosecution said: "Mr. Youtsey told us nothing that we did not know already. We gained nothing from him, but we were compensated for the loss of what we hoped to extract from him by the information we

got from Mr. Culton."

W. H. Culton, who waived examination and was held over to the circuit court, went to the Capitol hotel last night, where he was in conference with the at-torneys for the prosecution for over two hours. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law, E. E. Hogg, who is also his attorney. It was reported at the time that Culton had made some kind of a confession, but later it developed that the information gained was not at all sweeping in character, as it was at first reported. Culton's friends who are in his confidence state that his statement was not in the nature of a confession, but they admit that he gave the prosecution such information as he had and which had heretofore not come out. The conference between Culton and the attorneys took place in the room of Colonel T. C. Campbell, commonwealth's attorney of Frank lin county; Attorney Polsgrove, Rev. Mr. Culton, father of the prisoner, and E. E.

The details of Culton's statement have been kept secret, but it is rumored that Culton tried to throw the blame on Governor Taylor and that Taylor himself is to be arrested. Taylor's friends say such an attempt will be resisted. They stigmatize the whole proceeding as a

Democratic plot. While this was going on Henry E. Youtsey, the auditor's clerk who was arrested at noon and locked up in jail charged with being an accessory, sent for Colonel Campbell, and the latter visited him at the jail and was closeted with him for some time. Youtsey when he was arrested told the officers that the prosecution had promised not to arrest him, and he complained that that side had broken faith with him.

London on the "Open Door." LONDON, March 28.-The Daily Mail, LONDON, March 28.—The Daily Mail, for one week nothing would induce me to go hack to coffee." The children can drink t tracts from the correspondence between the United States government and Euroday from your grocer, follow the directions the United States government and European powers upon the question of the 'open door" policy in China, says: "America has forever renounced the policy of the hermit. She pledges herself to take a leading part in the greatest task of the coming century, the reform of the Chinese empire. The attitude of the United States has a cryptic but yet weighty warning for the merchants of Europe who have hitherto thought it desirable to bolster their trade by all manner of restrictions of competition. America in her foreign trade disregards competition, and some day she will learn the same lesson for her home trade. It is a triumph for President McKinley."

Hillis and the Heresy Hunters. NEW YORK, March 28. - Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth church, has sent what is practically his letter of resignation to the Chicago presbytery. Dr. Hillis takes the ground that it would be better on his part to sac-rifice anything rather than stir up trouble in the Christian church. When seen at his home in Brooklyn, he said that he greatly regretted the discussion and agitation which had been precipitated by his sermon of Sunday last on the "Auto-matic Judgment Seat of Man." The general views expressed then, however, he had held for a long time, but in the interest of peace and harmony he believed it would be better for him to withdraw. The action taken by the presbytery was no more than might be expected.

No Scaled Packages' by Parcels Post. WASHINGTON, March 28 .- The postal authorities have notified the German government that parcels coming through the mails to this country must be wrapped or packed so as to be easily inspect-ed by customs officers. If these condi-tions are not complied with, the packages will be returned to the senders in accordance with the provisions of the parcels post convention with Germany. This order will go into effect after the arrival of the next mail from that country.

Gruber Victory Over Quigg. NEW YORK, March 28.—Abraham Gruber won a very substantial victory at the Republican primaries in the Twenty-first assembly district yesterday after a prolonged and bitter campaign. He has 113 delegates to 43 for his opponent, ex-Alderman George C. Austin, the candidate of the Republican county organization, of which ex-Congressman Lemuel E. Quigg is the head.

Daly Was Easy For Fitz. PHILADELPHIA, March 28.-What was scheduled to be a six round sparring match between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Daly at the First regiment armory last night came to an end in the first round. Fitzsimmons floored Daly three times, and the referee stopped the fight.

Fire in Insane Asylum, DANVERS, Mass., March 28 .- A fire broke out in the laundry of the insane asylum here and before it was subdued had caused a loss estimated at \$10,000. All the inmates escaped without injury.

New York Appropriations. ALBANY, March 28.—The senate has passed the annual appropriation bill of \$16,441,751.55 by a party vote of 27 to 18, the Democrats objecting to the bill because of the appropriation of \$197.800 for the New York election bureau. Minority party objection to the usual appro-priation bill is almost unprecedented, such objection always being presented finally when the bill is in committee.

Crisis In China. PEKING, March 28.-The "boxer" movement in the north is assuming alarming proportions. News has been received here that an indecisive but severe fight has taken place between the "boxers" and imperial troops at Yen-Chiu, province of Chi-Li.

A New Atlantic Cable Started. HALIFAX, March 24.—The cable steamers Faraday and Mackay-Bennett laid the shore end of a new Atlantic ca ble at Canso yesterday, and the Fara day proceeded to sea, reeling out the ca-ble as she went. The line will touch at the Azores.

Americans Win at Chess. NEW YORK, March 20.—The interna-tional chess match between English and American teams resulted in favor of America by six games to four.

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