

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR**

**BEGINNING OF THE END PROBABLY IN SIGHT.**

**A Full Summary of the Transvaal War News—Progress of the Conflict From Day to Day—The British Encouraged.**

A London cablegram says that the peaceful conquest of the Orange Free State progresses so evenly that it is believed that here will be little or no fighting until Lord Roberts reaches the Vaal river. How soon he intends to start out with this objective is not yet hinted at, but the pacification of the Free States seems now engaging all his attention.

General Gatacre's scouts, who have occupied Springfontein, report the country clear of the enemy.

According to Winston Churchill, there are 14,000 Boers with 20 guns massed in the Bigsberg range to meet the British advance.

Lord Roberts is directing his movement towards crushing the Boer forces on the Orange River. He has crossed the river and occupied the town of Bethulle. The Boers are said to be massing in the Drakesberg ranges, and may make an effort to check the British advance.

The Pretoria correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: "The Republic was prepared to grant substantial reforms and concessions until the receipt of Lord Salisbury's telegram."

General Cronje, according to a Cape Town special, has sailed for St. Helena, accompanied by all the Paardeberg prisoners.

The Government of Sydney, New South Wales, proclaimed St. Patrick's Day as a public holiday as a tribute to the bravery of the Irish soldiers in South Africa.

**BIG LIFE POLICY.**

McDonald, the New York Tunnel Contractor, insured for \$2,000,000.

A dispatch from Providence, R. I., states that one of the largest policies ever written was taken out last week by August Belmont on the life of John E. McDonald, contractor for the New York rapid transit tunnel. The amount of the policy is given at \$2,000,000, underwritten by the New York Life Insurance Company, as the principal factor, for a term of five years, and is said to have been secured by A. W. Quigg, a brother of Lemuel E. Quigg, and general agent for the company in Rhode Island.

The report went on to say that the annual premium will amount to \$90,000, and that the New York Life Insurance Company had taken \$200,000, its limit of the amount, and is now engaged in writing the rest in various companies of the United States and among English companies.

The reason given for this alleged action on the part of Mr. Belmont is that inasmuch as the syndicate of which he is at the head is the financial backer of Mr. McDonald, it wants additional security and financial safety in the event of Mr. McDonald's death before the work of building the tunnel is completed. On this line the dispatch says:

"The death of Mr. McDonald within the limit of the time of the contract would involve his backers in serious financial loss. This emergency has been foreseen by them, and the determination to secure themselves on his life was the result."

**CASUALTIES.**

The mutilated bodies of E. C. Stout and his wife, who live on a farm near Nescopeck, Columbia county, Pa., were found buried under the snow in their barn yard March 20. Mr. Stout apparently had been attacked by a savage bull which he owned and both he and Mrs. Stout gored to death. Mrs. Stout's neck was broken and her body stripped of her clothing. Her husband was mangled almost beyond recognition.

At least a score of persons were more or less severely injured and many more received minor injuries in a rear-end collision between trolley cars in Newark, March 20. The force of the collision was such that the forward end of the rear car was flattened and driven into the car ahead as far as the second window. Both platforms were smashed. Most of the injured hurried away to their homes and their names were not obtained.

**MILITARY AND NAVAL.**

The cruiser Topeka is to be overhauled and fitted up for use as a training ship.

The United States training ship Hartford Commander Farragut's old flagship which left San Francisco January 10 for New York with 540 men on board, under Commander Hawley and which recently arrived at Valparaiso has sailed from that port for Montevideo.

The War Department has purchased from the North American Mail Steamship Company the steamship Columbia for the use as a transport in the Pacific.

About 1,500 lives have been lost by the earth shocks at Ardin, in Asia Minor. Many towns have been completely wiped out of existence.

Commander William Emory has been detached from the Inspection Board and ordered on temporary special duty in New York. He will soon go to sea in command of a ship.

**Peculiar Old Clocks.**

A peculiar clock, of the time of Charles I., was the lantern, or bird-cage style, which hung from the walls high up, with its works exposed.

**A BUSINESS WOMAN.**

**Mrs. Potter Pamer, of Chicago, Hoists up Prices.**

Since her return from Newport last autumn Mrs. Potter Palmer has been in active control of her husband's vast business enterprises and his millions of real estate investments in Chicago. Potter Palmer is now past seventy years of age and is not the active business man he was. Mrs. Palmer's time not taken up in social affairs is given up entirely to her husband's interests.

The other day she caused a suit for \$50,000 in her own and her husband's name to be instituted against the Union Loop for damages to the Washburn avenue frontage of the Palmer House. She caused a small panic in the hotel by sending for the bills of fare in the three restaurants and dining room, and after close inspection, marked up the prices from 25 to 100 per cent. She inspected apartments and parlors and marked up the prices of rooms 25 per cent. The wine cards and buffet products did not escape her scheme of elevation.

As the Palmer House takes care of 2,000 persons daily in its restaurant, and dining rooms, there are strong and vigorous protests over the "raise." It is admitted that the hotel has been the best money maker in Chicago for years, due principally to first-class accommodations at popular prices.

This is the second "raise" made by Mrs. Palmer in six months. She has gone personally and inspected the 100 dwelling houses which she and her husband own, and has ordered rents raised 20 per cent. Mrs. Palmer is "clearing the atmosphere" before she goes to Paris. She will sail in two weeks, and has made arrangements to be in close touch with her great estate while abroad.

**A BIG DIVIDEND.**

**Twenty Million Dollars for Standard Oil Men.**

"The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey," by W. P. Howe, Attorney.

Such was the signature attached March 15 to checks of the Standard Oil Trust for the payment of a dividend amounting to \$20,000,000.

Never before in the history of finance has such a division of profits been made by a corporation. These bits of paper bearing the signature of the attorney for the Father of all Trusts were sent to 3,000 shareholders. They ranged in amount from the \$20 check sent to the holder of a single share to that for nearly \$5,000,000 sent to John D. Rockefeller.

Such a dividend declared annually would gladden the hearts of directors and shareholders of almost any corporation but to the holders of Standard Oil this is merely a foretaste, and stockholders in the next ten months may receive three checks like those sent out March 15.

Incorporated at \$10,000,000 originally, the capital of stock was increased in 1892 to \$110,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 is common stock and \$10,000,000 is non-cumulative 5 per cent. preferred stock. All of the latter issue is still in the treasury of the company.

Six years ago Standard Oil common stock sold in the market at \$167 a share. A few days before the transfer books closed for the dividend on Feb. 15 last \$547 a share was paid for it showing an increase in the market value within six years of \$380,000,000.

Of the \$2,000 stockholders less than a dozen insiders own 80 per cent. of the stock and control absolutely the workings of the company.

**CRIMINAL.**

A mob broke into the jail at Marietta, Georgia, March 19, and fatally injured John Bailey, a negro charged with an attempted assault upon a young white woman.

Seven young men have been arrested at Cedar Rapids, Ia., charged with placing dynamite, with intent to destroy a church building. They claim they meant it for a joke, though it is believed they meant to intimidate the ministers, who have been active in opposition to a saloon movement there.

His health wrecked by excessive cigarette smoking, Eugene Kinsley, at Portland Northampton county, Pa., attempted to end his life by cutting his throat.

Harvey Barrett, colored, is in custody in Harrisburg, Pa., suspected of the murder of Frank Knobel in that city March 14.

Burglars bound the watchman at the railroad station at Pomeroy, Pa., March 15 and blew open the safe.

In the Federal Court, at Chicago, W. J. Marvin, alias "Kid" Marvin, who was arrested on a charge of drugging and robbing two men of \$2,700 at Nome, has been released on a writ of habeas corpus.

L. S. Cook, of the Cook Mail Company, who was charged with embezzlement of several thousand dollars from the Monarch Horse Nail Company, has been found not guilty in the Municipal Court at Boston.

**New York City "Hayseeds."**

New Yorkers delight in comic pictures of the "Hayseeds" coming to the city for a "gold brick," but recent developments show that people living in this great centre of the Western Continent are just as liable to be enticed by a gold brick swindle as their country cousins are. The books of W. P. Miller's 520 per cent. syndicate shows that 2332 of his victims lived in Brooklyn and that they gave him \$277,000 of their money. The report of Receiver Grant shows how many first class banks jumped at the offer of "6 per cent. interest and commission," and accepted the unsecured paper of the Third Avenue Railroad without an investigation of its condition.

**A SERVANT GIRL'S LUCK.**

**SHE FALLS HEIRESS TO A FORTUNE OF \$13,000,000.**

**She Goes to Scotland, Where She Will Make All Her Friends and Neighbors Glad—A Remarkable Story of Fortune's Whim.**

Miss Elsie Tyson, the heiress of "Old Tyson," the queer millionaire of Australia, who recently died leaving \$13,000,000 to her, is supposed to have been a niece of "Old Tyson."

For over three-score years the latter had no communication with his family, and before his death he declared he knew of no living relatives and would leave no will. In Australia his lawyers, Wilson, Lawrence & Wilson, began at once the search for a rightful heir. In an ancient iron box in his cabin they found letters from his mother written sixty-five years before. They went to Scotland and found that the Tysons had lived on a farm of the Duke of Argyll, but that all of the members of the family had either died or drifted away. A brother, John Tyson, was traced to Orange, N. J., and thence to Cranston, Ill. His daughter had gone westward years ago with a family of emigrants, who settled in Humboldt Co., Cal., where they own a small farm. On this farm Wilson, one of the lawyers, who was searching for the missing heiress, found Elsie Tyson. She was performing the duties of a "hired girl" for her board and clothing.

Miss Tyson has not yet been put into possession of her vast fortune, but that is a mere formality. In company with Wilson she has gone to Scotland, where her relationship to Tyson will be further confirmed, and then she will go to Australia and take possession of the estate. Before her departure she said: "I am going back to my father's old home in Scotland, and I shall try to make the people in the place all happy, or at least comfortable. It is too bad that with all my money I cannot give the least little thing to one of my own people. They are all gone."

James Tyson, better known as "Old Tyson," was one of the most eccentric millionaires who ever hoarded gold. He died two years ago, leaving a vast estate in Australia, no heirs as far as was then known, and a record for personal peculiarities known the world over.

The estate of this remarkable old bushman, who had never passed a day of his life outside the limits of the Australian colonies, included millions in ready cash, 500,000 acres in fine lands, and many million head of horses, cattle and sheep.

**BLOWN FROM A TRAIN.**

**A Philadelphia Newspaper Man's Escape From Death.**

After being hurled headlong from a railroad train coming over the Meadows to Atlantic City, N. J., at the rate of seventy miles an hour, Norman Jeffries, a Philadelphia newspaper man, was found by a rescuing crew clinging to a telegraph pole about three miles from that city on the Camden and Atlantic Division. Not a bone was broken, and, according to the statements of the hospital surgeons, he did not sustain fatal injuries. Jeffries took to Philadelphia every day and took the bridge train at Broad street station to join his wife. When the train reached Atlantic City twenty-seven minutes late, a man's black overcoat, a pair of rubbers and a package were discovered in a seat in the smoking car.

Brakeman Hoffman found them unclaimed, after the last passenger had left the car, and at once notified Conductor Goff. Hoffman then remembered that about three miles out from the drawbridge he had seen a passenger leave the smoking car and attempt to cross the platforms into the next car behind. There was a violent wind sweeping from the eastward across the meadows all day, and, fearing that the passenger had been killed on the meadows, the bridge train engine and combination car were sent back with orders to go as far as Abasco to endeavor to find the missing passenger. About three miles out the rescue crew discovered Jeffries standing upright with his arms about a telegraph pole, on the west side of the track. He appeared very much dazed and weak, and his head was covered with blood. He was sent to the city hospital.

**FIRE RECORD.**

The Port Gibson, Mississipp, compress, in which was stored 2000 bales of cotton.

The Music Hall building, at Quincy, Massachusetts; loss \$58,000.

At Troy, O., almost an entire square, including seven business houses. The loss will be from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The plant of the Davenport Canning Company, at Davenport, Iowa. Loss, \$150,000.

Five business buildings in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Loss is estimated at \$62,000.

The building occupied by C. B. Cones & Son, manufacturers of clothing at Indianapolis, Ind. Loss, \$150,000. Four firemen were badly burned.

At Miami Beach, Ohio, the Rothschild tobacco warehouse and adjacent buildings. Loss, \$150,000.

The Armstrong Steel Works at Flint, Michigan, have been destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$150,000.

Fire at Mount Pleasant, Tennessee, has destroyed eight of the principal houses, entailing a loss of \$60,000.

Fire has destroyed the scythe manufacturing department of the American Axe and Tool Company, near Ballston Spa, New York. Loss, \$70,000.

**SHE SHOT TO KILL.**

**Plucky Woman Puts Highwaymen to Flight.**

Three rash men tried to hold up a carriage in which was Miss Maude Daniels, in a ravine, on a lonely road near Middletown, Conn., March 13.

Miss Daniels had a revolver. She wounded the highwayman who opened the carriage door and shot at the fellow who held the horses' bridles. The horses, rearing and plunging, threw off this man and ran away. Their driver, Alexander Fournier, at last proved his usefulness by controlling them.

When it was all over Miss Daniels, woman-like, fainted. Perhaps the fact that she had \$1,000 in money and jewelry nerved her to resistance. She safely reached Meriden and took the train for Boston.

Miss Daniels is the manager of the Wilbur Opera Company, playing at the Middletown Opera House. After the performance she received a telegram peremptorily summoning her to Boston. There being no train from Middletown so late, Miss Daniels promptly engaged a carriage driven by Fournier to take her ten miles to Meriden, where she could catch the 2 a. m. train for Boston.

It is an hour and a half drive. There was little time to spare, but Fournier had to let his horses walk when they reached that part of the road that, for almost a mile, runs in a ravine the sides of which are thickly wooded. Half way through the ravine three men sprang from the trees. One ran to the horses' heads yelling, "Hold up there, you!" The other two made for the carriage door.

During the long ride Miss Daniels had fallen asleep, but the yells awakened her. A self-reliant woman, she always carries a pistol. As one of the footpads opened the carriage door she drew the weapon from her satchel. Quickly aiming, she fired.

At the flash the man tried to dodge, cried out in pain, and fell in his companion's arms. Although the scared horses were already tugging at the reins, Miss Daniels shot at the robber who held them. They threw him off and were away.

Meriden was reached without further incident. When Fournier opened the carriage door he found Miss Daniels in a faint, but she soon revived. Fournier called the police, and they complimented the plucky woman.

The police could not find the highwaymen. There were blood spots on the road where the carriage was halted, a place much dreaded by travelers after dark.

**POLITICAL.**

Representative Bailey has left Washington for Texas, to begin an extended canvass in support of his candidacy for the United States Senate, to succeed Senator Chilton, who will be a candidate for re-election.

The New Hampshire Prohibitionist State Convention has nominated Josiah M. Fletcher, of Nashua, for Governor.

The Rhode Island Democratic Convention has named a State ticket and endorsed the Chicago platform.

The Massachusetts Republican State Central Committee has designated April 17 for holding district conventions for the election of delegates to the National Convention.

**DEATH RECORD.**

Ex-Judge Fullerton, who died March 15 at Newburg, N. Y., at the age of 83 years, was considered in his day one of the most brilliant lawyers of New York.

Charles H. Coster, of J. P. Morgan & Co., is dead of pneumonia. It was said of Mr. Coster that he was a director in more companies than any other man in the United States. He reorganized and put on a sound financial basis many prominent railroad corporations.

**NEW YORK MARKETS.**

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Winter Straights,	\$3 40@3 50
<b>RYE FLOUR.</b>	
Fair to good,	\$1 50@3 20
Choice to fancy,	\$3 50@3 55
<b>RYE.</b>	
No. 2 Western, bushel State,	60 1/2 66
<b>BARLEY.</b>	
Feeding, bushel,	45 1/2 45
Malting, bushel,	49 1/2 54
<b>WHEAT.</b>	
No. 2 Red, bushel,	77 1/2 81
No. Northern, bushel,	81
<b>CORN.</b>	
No. 2, f o b, afloat, bushel,	43 1/2
<b>OATS.</b>	
No. 2, per bushel,	29
No. 3, per bushel,	28
<b>Produce.</b>	
<b>HAY.</b>	
Shipping, hundred lbs.,	65 1/2 75
Good to choice, do.	80 1/2 85
<b>HOPS.</b>	
State, 1896 crop, pound,	12 1/2 14
1899 crop, pound,	12 1/2 14
<b>WOOL.</b>	
Texas, pound,	14 1/2 17
<b>BEEF.</b>	
Family, hundred,	12 50@13 00
Mess, hundred,	10 50
Beef Hams, hundred,	22 50@23 00
<b>LARD.</b>	
Western Steam, hundred,	6 25
Continent, hundred,	6 25@6 30
<b>PORK.</b>	
Mess, hundred,	15 25@16 75
Family, hundred,	12 00@12 50
<b>BUTTER.</b>	
Western Creamery, lb,	21 1/2 25
Factory, per pound,	17 1/2 19
State Dairy, per pound,	18 1/2 25
<b>CHEESE.</b>	
Fancy small,	12 1/2@13
Late made,	11 1/2 12
<b>EGGS.</b>	
State & Pennsylvania,	14 1/2 15
Western ungraded,	13 1/2 14
<b>DRESSED POULTRY.</b>	
Fowls, Western, choice,	11
Fowls, Western, fair to good,	10 1/2 11
Nearby chickens,	11 1/2 12
Nearby turkeys, fancy,	12 1/2 13
Western turkeys, choice,	12

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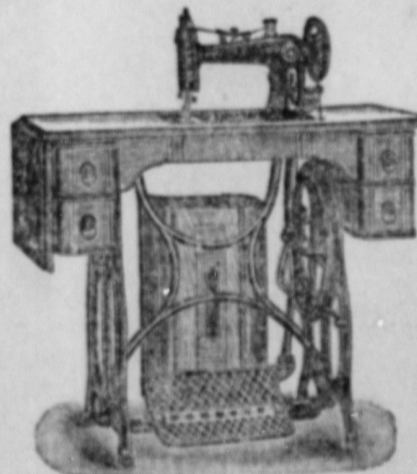
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