

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.

Messrs. Wolmarans, Fischer and Wesels, the peace envoys from the Boer forces, after visiting two or three European capitals, will go to New York, by way of Antwerp. It is understood at The Hague that they are invested with large powers, and are prepared to agree to anything looking to intervention.

The Boers are entrenching at Kroonstad, where they may make a stand against the advance of Roberts' forces, which comprise some 35,000 cavalry and infantry.

A despatch from Bloemfontein says General French has returned from Thaba Nchu, having failed to engage the Boers, who are trekking northward.

Lord Roberts' infantry have now been quiet for fourteen days, and news of an advance is hourly expected at the British War Office.

The Times points a statement from Cape Town that the Boers, after deducting heavy losses, are probably unable now to put more than 30,000 men on the fighting line.

A despatch received in London says that a force of British cavalry has penetrated the territory of the South African Republic to a point eighteen miles north of Christiana, and it is said Lord Roberts' army is being strengthened for a general northern advance.

A despatch from Maseru, Basutoland, seems to dispose of the story that Gen. French was fighting in the Orange Free State, but it indicates that a battle is imminent.

A despatch from London says: The total British losses, exclusive of the invalids sent home, are 16,418 in killed, wounded and missing.

Lord Roberts' proclamation is causing much dissatisfaction among the loyal farmer Dutch in the neighborhood of Ladysmith, as it is taken by them to mean that he has morally pledged himself to preserve the life and property of the rebels who lay down their arms and return to their homes.

A report from Pretoria of General Gatacre's defeat by the Boers is not believed in London. The last advice placed General Gatacre about thirty miles north of Bethulle, where the Boer report says he was defeated.

It is reported from Lorenzo Marquez that Pretoria is prepared to stand a siege of two years, and that Boer women, frantic at the reverses to the Boer arms, are entreating to be allowed to shoot British officers imprisoned at Pretoria.

South Africa advices show that the Free Staters are surrendering and the British are making preparations for the invasion of the Transvaal. The Boers, however, have destroyed several railway bridges over the Modder river and are said to be gathering their forces strongly at Kroonstad, in the northern part of the Free State, to oppose the British advance into the South African Republic. The burghers are also in considerable force in the Biggarsberg range, where they may make a stand. There is a report that the British troops have occupied Christiana, which, if true, would be the first invasion of Transvaal territory made in the campaign.

The British War Office makes public a despatch stating that Lord Kitchener has occupied the town of Prieska without opposition on the part of the Boers.

The Boers have destroyed several bridges across the Modder river, and are retreating towards the north of Bloemfontein.

Generals Roberts and Buller are still inactive, pending developments at the theatre of war.

Sir Alfred Milner, British High Commissioner of South Africa, has issued a proclamation declaring that England will not recognize valid alienations of property within the Transvaal or the Orange Free State.

Secretary Chamberlain will issue a proclamation on the subject of alleged threats of Boers to destroy Johannesburg, telling what the Boers may expect in the event of wanton destruction of British property.

BURGLAR USES CHLOROFORM.

Attacks a Woman in Her Flat, Robs Her, and Cuts Off Her Hair.

The police of Boston are puzzled, though they have been investigating for two days, to get a clue to the man who entered Caleb H. Burnham's house, in Charlestown, chloroformed his wife, cut off her hair and then ransacked the house.

Mrs. Burnham was working at the sink in the kitchen, when she heard a noise near the door, and saw a large, well-dressed man. The man sprang upon her with great violence. He clutched her throat and pressed a cloth saturated with chloroform to her face. She sank to the floor unconscious. Then the man calmly went over the house, taking such things as struck his fancy. Mrs. Burnham had a splendid head of hair. The robber admired it to the extent that he cut the tresses from the unconscious woman's head before he took his leave.

The robber went out the back door and came around to the front. He stepped to the door and pulled the bell handle, notifying the family living upstairs. He also pulled the bell connected with the Burnham tenement. The woman upstairs came down. No one was at the door. Hearing groans, she dashed into the kitchen and found Mrs. Burnham just recovering from the effect of the drug.

CARNEGIE—FRICK.

Difficulties Settled and the Steel Trust is Enlarged.

Announcement that the differences between H. C. Frick and Andrew Carnegie are settled have been made officially by the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited.

The parties interested have agreed upon a plan of reorganization, the new concern to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. The effect of the proposed reorganization will be to terminate all equity proceedings now pending. The stocks and bonds of the new corporation are to be taken by the present owners themselves, and not offered to the public, as once contemplated. Mr. Schwab will continue as the executive head of the new company.

Steel men say Mr. Frick won a big victory by the settlement, and that he was slow to accept the terms. Steel men who read carefully between the lines the statement issued by the company are certain that under the reorganization Mr. Frick and Mr. Carnegie will not come together in any business capacity. They feel sure that Mr. Frick would lead Mr. Carnegie a merry pace if he once more got into the affairs of the concern. His temper is such, according to many, that the wrangles would be even more numerous than they were in days gone by.

Under the agreement adopted at the Atlantic City conference, the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, becomes a stock company, with a capital variously estimated at from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000, the famous "ironclad agreement" is wiped out, and H. C. Frick, the former President of the company, virtually secures all he has contended for.

To President C. M. Schwab is given the credit for effecting this amicable arrangement. He suggested the organization of a stock company the capital to be based upon the value of the company's properties and its earning capacity, and the partners in the limited corporation to receive stock proportionate to their present holdings. As the capital of the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, is \$25,000,000, under the proposed plan of reorganizing each partner will hold either eight or ten times as much stock in the new corporation. As Mr. Frick holds 6 per cent. of that capital stock in the Carnegie Steel Company, he will receive 60 per cent. of the new concern \$12,000,000, if it is capitalized at \$200,000,000, \$15,000,000, if the figure is put up at \$250,000,000. His contention in his suit was that his stock was worth at least \$15,000,000, and he sued to recover the difference between that and the amount offered him when he was invited, under the "ironclad" provisions to resign.

COL. ASTOR'S AID

Saved Three Young Men, Stranded From Prison.

Col. John Jacob Astor's kindness has saved three young men who became stranded at Rhinebeck, N. Y., from going to the Albany penitentiary. Col. Astor's country place Ferneliffe, is near Rhinebeck.

The young men voluntarily appeared before Justice Pottenburgh and asked to be committed to the county jail as vagrants. They were fairly well dressed and had the stamp of respectability.

They confessed to being penniless and told the Justice they wanted to be committed to obtain food and lodging. They had tried to obtain work but with no success.

Justice Pottenburgh told them that as they were not residents of Dutchess County he could not commit them to the county jail, and that the only thing he could do was to send them to the Albany penitentiary.

The young men were about to agree to this when Elmore Rickert, a friend of Col. Astor, asked the Justice to delay action. Mr. Rickert called up Col. Astor on the telephone and briefly stated the case to him. Col. Astor said he would take care of the three men. Half an hour later a team from Ferneliffe drove up to the court-house and the young men were driven to Col. Astor's house.

He fed them and for a while kept them at work filling his ice house. He learned that they had friends in Buffalo who would look out for them. In the evening Col. Astor gave each of them some money and a ticket to Buffalo. The young men left Rhinebeck the same night.

BOOTH FAMILY BREACH.

Son of Ballington to Give Up His Grandfather's Name.

Fresh trouble appears to have broken out between Gen. William Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, and Gen. Ballington Booth, his son, the head of the Volunteers of America. Instead of father and son becoming reconciled, the breach has become wider; and so bitter has the feeling become between them that Ballington Booth has just taken legal steps to have his young son's name changed, so that he shall no longer bear the name "William Booth." The boy is about twelve years old, and a student in the Military Academy, at Montclair, N. J.

A notice appears announcing that, pursuant to an act to authorize persons to change their names, application will be made to the Circuit Court of the County of Essex on April 7 for an order to authorize the boy to assume the name of Charles Brandon Booth.

Gen. Ballington Booth when seen said: "It is a long and bitter story, and I can give you no details until the case comes up in the Circuit Court. Then we shall have something to say that will interest the public very much."

TOLD FORTUNES.

Lovers Got, Husbands Removed and Rivals Hoodooed Reasonably.

Mrs. Mary Jones, who kept a fortune-telling establishment in Brooklyn, N. Y., until March 14, when Police Captain Mies O'Reilly raided it, did a thriving business, and had a number of patrons who seemed to be only too willing to believe the nonsense which she poured into their ears. The police invasion was made upon information given by Miss Sadie Braham, of Manhattan, who charged Mrs. Jones with being a disorderly person. The manner in which Mrs. Jones worked upon her patrons all came out in the police court. The fortune-teller pleaded guilty and was put under \$300 bonds for a year. Mrs. Jones' books show that during 1898 she received \$2,239.15, and in 1899, \$3,638. They also contained interesting data about her patrons. This was recorded so that on their subsequent visits the fortune-teller could refresh her memory of what had been promised. One of these entries shows that Mrs. Jones had promised to keep a woman from going with another woman's lover upon the payment of a large fee. It follows:

"Barbara Jurgeson paid me on Sunday night \$3.50 on \$41.50, and sent \$1.50 more to keep her lover, Ludwig Anderson, a sailor, from going with Christina Willifson and marry him to Barbara by Easter Sunday."

Among the entries are: "Nellie Kerrigan paid \$5 to win Jacob Worth."

"John O'Connor paid \$5 to get on the police force."

"Julia Bolton paid 25 cents and agreed to pay 25 cents more. Wants to marry a clergyman by Easter."

"Married woman paid \$1. Wants her husband to die; wants to marry Johnnie by Easter."

"Married woman paid \$1 to humble her husband."

"Annie Morgan paid \$6 to get Tom Carroll; balance, \$4."

According to the books, Charles Larken was to pay Mrs. Jones \$10 in order to learn telegraphy and control others in business. In another part of her book was an entry referring to a woman who wanted to marry a clergyman. The seeress was not to bring about the match unless the woman paid \$50. Of this amount \$24 was to be paid before the marriage and \$26 after. Nora Mahoney purchased a charm for 50 cents to prevent the marriage of Patrick Davis, and Mrs. Watson paid \$6 and was to pay \$44 more in order to get her husband to die.

In the apartment where Mrs. Jones carried on her business was found a quantity of her stock in trade, which is now in possession of the property clerk at police headquarters. These are typewritten love letters, fortune-telling cards, love powders, love charms in black for widows and widowers, miracle cards, horoscopes and slate writings. The charms consisted of dried peas wrapped in cotton. To the peas are attached pieces of colored silk, and they are to be worn as lockets.

FILIPINO EDITOR IN PRISON.

Gen. Otis Inflicts Punishment for Sedition—More Trouble.

La Patria and El Liberal, Spanish organs of the Extreme Filipino Party, have recently been publishing articles inimical to the military government. Gen. Otis has suppressed the former journal for sedition and imprisoned the editor, at the same time issuing a warning to the members of the Extreme Party that they should observe greater moderation.

Senor Paterno, at one time President of the so-called Filipino Cabinet, having received permission from the authorities to come to Manila, is expected to present himself this week at San Fernando, Province of Union.

The insurgents in Gen. Young's district are becoming aggressive. The American battalion garrisoning the town of Namacapan was attacked on four consecutive nights recently. Reinforcements are now arriving there. Gen. Young purposes to pursue the insurgents aggressively before the rainy season sets in.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Table with market prices for Flour and Grain, Rye Flour, Rye, Barley, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Produce, Hay, Hops, Wool, Beef, Mutton, Pork, Butter, Cheese, etc.

CANCER Cannot be Cut Out or Removed with Plasters

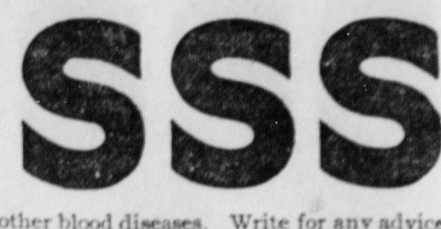
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