

GENERAL CRONJE'S STUBBORN FIGHT

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MUCH ANXIETY IN LONDON

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Cape Town, Feb. 21.—A special correspondent of the Cape Argus says: General Cronje is surrounded at Parberg drifts, but is offering a stubborn resistance.

London, Feb. 22.—It is said that Lord Roberts' list of 49 killed and wounded officers, including two generals in the engagements up to Sunday evening, causes anxiety, and practically as in the officers' list neither the losses of the Welsh and Essex regiments nor those of the mounted infantry are included.

It is considered strange that when sending his casualties Lord Roberts gives no information as to the result of the fighting. He has sent such a report the war office is withholding it.

Boer Telegrams. As the correspondents with Lord Roberts are silent, the telegrams from Boer sources receive some countenance.

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LIST OF CASUALTIES. Despatch Received from Field Marshal Lord Roberts.

London, Feb. 21.—The following despatch has been received at the war office from Lord Roberts: Parberg, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—Between Feb. 16 and Feb. 18, Major General Hector Macdonald severely wounded, and Lieutenant Colonel Aldworth was killed.

ARGUMENT IN THE POOR BOARD CASE HEARD BY THE SUPREME COURT AT PHILADELPHIA.

Attorney I. H. Burns Represented John J. Murphy, the Appellant, in the Case and John F. Scragg Upheld the Case of the Present Board—History of the Case and the Proceedings Up to Date—Arguments Presented by the Two Attorneys Yesterday.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—Arguments were made today before the Supreme court here on the poor board case from Lackawanna county, or, as it is entitled in the books, "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ex. rel. John K. Jones, district attorney, against F. L. Dickert, successor to F. L. Terppe." Attorney I. H. Burns represented John J. Murphy, the relator, and John F. Scragg argued for Mr. Dickert.

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HONOR OF LATE MR. HOBART. Memorial Session of the New Jersey Legislature. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 21.—The memorial session of the New Jersey legislature in honor of the late Vice-President Garrett A. Hobart was held this afternoon in the house of representatives.

WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION. President and Mrs. McKinley Entertain. Washington, Feb. 21.—President and Mrs. McKinley gave a reception to the public at the White House tonight from 9 to 11 o'clock.

SULU BELONGS TO SPAIN. United States No Longer Responsible for the Sultan's Salary. Washington, Feb. 21.—Upon representations of the Spanish government to the effect that some of the islands north of the Philippines which had been taken possession of by the United States garrisons, were really the property of Spain, the authorities of the state department have examined the charts and concluded to direct the United States government to the islands Cayagan, Sulu and Cebu, both of which lie without the boundaries as laid down by the treaty of Paris.

Benefit for Dixon. New York, Feb. 21.—The friends and admirers of George Dixon, the colored featherweight pugilist, for many years world's champion and who was recently deprived of his title by Terry McGovern, gave him a benefit at the Broadway Athletic club tonight. Eight thousand dollars were realized.

Bryan in Florida. Orlando, Fla., Feb. 21.—W. J. Bryan arrived here at 11 o'clock today and spoke at the depot to a crowd which packed all the available space, touching upon the labor question and the currency problem. Colonel Bryan then left for Jacksonville.

DEATH'S HARVEST. New York, Feb. 21.—Benjamin Wood, the proprietor of the New York Evening Newspaper and Daily News, died today at the 57th Avenue Hotel, where he had been ill for some time.

DISTINGUISHED MEN IN PHILADELPHIA

EDUCATORS AT OPENING OF U. P. LAW LIBRARY. The Ceremony Incident to the Dedication Will Be Carried Over Until Today—Well Known Orators Take Part in the Exercises—Principal Speakers Last Evening Were Hon. John Marshall Harlan and Sir Charles Arthur Roe, of England.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Distinguished jurists and educators from all parts of the United States and from England today took part in the formal opening of the University of Pennsylvania law library.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PENSION SCHEME Department Now Fully Equipped for the Service—Many Employees on the List. Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—The Pennsylvania railroad pension department, created for the purpose of administering the general pension departments of the various companies directly operated or affiliated with the Pennsylvania Railroad company, east of Pittsburg and Erie, the operation of which began on January 1 of the present year, is now fully equipped and ready to receive the applications of those employees of the service and during the month of January the board of officers at the several meetings acted upon the cases of 398 employees, who were relieved from the service on the first of the present year and fixed the monthly pension allowances to be paid to each of such retired employees, the aggregate of which amounts to over \$290,000 per annum.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. The evening exercises incident to the dedication of the law building were shifted from the university to the Academy of Music, where a large public meeting was held on Wednesday.

MR. QUAY'S CASE. An Effort Will Be Made to Call It Up Today. Washington, Feb. 21.—An effort is to be made to get the question involving the seating of former Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, formally before the senate for consideration.

Eviction Rate Low. London, Feb. 21.—The house of commons today reported by 232 to 136 votes that the bill for the relief of Irish tenants is to be passed.

Corporations Chartered. Harrisburg, Feb. 21.—These corporations were chartered today by the state department: The East Greenville Improvement company, East Greenville, population 23,900; The Central Building Association, Potsville, population 10,000; The New York Telephone and Cable Company, New York, population 47,000; The New York Cable Car Company, New York, population 47,000; The New York Cable Car Company, New York, population 47,000.

Benton Harbor Tragedy. Benton Harbor, Mich., Feb. 21.—Allan Glesler, aged 50, a well-to-do farmer and fruit grower, shot his wife today and then drowned himself in Lake Michigan.

GIGANTIC COMBINE FORMED

Electric Contractors Will Fight the Supply Trust. In All the Large Cities of the Country Associations of the Contractors Have Been Formed and a Compact Has Been Made That Will Make Itself Felt—Big Advance in Price Expected from Building Boom.

Pittsburg, Feb. 21.—The Post tomorrow will say: One gigantic combination is to fight another in the electric supply business. Contractors who have taken work for the business of the year have taken steps to protect themselves against the combination of supply houses now forming in New York.

THE PUERTO RICO TARIFF DEBATE. Republican Voice Heard Against It for First Time—Mr. Bromwell, of Ohio, Speaks in Opposition to the Measure. Washington, Feb. 21.—For the first time in the debate upon the Puerto Rican tariff bill the voice of a Republican was today raised against the measure.

FLUTTER IN THE SENATE. A Duel Threatened Between Gen. Jacques and M. Le Comptes. Paris, Feb. 21.—There was a lively incident at today's session of the senate, sitting as a high court in the trial of Deputy Marcel-Habert, charged with inciting soldiers to insubordination at the time of the funeral of President Faure.

MONEY FLOWS IN. Philadelphia Is Raising Fund for National Republican Convention. Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—The citizens' national Republican convention committee held a meeting in the mayor's office today, and the secretary reported that up to date \$68,000 have been gathered towards the fund of \$100,000.

WELCOME NOT STARTLING. Senator Clark's Manager the Only Witness. Washington, Feb. 21.—John B. Wellcome, Senator Clark's manager in his senatorial contest, was the only witness before the senate committee in the Clark case today.

INQUEST WAS CONDUCTED. An Inquest into the Death of Thomas Coleman, who was killed by an explosion of gas in the Marine mine about a month ago, was conducted by Coroner Roberts last evening in the office of Alderman Falter.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Feb. 21.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday for eastern Pennsylvania, rain or snow; Thursday, colder by night; fair Friday; high eastward, shifting to northwesterly winds.