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## A BRAVE DEED OF SACRIFICE

Such is Believed to be the Death Struggle of Cronje's Army.

Indication that the Boer Reinforcements are Near.

ted Ten Miles from Koodoos Rand.

What Cronje's Surrender Would Have Meant to the Boers.

NO NEWS FROM THE BELEAGUERED FORCE SINCE WEDNESDAY NIGHT—PRISONER'S REPORT THAT BOER COMMANDER'S WIFE URGED HIM TO YIELD TO SAVE HIS MEN.

London, Feb. 24.—All accounts agree in stating that Cronje's army is suffering martyrdom under the most frightful bombardment the ingenuity of man ever inflicted. Englishmen utterly fail to appreciate this far the splendid heroism of these dying patriots and their leader. Their surrender at the moment it was demanded by Kitchener, when the British hosts had completed their fatal chain around them would probably have meant the death blow of the Boer cause. The road to Bloemfontein would have been left open and the whole Orange Free State would have been at the mercy of the invaders. Two or three days' delay might enable a part of General Joubert's army and other federal forces to assemble for effective resistance to the British advance by establishing a second line of defence which had long been planned. Cronje's brave men simply decided to throw themselves beneath the wheels of the British juggernaut in order to purchase this brief delay at the expense of their lives.

Not this nor any other age can show a sublimer deed, which has awakened the admiration of the Boers' enemies. The whole world will pay tribute to this exhibition of valor, which is one of the grandest the century has ever witnessed.

Since Wednesday morning there has been no news from any source, and what has happened during the past three days cannot even be guessed. There is, however, a strong probability that strong Boer reinforcements have arrived in the neighborhood of Cronje's laager, and that the operations extend far beyond Koodoos Rand. There is mention of Petrusberg as a battle center in an official Boer bulletin issued from Pretoria on Wednesday. This bulletin says: "At Petrusberg cannon firing commenced at 6 o'clock in the morning and a big fight is expected to take place today. Dewet telegraphed yesterday from Petrusberg that all was quiet except for several cannon shots and small skirmishes. Yesterday evening the British stormed the federal positions as far as Schanzes but were driven back.

"A message has been received from Cronje to the effect that his loss yesterday was fourteen killed and wounded. Dewet sustained no loss during the fighting in which he was engaged."

**THE WOMAN IN THE CASE.**  
London, Feb. 24.—A despatch to the Daily News, dated Koodoos Rand, February 21, ascribes to Boer prisoners a statement that Cronje's wife is urging him to surrender to save the lives of his men.

**LEAVING BLOEMFONTEIN.**  
Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 23.—The Transvaal government is reported to be seriously alarmed at the defeat of the Boers at Kimberley and the rout of

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their famous general Cronje. There are persistent reports that the seat of the Free State government is being removed to Winburg. It is said that 6,000 burghers have been sent from Ladysmith to Bloemfontein.

**MRS. KRUGER ILL.**  
New York, Feb. 23.—A despatch to the Herald from Brussels says: "Private letters from Pretoria announce that Mrs. Kruger, wife of the president, is very ill."

**BRITISH CONSULATE ATTACKED.**  
Chicago, Feb. 23.—A mob of sixty hoodlums attacked the British consulate last night, pelting the building with all sorts of missiles, tearing down the flag hanging over the entrance in honor of Washington. Police dispersed the mob. No arrests were made. The consul says he will take no official action.

**FOODSTUFFS RELEASED.**  
Washington, Feb. 23.—Consul General Stowe at Cape Town cabled the state department the following: "The Mashona foodstuffs released. Government buy. Consignors send invoices." The Mashona was one of the three vessels seized by the British cruisers off the east coast of Africa, laden with foodstuffs, which it is supposed were intended for the Boers.

**SPANISH FLAG MAY BE DISPLAYED IN CUBA**

Those Opposed to Appointment of Bishop Threaten Hostile Demonstrations.

Havana, Feb. 23.—Mayor Lacoste has revoked the order of October last prohibiting the display of the Spanish flag. He declares that the present conditions are so different from those in effect when the order was issued, that the flag can now be displayed without causing any disturbance.

This will cause a more friendly feeling among both the Spanish and Cuban residents. At a recent performance in a theatre the Spanish flag was greeted with great applause, which almost equalled that of the Cuban flag.

The opposition to the appointment of Bishop Sharetta is growing more pronounced and the most radical elements still urge that a hostile demonstration be made against him on his arrival here. The police will prevent any disturbance.

**VIOLENT LANGUAGE OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST**

President McKinley Called a Murderer At a Philadelphia Meeting.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—After a two hours' discussion at the anti-imperialist conference heretoday, in which the course of the administration towards the Philippines and the contemplated regulation of trade with Porto Rico was condemned by the speaker B. Frank Stephens, called President McKinley a "murderer." Resolutions were unanimously adopted, declaring that his policy violates the principles of the United States government, pledging themselves not to support any candidates for the presidency or congress favoring such a policy and requesting the calling of a national convention of anti-imperialists for the purpose of securing united action against candidates entertaining imperialist views.

**FIRE IN BUSINESS SECTION OF PHILADELPHIA**

A Dozen Buildings Burned.—Woman Killed and Fireman Injured.  
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 23.—A dozen buildings on Front street, in the business section of the city, were burned tonight. One woman was killed by jumping from the fourth story window of the building in which the fire started, and six firemen were hurt by falling brick and glass, one seriously. The loss is three-quarters of a million dollars. The flames started on the third floor of the May building and quickly spread to others.

**ANOTHER FIRE.**  
Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Thirteen firemen and policemen were hurt, some seriously, at a fire which did \$20,000 damage to a building on Ridge avenue.

**BRYAN AT ATLANTA.**

Eulogized by Hoke Smith—Addresses an Immense Audience.  
Atlanta, Feb. 23.—Ex-Secretary Hoke Smith was among the first to call on Bryan on his arrival here. Later his paper appeared with an editorial eulogizing Bryan. Bryan was entertained by Clark Howell at a dinner tonight. He addressed an immense audience along the line of his recent speeches. To a reporter he said "I believe the prospects good." He declared that imperialism had received a body blow at the hands of the republicans who favor a Porto Rican tariff measure, because the measure showed that the republicans intend to treat the people in the Philippines and Porto Rico as subjects. Also that the purpose of the imperialists is not benevolence, but exploitation.

**COLLAPSE OF A FACTORY.**  
Muncie, Ind., Feb. 23.—A frame work glass factory, in course of erection, collapsed today, injuring nine persons.

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## TWO PRESIDENTS OF KENTUCKY SENATE

Several Bills Passed by the Democratic Majority.—Soldiers to be Sent to their Homes.

Frankfort, Feb. 23.—There was again a clash in the senate today between President Pro Tem Carter and Lieutenant Governor Marshall. The republicans recognized Marshall and immediately adjourned. Carter presided over the democratic senators. The two presiding officers sat side by side when the proceedings were conducted.

There was no ill-feeling exhibited. The democrats had a quorum, and passed several of the most important measures before the body, including several bills which were issues of the recent campaign.

Senator Roberts, a Brown democrat, who has heretofore refused to act with the Goebel democrats, today participated, and voted on several of the bills.

Among the measures passed today was the McChesnut railroad bill, which gives the railroad commission the power to fix the freight rates and provides a penalty for discrimination. This bill was the special one in the senate on the day that Goebel was shot. This measure failed to pass over Governor Bradley's veto in 1898.

A bill fixing a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 for a railroad company to subscribe money to a campaign fund, and the substitute for the reward bill creating a commission to have charge of the expenditure of the one hundred thousand dollars for the apprehension of the assassin of Goebel were passed.

Many minor bills were rushed through the senate in the hope that they would pass the house before next Wednesday, the date on which, as proposed in the resolution of Judge Lafferty, the assembly will adjourn sine die.

Governor Taylor returned from Louisville today, having spent last night there. This is the first time he has been out of the city during the contest. The day has been very quiet, and the volunteer soldiers who have been here on guard, were removed from their old posts, and not until nightfall were they to be seen on duty, and the old lines established.

The city council has requested Taylor to send the soldiers to their homes and has offered him police protection. It is said that the soldiers will be sent. Both Taylor and Beckham use the pardoning power, but the prison officials only recognize Beckham.

**AT Y. M. C. A.**  
Monthly Members' Meeting Last Night.

The entertainment committee of the Young Men's Christian association entertained the membership last evening in delightful fashion.

Mr. W. C. Stephenson gave a fine exhibition of mind reading, and Mr. W. B. Green with his gramophone added largely to the pleasure of the company. Refreshments were provided by the committee.

**BART ADAMS SURRENDERS.**  
Warrant Has Been Out for Him Since last July.

Bart Adams, of Black Mountain, for whom a peace warrant has been out since July, was taken in custody yesterday by Sheriff Lee. The sheriff has been looking for him, but recently, tired of hiding, he decided to give up and was met at the train yesterday at Biltmore by Sheriff Lee and Deputy Sheriff Reed and gave himself up. Afterwards he gave \$500 bond to keep the peace for twelve months.

Jim Branch has been caught by the officers for the theft of eight large chickens from Mrs. Thad Coleman's place. Sheriff Lee, Deputies Reed and Weaver were together when the capture was made on Depot street.

**TASTEFUL PRINTING.**

The French Broad Press is becoming one of the leading institutions of Asheville. In the tastefulness and finish of its printing it rivals the best efforts of the printers of the north, and it has been truly said that no printing office in this section ever produced work superior to Southern Pictures and Penicillings and Southern Golf. With commendable enterprise the plant is being very materially increased to a degree equal to more than the combined capacity of all the printing offices in Asheville. The establishment is now prepared to plan, illustrate and publish books and booklets of all kinds and descriptions, as well as to do general printing neatly and quickly.

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## WILL NOT SURRENDER CLAIM TO ISLANDS

Reason to Believe that Germany is Behind Spain in its Demand.—No Answer Yet Sent.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The government has reason to suspect that Germany is behind Spain in its claim that the islands of Sibutu and Cagayan, Sulu, which were not included within the bounds of the Philippine territory described in the Paris treaty, were not transferred to the United States.

The matter was considered at a cabinet meeting today, and a Laffan Bureau reporter subsequently learned from a member of the cabinet that the statement that the United States would withdraw its authority over the islands was an error. On the contrary the government adheres to its contention that the islands were transferred to the United States by the Paris treaty. No answer has been made to Spain. The United States is making inquiries, with a view to drawing a definite conclusion as to the justice of Spain's expectations.

The fact that recent inquiries made by German officials in regard to the ownership of the islands are practically coincident with Spain's representations is regarded as significant. Both of the islands are strategically important.

**DATES FOR CONFERENCES.**

Asheville District: M. E. Church South Quarterly Meetings.

Presiding Elder D. Atkins, of the Asheville district, M. E. church, south, has fixed dates for quarterly meetings as follows:

North Asheville, March 3-4.  
Bethel, March 3-4.  
Hot Springs, Ottinger's March 10-11.  
Marshall, Marshall, March 17-18.  
Ivy, Ivy, March 24-25.  
Burnsville, South Tow, March 31, April 1.

Bad Creek, Deaton's Bend, April 14-15.  
Swannanoa, Swannanoa, April 14-15.  
Saluda, Edneyville, April 21-22.  
Hendersonville, April 28-29.  
Cane Creek, Tweeds, May 5-6.  
Old Fort, Providence, May 12-13.  
Weaverville, May 19-20.

Haywood street, May 26-27.  
Central, May 26-27.  
The district conference will be held at Old Fort July 25-29. The first day will be a missionary institute. The session will open at 9 a. m., July 25.

**IN HONOR OF MR. BRIDDELL.**

Fred H. Haskell Entertains at His Home on Haywood Street.

Fred H. Haskell entertained last evening at his home on Haywood street, complimentary to Mr. York Briddell. Dancing was the principal enjoyment of the evening, and refreshments were served in the dining room. There was also music by several of the guests, and a particularly good time was had by all.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, Miss Sallie Adickes, Miss Bettie Sites, Miss Helen Scott, the Misses Nichols, Miss Dottie Schartle, Miss Edna Woolen, Miss Lizzie Baird, Miss Carrie Brown, Miss Helen Craig, Messrs. Willard Northrup, Kendall Northrup, Nath Wagner, Spencer Douglass, Will Nitzer and Raymond Haskell.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

The Christian church, holding services in the auditorium of the old library building on Church street, has reorganized the Sunday school with Mrs. Williams, a most capable and enthusiastic Christian woman, as superintendent.

With her are a number of earnest teachers. The music, which will be a special feature, is under the direction of Mrs. Frances Featherston.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all children, old and young, who are not going elsewhere to Sunday school. The hour for Sunday school is 10 o'clock a. m.

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## PORTO RICAN TARIFF BILL

A Strong Speech by Littlefield of Maine in Opposition to the Measure.

Assails the Position of Majority of Committee.

An Indicated Majority of Six for Senator Quay.

The Hawaiian Bill Discussed in the Senate.

CONFERENCE REPORT SUBMITTED ON THE FINANCIAL BILL.

THE REVISED MEASURE TO BE TAKEN UP FOR DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAY.

Washington, Feb. 23.—This was the greatest day in the debate on the Porto Rican tariff bill up to the present time, and was made so by the speech of Mr. Littlefield of Maine, in opposition to the bill, who spoke for nearly two and a half hours, holding the closest attention of the entire audience, floor and galleries. His delivery was effective, his attitude indifferent and defiant in tone.

He assailed the position of the majority of the committee on ways and means, declaring it unwarranted and unconstitutional. It was an attempt, he declared, to apply the monstrous doctrine of the Dred-Scott decision to twelve millions of people. He asserted confidence in the defeat of the bill, a sentiment that was echoed on the floor of the house.

The other speakers were Mr. Day, Mr. Jones and Mr. Maddox against the bill, and Mr. Bartholdt, Mr. Russell, Mr. Lacey and Mr. Gardner in support of it.

**QUAY WINS ONE POINT.**

Washington, Feb. 23.—In the senate today three subjects of importance came up—the Quay case, the conference report on the financial bill and the bill to provide a government for the territory of Hawaii. In the first mentioned matter the vote on taking it up showed a majority of six in favor of Quay. The vote was followed with a speech by Mr. Daniel insisting on Mr. Quay's right to the seat. Then the matter went over till Monday.

The conference report on the financial bill was presented and read and its consideration was postponed till Wednesday, when it is to be explained by Aldrich, the main discussion of the bill being fixed for Thursday.

The Hawaiian bill was discussed by Messrs. Morgan, Vest and Foraker. Mr. Vest directed his speech against the idea that the constitution does not, of its own power, apply to new insular possessions. His speech was replied to and his arguments met by Mr. Foraker.

President Pro Tem Frye laid before the senate the following cablegram addressed to him as president of the senate from San Juan, Porto Rico:

"Commissioned by the people of Porto Rico attending the celebration in commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Washington, we request for humanity's sake a solution be adopted of the economic problem. Every day presents considerable loss, leading to total ruin."

Mr. Hoar inquired whether the chair held the cablegram to be a petition from citizens of the United States. "The chair does not feel called upon to rule upon that question, but the senator from Massachusetts may judge how the chair feels, as he presented the document in the senate."

**NIGHT SESSION OF HOUSE.**

Washington, Feb. 23.—There were probably a score of members present at tonight's session of the house and the galleries were crowded. Among the speakers were Lloyd Little, White of North Carolina, and Sulzer of New York.

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