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**CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES.**  
Washington, Feb. 26.—Secretary Root has sent to the house the claims for damages alleged to have been caused by United States troops during the Spanish-American war, principally while encamped or traveling. The claims aggregate \$136,000. Among them are: Alabama, \$13,000; Florida, \$21,000; Georgia, \$11,000; South Carolina, \$24,000. The draft of a bill is submitted giving the secretary of war authority to have claims examined up to January 1 next and certify the results to the secretary of the treasury.

## CRONJE MAY YET ESCAPE

Lord Roberts Says He Never Claimed That This is Impossible.

## Desperate Effort to Help Boer Leader Out.

Cronje Has Four Thousand Men Exclusive of Recent Losses.

## A Despatch States That Roberts is Near Bloemfontein.

## BULLER CONTINUES TO MEET WITH STUBBORN RESISTANCE, ALTHOUGH HE SEEMS TO BE CREEPING SLOWLY FORWARD.

London, Feb. 27.—There has been no decisive change reported from any part of the theater of war. Cronje according to the latest despatches none of which, however, are of more recent date than Sunday, is still holding his position and apparently has not lost the hope of holding it until relief arrives. Time works in his favor. It is reported from Lorenzo Marques that 5,000 burghers have left Ladysmith for the Free State, and reinforcements are passing through Bloemfontein hourly, concentrating thirty miles from the Free State capital.

It is not doubted here that a desperate effort is impending to help Cronje out, the hopelessness of whose position has only been asserted by newspaper correspondents. Roberts has never claimed the Boer leaders' escape impossible.

The correspondents in the latest despatches say prisoners, who continue to arrive in the British camp, assert Cronje's force numbers 4,000 men exclusive of the recent losses.

Buller continues to meet severe resistance, as his heavy casualties testify. So far he seems to be creeping slowly forward. The situation Sunday morning is thus described by a correspondent of the Morning Post: "Coleso is now our railway base. Our further advance is confronted by a formidable position, the advance now being pursued in the face of the most stubborn opposition and heavy loss, but the duration and spirit of all ranks is admirable, nor will the loss of life discourage the soldiers."

A despatch to the News from Lorenzo Marques states that President Steyn has telegraphed to Kruger saying that Roberts is within a few hours' march of Bloemfontein and that he is urging every available man to be commandeered.

## A BALLONIST'S DISCOVERY

London, Feb. 26.—A cable despatch from Paardeberg, published in the second edition of the Daily Chronicle, and dated Saturday, says: "The balloon has discovered the enemy well covered by a system of burrowing in the river bank, which resembles a rabbit warren and affords a shell proof position."

This, perhaps more than any other circumstance, explains why what is looked upon here as Cronje's death struggle is prolonged. There will be much surprise if today or at least tomorrow, which is the anniversary of Majuba hill, will pass without being marked by the surrender or annihilation of the gallant band so overwhelmingly hemmed in, though the closeness of investment appears open to criticism.

Small bodies of Boers apparently, are able to make their escape, causing a comparison here between the Boers' methods of investment, with their quickly-dug surrounding trenches, impassable barbed-wire, etc., and those of the British.

Military critics, though little better

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informed as to the commander-in-chief's motives than the public, are inclining to the view that though the main cause of the prolongation of the Paardeberg tragedy undoubtedly consists in Lord Roberts being unwilling to risk the great loss of life which the assault would entail, his delay is also prompted by the subsidiary motive of attracting to Paardeberg as many reinforcing and relieving Boers as will come, feeling strong enough to treat them as General Joubert treated General Buller's attempts to relieve Ladysmith.

As Cronje is reported to have plenty of food the plan of starving him out can scarcely avail, so Lord Roberts must either wait until ammunition, of which he is short, runs out or those of General Cronje's force who are counseling surrender prevail.

So indefinite is information that either of these alternatives may occur at any moment.

In the meantime Roberts' engineers are moving steadily toward the Boer laager, and, according to a special from Paardeberg dated Sunday, the cordon is gradually drawing closer.

Buller's march to Ladysmith is being marked by sharp fighting. A Pietermaritzburg despatch today says he is steadily engaged in fighting.

In Cape Colony the British arms are steadily advancing.

The Pretoria government has proclaimed February 25 and February 27 days of thanksgiving and prayer, presumably in memory of the battle of Majuba hill.

## SULTAN WONT ENTER SCHEMES AGAINST ENGLAND

The Kaiser's Influence Chief Cause of His Attitude.

Paris, Feb. 26.—Your correspondent has received from high diplomatic sources, not French, information which fully explains the gloomy forebodings of the English statesmen a fortnight ago and the consequent non-effect of the British successes in South Africa in reviving public confidence in England.

It was learned from this authority that Constans, the French ambassador to Turkey, is here to report to the government the issue of a grave mission in which he is engaged. He has been endeavoring under instructions from Paris, to induce the sultan to reopen the Egyptian question. Russian influence has supported Constans' efforts very strongly, but nevertheless he was obliged to report a failure.

The sultan ordered his agents in Egypt to avoid raising any difficulties in Great Britain's way, and also assured Salisbury he would not favor Russia's scheme to secure a railway concession in Asia Minor. The sultan was influenced solely by the wishes of the kaiser, whose influence at Constantinople is now greater than ever. Constans will return to renew his efforts. He is working hard to secure the premiership if the present ministry falls, as now seems likely.

## ANOTHER MOVE IN THE CARNEGIE-FRICK CASE

Injunction Asked for Against Carrying Out of Alleged Contract.

Pittsburg, Feb. 26.—Another move was made in the Carnegie-Frick row when the long threatened suit in equity by the minority of the stock-holders of the Coke company was filed this afternoon. The plaintiffs name as the defendants the Coke company, the directors, and the Carnegie Steel company, and ask for an injunction against the carrying out of an alleged contract to sell coke to the Carnegie company at \$1.55 per ton, and that the court annul the contract, and order a noncontinuance.

The bill sets forth that the majority of the stock of the Coke company was owned by Carnegie interests, and that the Carnegie interests acted as if such a contract existed for the Carnegie company's benefit.

## BRUTAL MURDER.

Benton, Feb. 26.—John Thomas, an aged negro, was brutally murdered Saturday by three white men named Greer. Two of them have been arrested and are now in jail. The Greers dragged the negro by a rope behind a wagon for a mile and then gave him a ducking in a creek and finally shot him three times.

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## SPANISH STORY OF CERVERA'S DEFEAT

Officer on the Maria Theresa Writes of the Santiago Harbor Battle.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The bureau of naval intelligence has issued a fresh volume of its war notes series and probably the last of them which will bear on the battle of Santiago harbor. The present publication is a translation from the Spanish reports of Captain Victor M. Concas y Pakaux, formerly commander of the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa and chief of staff to Admiral Cervera in the battle of July 3.

Like a number of previous articles from the officers of the Spanish squadron bearing on the same subject Captain Concas devotes considerable space to the lack of naval preparation in Spain prior to the war and also to condemning the political party in Cuba which was responsible for the offering up of the crippled squadron as a sacrifice on the altar of a historical ideal.

All this has been covered more fully in Admiral Cervera's published defense.

The vital section of the narrative begins with the exodus of the devoted squadron from Santiago harbor. Captain Concas says in accordance with the prearranged instructions the Teresa was headed toward the Brooklyn, hoping to ram her. This was frustrated by the Brooklyn's frequently discussed "loop" to starboard which Concas says "brought the Texas and Iowa between her and the Teresa." A footnote inserted in the narrative at this point reads: "The turn was made to starboard though it would seem reasonable for it to have been made to port." There is nothing in the bureau's publication to indicate whether this footnote is by Captain Concas or not.

Continuing his story Captain Concas tells of the successive sinking of the Teresa and the other vessels of the squadron. He dwells strongly on a point which he declares all other critics have overlooked, namely, that owing to the narrow and tortuous channel past the Morro the Spanish vessels had to come out so far apart that they were attacked by the combined force of the American squadron and destroyed in detail, making it practically a series of combats, each time a single ship against a squadron. He calls attention to the probability that the American estimate of three per cent of hits of shots aimed at Cervera's fleet is too low. He says the most horrible mortality in every case was in the upper works, where the shots left no marks except those wiped out by fire. He says six per cent of hits probably would not be too high.

In defense of the Spanish gunnery the writer says that Cervera's ships fought either bow or stern on nearly throughout the battle. This reduced the number of guns they could bring to bear. But he points out that the Brooklyn, which was the only vessel keeping up a parallel broadside fight at close range for any length of time, was struck forty-one times. As she was under fire only of the Vizcaya, the Teresa and for a short time of the best guns of the Colon, Captain Concas says the Spaniards gave very good proof of their ability as marksmen.

He credits the Iowa with landing the two 12 or 13 inch shells which burst the Teresa's main steam pipe and put her out of action when her commander thought she had a fair chance to escape. These shots, he says, have been claimed both by the Oregon and the Indiana, but he adduces considerable evidence that they came from the Iowa.

Another peculiar incident brought out in the narrative, and a striking example of Yankee luck, was that the Oregon in her pursuit of the Colon remained unconsciously in the "dead angle" between the only guns of the Colon powerful enough to reach her. The Colon, it will be remembered, did not have her big 30-ton guns, and in the long stern chase, the Oregon happened always to keep just in the spot where the upper deck guns could not be trained on her and the Colon could not fire without heaving to and losing valuable time.

The author indignantly denies that the Colon was wrecked by her crew after she had surrendered. He says that she was run ashore and her sea valves opened before her flag was hauled down.

Regarding this incident the writer says: "The Christobal Colon was less fortunate than any of the others for, although going at a speed of fourteen knots, she ran ashore on sand; and if Admiral Sampson, with a more seamanlike spirit, had ordered the divers to close the valves, he could most certainly have saved the cruiser, but with feverish impatience he towed her off with his own flagship, the New York. Hardly had the ship been floated when she began to list, at which moment, with great dexterity, he pushed the Colon back again with the ram of his own ship toward the sandy shoals, but it was too late, and, turning over, that noble and ill-fated cruiser went to the bottom of the sea forever. The few Americans and Spaniards who were still on board hastily saved themselves.

The total mortality of the fleet reached the awful figure of 22 per cent.

In closing the account of the battle the author says: "We could never complete this chapter if we were to relate the innumerable acts of courage; but I cannot do less than to mention one which I saw with my own eyes. The Maria Teresa had already been abandoned, the flames mounting up to the height of the funnels, and projectiles exploding on all sides and when everybody thought that no living soul was left on the ship suddenly a man appeared there calling for help. Instantly Jose Casado cried 'I will not let that man die!' and threw himself into the water. He climbed up the blood stained sides of the ship, seized the man, carried him down on his shoulders, and swimming with him to the shore, laid his burden on the beach. It was hardly possible to believe that that shapeless form was a man with fourteen wounds, who must have been left aboard as dead."

Buy a baby carriage from Mrs. L. A. Johnson. They are cheap while the old stock lasts.

## TWO GOVERNMENTS IN KENTUCKY COMPLETE

Remain Democratic Contestants Declared Elected by Commission.

Frankfort, Feb. 26.—The state board of election commissioners this afternoon rendered a decision giving certificates to the democratic contestants for minor state offices. The oath of office was administered to the contestants and they filed bond with Beckham as governor.

Late this afternoon the democratic claimants made a formal demand in person of the republican holders for the surrender of their offices, but the republicans said that they themselves were legally elected, and would not give up.

Suits for possession of the offices have been prepared, and are said to have been filed tonight. The two governments are now complete, but neither will be recognized by the county officials until the controversy is settled.

## FLOUR TRUST DISSOLVES.

Failure to Float Securities on Open Market the Cause.

Milwaukee, Feb. 26.—The United States Milling company, generally known as the flour trust, went to pieces Saturday afternoon, but the facts did not become known until today, when Judge Jenkins appointed three receivers for the company. The receivers are Daniel Thomas, of New York; Charles E. Kimball, of Summit, N. J., and Albert C. Loring, of Minneapolis.

The collapse is due, it is said, to inability to float its securities on the open market.

## INJURED IN ESCAPE.

New York, Feb. 26.—The handsome residence of Robert Johnson, a retired dry goods merchant, on the Hudson at Mount St. Vincent, was burned today. Loss \$100,000.

Johnson, who was asleep in a big arm chair on the top floor at the time, made his escape by means of a surveyor's chain, which he tied to the bedstead.

In jumping from the top of the storm door to the ground he wrenched his back. He crawled over a half mile on his hands and knees in the snow to the house of his gardener and after telling of the fire fell unconscious.

There were many valuable pieces of statuary, oriental rugs and paintings in the building, which were destroyed. Johnson, who is 45 years old, lived alone.

## THEATRE BURNS.

London, Feb. 26.—The Grand theater at Islington, where Sir Henry Irving and other stars have been in the habit of beginning their provincial tours, was gutted by fire this morning. Arson is suspected. The theater wardrobe and properties were also lost.

## FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—The Theater Francaise and nearly an entire block on St. Catherine street, between St. Dominique and Cadieux, burned this morning. Loss \$100,000.

## STILL UNFAVORABLE.

Sub-Committee on Ewart Case Hasn't Changed Opinion.

Special to the Gazette.  
Washington, Feb. 26.—The Ewart case was postponed again today until next Monday. The sub-committee is still unfavorable.  
W. A. H.

## SENATOR PRITCHARD

TO SPEAK TOMORROW

Senator Pritchard will speak at Newton tomorrow (Wednesday) on the issues of the political campaign.

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## HAWAIIAN BILL IN THE SENATE. PROPERTY QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS ELIMINATED AND TERMS OF SUPREME COURT JUDGES LIMITED.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The debate in the house today on the Porto Rican bill was rather dilatory, the members being much more interested in the efforts being made at the white house to reach an agreement upon the measure. The order governing the debate was changed so as to provide for a general debate tomorrow, with a night session, the bill to be reported to the house Wednesday, and the minority having the right to offer a substitute if desired. Most of the speakers today opposed the bill, including Bartlett, of Georgia; Lanham, of Texas; Moon, of Tennessee; Williams, of Illinois; Jett, of Illinois; and Noonan, of Illinois, all democrats.

Boutelle, republican, supported the measure, pointing out the danger of bringing the labor of the United States into competition with pauper labor and insisting that the democrats were the original imperialists, by having sold the province of Texas to Spain in 1819. Brown, of Ohio, Mondell, of Wyoming, and Reeder, of Kansas, also favored the bill.

## EVENING CONFERENCE.

Washington, Feb. 26.—A final effort was made this evening to overcome republican opposition to the Porto Rican bill. A largely attended conference of the house republicans was held tonight, at which several members of the ways and means committee said they had seen the president this afternoon, and he had assured them that he is sincerely anxious for the passage of the bill, and was perfectly satisfied of its constitutionality. Speaker Henderson said he had talked two hours with the president, and that he would consider the bill's defeat most disastrous for the republican party.

Chairman Payne proposed to amend the title of the bill to read, "Bill to provide temporary revenue for Porto Rico," and limit its operation to March 1, 1902. Several of the insurgents seemed satisfied with this, but McCall, of Massachusetts, and Littlefield, of Maine, insisted that nothing would do but free trade. Payne's amendment was adopted without voting. H. C. Smith, of Michigan, offered an amendment changing the rate to 15 per cent, and this was adopted by a vote of 15 to 11. The conference then adjourned.

It is believed that these changes will secure the passage of the bill by the house. Chairman Cannon, after the conference outlined the work of the conference adding: "There was substantially a unanimous determination manifested that the republican majority of the house should register its will by the votes of its members touching the amendment and the passage of the bill. The bill in its amended shape will, it is estimated, furnish a revenue of \$1,600,000 yearly."

It is not expected that more than six republicans will vote against the bill

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