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## MAFEKING RELIEVED

Siege of Mafeking is Raised. A Force of 6,000 Boers Four Miles From British Front. Buller Finds Defeat of Boers Complete.

London, March 3.—A dispatch from Brussels says that information from the Transvaal to the legation there states that the siege of Mafeking has been raised. About 300 soldiers are in the town.

Ostfontein, March 2.—The Boers have now been definitely located four miles from the British front, their left resting on a high kopje and their right on the river. The burgher force is estimated to number between five thousand and six thousand.

London, March 2, (2:30 a. m.)—Saturday.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller:

"Ladysmith Friday, March 2.—(6:30 p. m.)—I find the defeat of the Boers more complete than I had dared to anticipate. This whole district is completely clear of them and, except at the top of Van Roenen's Pass, where several wagons are visible, I can find no trace of them.

"Their last train left Modderspruit Station about 1 o'clock yesterday, and they then blew up the bridge. They packed their wagons six days ago, moving them to the north of Ladysmith so that we had no chance of intercepting them; but they have left vast quantities of ammunition of all sorts, beads, grass, camp and individual necessaries. They have got away with all their guns except two."

London, March 2, 2 p. m.—With no prospects of any exciting news coming in from Ladysmith in the near future, all eyes turn once more toward Field Marshal Lord Roberts and his advance into the Orange Free State. The critics of the afternoon papers are almost unanimous in expecting the main stand of the Boers to occur at Wyndburg or in its vicinity. Before Lord Roberts' advance in Bloemfontein can become effective the strong force of Boers already gathered southwest of Paardeberg must be dispersed. The British lack remounts, and the necessity of a thorough transport organization may delay a decisive action in this quarter for several days and perhaps weeks. Mafeking alone now awaits relief, and a force to accomplish this is probably already on its way.

## KENTUCKY GOVERNMENTS

### Both in Full Operation. Governor's Case to Be Argued Today. Lives of Judges Threatened

Frankfort, Ky., March 1.—The court of appeals today entered an order postponing the argument docket till the spring term, which begins in April. Democrats attribute this action to stories that the lives of two of the judges had been threatened.

The agreed case involving contests for governor and lieutenant governor will be argued at Louisville tomorrow before Judge Field on a demurrer filed by Republican Gov. Taylor's attorneys to the petition of Gov. Beekham.

The two factions of the state government are proceeding, each in full operation, but with nothing approaching a clash pending the litigation over the offices.

The treasury of the Democratic faction of the state government was replenished today by payment into it of \$25,000 from officials of Jefferson county.

## WEDS A SUPPOSED LUNATIC.

Groom Masquerades as "Capt. Clark," of the "Battleship Texas," and Even Tried to Carry it off on the Vessel.

New Orleans, March 1.—A romance which has developed distressing complications, became public here today. Last night an excited young man drove to the head of Canal street, accompanied by an undertaker and a coffin. He frantically cried for a boat to take him to the battleship Texas, saying he was Capt. Clark, and in command.

A boat was obtained and "Capt. Clark" was rowed out. He went aboard the warship, introduced himself, and said that he had come for the body of Lieut. Colson, who had died on the ship. The officers of the ship, believing him unbalanced, sent him ashore.

Today it developed that "Capt. Clark" had married a young lady from Cincinnati here, after two days' courtship. The bride was Miss Bertha Warten. She came here with her brother-in-law, Alexander Aronson, a business man of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Aronson, and went to a hotel. The man was staying at the same house. He became fascinated with Miss Warten, and sent a card to her room, telling her he was in command of the battleship, and desired to meet her. Mr. Aronson believed his representations, and Clark and the young lady were introduced.

Yesterday afternoon they were married by Dr. Percival at the Church of the Annunciation. Today Mr. Aronson learned of Clark's exploit on the battleship last night, became frightened, and made an investigation, and soon satisfied himself that the man was either insane or an impostor. Detectives were called in, and the groom was locked up in a cell. When the bride realized her situation, she collapsed, and was taken seriously ill.

At the police station Clark told a number of conflicting stories. He said first that he was James E. Clark, a lawyer, of Cincinnati, but no such name could be found in the Cincinnati directory. Subsequently he was identified as J. J. Moyses, of Greenville, Miss. He is thought to be mentally unbalanced. Moyses said he served in the Fifth Mississippi Immune Regiment during the war, and that he had obtained his uniform while in the service. The federal officials were notified of his arrest, and it is stated that if he is not proved to be insane he will be prosecuted for impersonating a government officer.

"Capt. Clark" took his arrest coolly. When locked up he had many telegrams in his pocket. One he had written at the telegraph office when Mr. Aronson was with him. It had apparently not been sent, and read as follows: "Secretary Corbin, U. S. A., Washington: Today wedded and happy. Texas illuminates for the bride. (Signed) 'Capt. Clark,' Commander Texas."

## COAHOMA ITEMS.

February 28, 1900.

Mr. Bingham Sutton and sister, Miss Lola, of Wheat Swamp, visited their grandfather, Mr. W. H. Sutton, last Sunday.

Dr. R. W. Wooten, his charming wife and daughter, Miss Kathleen, of Dover, paid us a call yesterday.

Many of our farmers, we learn, will somewhat shorten their tobacco crops this year, but not to increase the cotton crop, as might be supposed.

Our village is being improved by the planting of shade trees by our enterprising friend Mr. Henry Bussell, who conducts a grocery, buggy and repair shop here.

Our quiet neighborhood was enlivened Friday night last by a dance at Mr. Lather Robinson's. In addition to our many young ladies and gentlemen, there were several from a distance. The affair was a pleasant one.

Rev. S. H. Ieler filled his appointment at Cobb's Mills last Sunday. The attendance was small, owing to severe cold weather. Mr. Ieler is among the pioneer Presbyterians in this section of the State.

Our Sunday school is not progressing as we had hoped. Why will not our good people awake to a sense of their duty in this line? Just think of the young folks in our midst with apparently nothing to do on Sunday.

It was our good pleasure to spend a night recently under the hospitable roof of Mr. Ed Smith, who is strictly a farmer and enjoys the quiet of home life, surrounded by an interesting family. Visitors falling into the hands of the young ladies of this home receive a warm welcome.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The supreme court has decided that where a husband signs as a witness a contract his wife has made it gives his assent to such contract.

Bradford S. Clark, of Charlotte, an employe of the Southern railway, was killed Thursday night between Charlotte and Columbia by falling from a freight car.

A prominent Raleigh cotton dealer says that he expects to see cotton so scarce later in the year that a number of North Carolina mills would have to stop for lack of it.

Fire at Tillery a few days ago destroyed the cotton gin of Tillery & Bro., together with about six bales of cotton in the seed. There was no insurance, the insurance having expired in January and had not been renewed.

The Newbern Fire Insurance company has formally notified the insurance commissioner that it had sold out all its business to the Westchester of New York and had wound up its affairs. The Westchester has been domesticated in the State.

At Raleigh Friday the jury in the case of S. S. Coley against the Southern railway for damages on account of injuries sustained while in the employ of the road on its yards at Goldsboro, rendered a verdict awarding Coley \$12,500. Coley lost an arm by the accident.

Charlotte News: The 3-year-old child of Mattie Allison, who cooks for Mrs. B. D. Springs, in Dilworth, was burned to death Monday night in a house at the extreme end of South Tryon street. The child was left in charge of another woman while the mother was at work. It was playing in the fire when the clothing caught.

Mr. A. G. Call, a contractor at Wilmington, was awakened by a burglar Friday morning. Mr. Call recently sustained a fracture of the hip and was confined to his bed. He gave an alarm by calling the neighbors. The robber cursed the prostrate man, brutally beat him with some blunt instrument and fled through a window. Call may die of his injuries.

S. A. Pearson and Sam Atkins, negro youths, have been captured. They burglarized Patch & Williams' store at Southern Pines on the night of February 12th. A large quantity of miscellaneous goods were found in their possession, including two bicycles, all of which were identified by Patch & Williams and the owners of the wheels. They were bound over to court Thursday and jailed in default of bail.

C. W. Battle, negro postmaster at Battleboro, was arrested Wednesday and jailed at Halifax, failing to give bond. The warrant was sworn out by Agent Connolly. A white man named Stokes succeeds Battle as postmaster. The latter is the fifth negro postmaster to get in trouble in northeastern North Carolina, the others being Hargett at Rocky Mount, Pittman at Tillery, Baker at Lewiston and one at Roseneath, Bertie county.

Washington Gazette-Messenger: We were shown Tuesday by Mr. James L. Mayo what was to us quite a curiosity—an alligator egg. Mr. Mayo took this egg from a nest on South creek, in which there were 53 others and it is about the size of an ordinary hen egg, only much longer and alike at both ends. Mr. Mayo says that during the warmer months alligators frequent this creek, and only last summer he succeeded in killing one 13 feet long.

Oxford Ledger: We frankly say to the Democratic party of Granville county that this is no time for empty honors in face of a bold, fierce aggressive campaign for Anglo-Saxon rule in our beloved State, and the necessity of selecting the head of the ticket with unanimity. We need and must have the strongest and ablest man in the State today before the people, and that man is Charles B. Aycock, who has no superior as an orator, a man of the people, and possesses every qualification to make North Carolina an admirable governor.

In Guilford county a young man who was courting a young woman, was forbidden by her father to come on the premises. The girl's mother told him he was welcome and he followed her advice. The angry father sued him for trespass. The mother signed his bond. The case was tried and the father lost, the magis-

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trate holding that as husband and wife are one she had a right to invite the young man. An appeal was taken by the father to the superior court. The question will then be settled as to a wife's equal rights on the premises.

Thomasville Charity and Children: We have again and again urged upon our people the importance of establishing small factories for working up the timber we are now selling in foreign markets at little or no profit. High Point stands ready always to back our argument with the cold cash. Twenty years it was a straggling railroad station; today it is a fine town of nearly 5,000 people with twenty odd furniture factories, all on a solid basis. We have been informed that every single one of these factories has a "gilt edge" credit and pays handsome dividends to its owners. Here in Thomasville we have a half dozen factories that manufacture spokes, handles, chairs, chiffoneers, veneering, sash, doors, blinds, etc. They are all highly prosperous and the stock is not for sale.

## Surrendered to the Trusts.

Nevs-Observer, March 1.

Yesterday's New York Journal gives the secret to the "dop" of the administration from advocacy of McKinley's "plain duty" and Secretary Root's "highest obligations of justice and good faith" to the advocacy of treating Porto Rico as England treated Ireland until it won the eternal hatred of Irishmen for all time. The Journal prints the pictures of the two men—Henry O. Havemeyer, president of the sugar trust, and James B. Duke, president of the tobacco trust—the two men who made the administration surrender. The Journal prints underneath their pictures these words:

"These are the two men—presidents of the tobacco and sugar trusts—who compelled President McKinley and the Republican party to betray the people of Porto Rico, citizens of the United States, into their power, that they might rob them by taxation in order to swell the enormous profits of their great monopolies. These are the trust magnates who ordered the president and his party to prove false to their word to the little island of Porto Rico, and whose order was obeyed, though it cost this country its honor among the nations of the earth."

Capitalization of the Sugar Trust.....\$75,000,000.  
Capitalization of the tobacco trust..... 70,000,000.  
Total.....\$145,000,000.

"This is the real force before which McKinley has bowed. This great capitalization of the two trusts is the real power in fear of which the Republican party and, it may be, the whole United States will have to be false to its promise to Porto Rico."

The Journal then prints the picture of the president and says: "This is the president of the United States and the head of the Republican party (dominated by trusts,) who stultified himself by being false to his promises, and covered himself and his party and his country with everlasting shame at the command of the two men pictured above who dominate the two trusts whose capital they represent—that all powerful \$145,000,000.

"Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give our products free access to our markets.—President McKinley in his last message to congress—'These are the noble words promising prosperity and justice to the Porto Ricans uttered by McKinley in his message to congress last December. Those are the words recanted and made ignoble at the order of Havemeyer and Duke and their two trusts—sugar and tobacco.

"And last night the president sent to the Republican caucus on the Porto Rican bill the following message, which was delivered by Hopkins, of Illinois:

"The president earnestly hopes that the Republicans will unite and stand together on this measure, and not allow the Democrats to take control of the house."

"The trusts be praised, McKinley is their prophet!"

Here you have it. In order to get a big campaign fund with which to purchase the election this year, the administration sells itself out, repudiates a "plain duty" and is recant to the "highest obligations of justice and good faith." "Can these things be and overcome us like a summer cloud And not excite our special wonder?"

The Japanese are throwing off their sandals with other old notions and showing a liking for American made boots and shoes. But they insist that they shall be made wide and roomy at the toes.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LEXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 5c.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

Freezing weather has caused \$1,000,000 damage at Cleveland, O.

The United States circuit court in New York decides that "calls" are not taxable.

Besides the 30,000 troops now afloat, England will send 56,000 more to South Africa.

Gen. Otis will come home on leave soon after the arrival at Manila of the Philippine commission in May.

Congressman Sydney Epps, of Virginia, died at Washington, Friday night, after an operation for appendicitis.

Grace Clarke, aged 15, died at Jersey City of typhoid fever under alleged "Christian Science" treatment. The case will be investigated.

Four troops of the Fifth United States cavalry in Porto Rico are under orders to return to the United States. Native troops are now being recruited to fill their places.

The boiler in the engine room of the Warnell Lumber and Veneer company's mill at Plant City, Fla., exploded Thursday, seriously injuring two men and almost wrecking the plant.

By an explosion on board the British mail packet France, at Dieppe, six of her firemen were scalded to death and four others are in a critical condition. The passengers escaped unhurt.

The bill to charter the Richmond and Washington Air Line railroad passed the Virginia house Friday, just as it passed the senate, and now only awaits the governor's signature. This ends a big railroad fight, and gives an outlet north to the Greater Seaboard system.

At Chicago, Thursday, Charles E. Lutz shot and seriously wounded his brother, A. D. Lutz, at the latter's art store. He then fired two shots at his sister-in-law, killing her instantly. Charles Lutz was formerly employed by Mrs. and Mrs. Lutz as manager. He entered the store intoxicated, and a quarrel ensued, which resulted in the shooting. The murderer made no attempt to escape.

At Cumberland, Md., Thursday, Mrs. Theresa Schaaf died a terrible death. She was toiling late at night on a sewing machine, when one of her young children overturned a kerosene lamp, which exploded and saturated the mother with the oil, and in an instant she was a sheet of flame. Bravely, however, she first saw the children out of danger before making an outcry. She died from the effects of the burning.

President McKinley sent a special message to the senate Friday, recommending that the duties collected in Porto Rico since the United States took charge be appropriated for the use and benefit of the island. Already \$2,095,455.88 has been collected. The senate promptly passed a bill giving the president authority to use this money for the islands, as well as other moneys collected under existing law, without waiting for legislation now pending.

Three prominent members of the Chicago board of trade have been arrested by the federal authorities on the charge of "bucketshopping." Those taken into custody are James Nicol, vice-president of the board of trade; Henry O. Parker, of the firm of H. O. Parker & Co., who was first vice-president of the board immediately preceding Nicol, and Calvin A. Whyland, president of the firm of C. A. Whyland & Co. All of them are charged with using the mails to defraud, in connection with the firm of McLean Bros. It seems that the McLeans solicited country orders, and paid the three prominent board of trade men part of the spoils for the use of their names in alleged transactions—made after stocks had fluctuated, but dated back to wipe out their customers' margins.

## Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Bochee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Mareton Drug Co.

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