# VICTORY FOR BOERS.

Forced the British to Retire from Colesberg District.

## A STRATEGIC POINT.

The Boers Are Evidently Heading Off the Movement of General Roberts to Invade the Orange Free State.

London, Feb. 14.—The latest war news is the enforced retirement of the British from the Colesberg district, under heavy Boer pressure and probably after brisk fighting. Thus at a time when Roberts is apparently about to push an army into the Free State, the Boers make a counter stroke in unknown, but seemingly great force, not far from the vital line of railway connecting Delaar and Orange river.

Military observers do not regard this as more than a menace. Nevertheless, the news produces an unpleasant impression here. General French had maneuvered the Boers out of Rensberg in December. On Jan. 1, it was reported that he could take Colesberg in two days with reinforcements. These were sent but the Boers were also reinforced. Since then the British lines have been extended east and west, so that at the opening of this week, they constituted a great horseshoe 25 miles in length. The lines were not continuous, but all the strong positions were had.

General French, when he joined Roberts, presumably took most of his cavalry. Clements was left with the infantry to hold the Boers in check, but Commandant Delaney, with a double turning movement, has compelled the British to concentrate at Rensberg, besides threatening Lord Roberts communications.

The Boer mastery of this district has caused a spread of insurrection, but this no doubt will be promptly repressed, as large British forces are available not far away.

The indications as to General Buller's immediate intentions are contradictory. One informant who has intimate relations with the war office, predicts a movement within the next day or two. A number of correspondents who have been with General Buller, however, have gone to Durban for a few days rest, under the impression that nothing is to be done immediately.

### Judge Cannon Removed.

Franklin, Tex., Feb. 14.—Civil proceedings for the removal of County Judge O. D. Cannon was tried before a jury and the verdict found the allegations in the petition to be true and judgment accordingly entered removing him from office permanently. He had already been suspended by District Judge Talliaferro and T. M. Taylor was appointed during the pendency of the suit. The commissioners' court will now fill the vacancy. Judge Cannon is still in jail at Georgetown.

### The Robbery Failed.

Perry, O. T., Feb. 13.—An attempt to hold up southbound passenger train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road was made Saturday night. Just after the train left the coal chute, a mile north of Perry, some one pulled the bell cord and the train was slowing down when the engineer noticed several masked men standing near the track. The engineer opened the throttle and the train dashed by the would be robbers who made a futile attempt to board it.

### Shot for Another Man.

Greenville, Tex., Feb. 13.—Jim Hooker shot John Alex near Lone Oak Sunday. Alex was passing Hooker's house and being taken for another man, 15 shots were fired, one taking effect in Alex's lungs, but had not resulted fatally at last accounts. Both are negroes and friendly. Hooker is in jail here.

### Death Penalty Affirmed.

Dallas, Feb. 9.—The death penalty in the case of Jim Rivers for the murder of Bill Jones on appeal from Cherokee county, was affirmed by the criminal court of appeals. This makes six such cases that have been affirmed by this court during the present month.

### Family Asphyxiated.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Martin Jordon, an engineer, his wife, and their 9-months-old boy, were asphyxiated by gas in their home here. A leak in a gaspipe in the basement defuzed the house with gas and when found had been dead for several hours.

### Released on Bond.

Weatherford, Tex., Feb. 14.—I. N. Franklin, who was arrested here last Monday and placed in jail on a charge of arson has been released on bond in the sum of $[illegible] to await the action of the grand jury in April.

### Murdered by His Father-in-law.

Ardmore, I. T., Feb. 10.—A message received here states that George Wilson living near Conway, was shot and killed by his father-in-law, J. W. Hardesty. The slayer gave himself up.

### Mrs. Palmer Confirmed.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The senate confirmed the nomination of Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer of Illinois to be a commissioner to the Paris exposition.

### Struck by an Electric Car.

Dallas, Feb. 7.—Charley Reagan, a bicycle messenger service boy, was run over here by an electric car and seriously injured.

### Squabble Is Reported.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Herald's Washington special says a squabble has arisen between the American and Turkish commissioners to the Paris exposition.

### Charged With Murder.

Greenville, Tex., Feb. 13.—George Stanley was placed in jail here for the assassination of Dave Pratt at Quinlan, which occurred a few months ago.

### Given Two Years.

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 13.—Henry Leavell, colored, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of horsetheft and was given two years in the penitentiary.

### Texas Leaves San Juan.

San Juan, Feb. 14.—The United States battleship Texas which arrived here on Feb. 8, has sailed to join the American fleet off St. Thomas.

## SWEENEY LYNCHED.

### Swung to a Pole After Being Acquitted of Murder.

Port Arthur, Tex., Feb. 13.—After being acquitted by the district court at Beaumont, Bill Sweeney, the confessed murderer of Gus Kambach, received lynch law at the hands of a small but determined mob in this city at 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Ten days ago Sweeney killed Kambach in the little shanty in which they lived. They had had trouble in a saloon and after going home Sweeney stabbed Kambach in the throat with a small Indian sword. Death was almost instantaneous.

At that time a number favored hanging him on the spot, but Deputy Marshal Lucas managed to get him out of town and into the county jail at Beaumont in safety.

Every one in town thought that he would be condemned by the court, and the news that he had been cleared of all blame came like a thunderbolt.

Sweeney reached here at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning. There were few people around the depot at that time. As soon as Sweeney stepped off, two men seized him, marched him over to where six others stood, and he was taken to an electric light pole and hanged. Few persons knew of the hanging until daylight. Sweeney's reputation here was extremely bad.

### Fifteen Years' Imprisonment.

Dallas, Feb. 8.—The jury in the E. L. Hodges murder trial returned a verdict, finding the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and assessing his punishment at imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of fifteen years. The verdict was returned after just five hours deliberation.

Hodges stood charged by indictment with the murder of Frank Connor on Exposition avenue early last summer.

### Will Build to Tehuacana.

Fort Worth, Feb. 12.—The plans for the Union Central railroad to build to Tehuacana have been fully settled. The bonus required by the company has been raised by the citizens of this town. The depot is to be located within three-fourths of a mile of the Tehuacana college. No bonds are to be issued until the road is completed to Tehuacana. The road has already been surveyed.

### Urge Sargent for the Senate.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 12.—Peoria Republicans are urging Frank P. Sargent, of this city, for the senatorship. Mr. Sargent is the grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, one of the largest and most powerful labor organizations in the country, and wields an influence in the world of labor which can hardly be overestimated.

### Prominent Kentuckian Dead.

Russellville, Ky., Feb. 12.—Colonel Joe H. Thomas died here, aged 83. He was a very prominent Mason, one of the founders of the Widow and Orphans home at Louisville; father of Colonel W. L. Thomas of Baltimore, Md., and past grand commander of the Knights of Templars of the world.

### Latest About Hogg.

New York, Feb. 10.—Ex-Governor Hogg of Texas has decided to make this city his future home, his friends having induced him to join the society of Tammany hall, of which organization he is to be made one of his chief stump speakers. This is said to be a move to strengthen Bryan in the east.

### Vein of Liquid Asphaltum.

Austin, Feb. 7.—A large vein of pure liquid asphaltum has been struck in a well a few miles west of here in this county. It is believed from the outward indications that a large deposit of the mineral exists in that locality. A number of test wells will be put down.

### Judge Taft Chairman.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The president has appointed Circuit Judge Taft of Cincinnati, chairman of the Philippine commission. He will sail from San Francisco about March 15, Judge Taft's place in the judicial circuit will be filled by Judge Severence of Michigan.

### Bard Elected Senator.

Sacramento, Feb. 8.—The California legislature elected Thomas P. Bard, Republican, United States senator to succeed Stephen M. White. In the senate the vote was: Bard, 26; James D. Phelan, 10. In the assembly, Bard, 59; Phelan, 23; White, 1.

### Ten Million Military Men.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary Root has sent congress an abstract of the military report. It shows the number of men available for military duty, the enrolled at 10,[illegible],154, and an aggregate organized strength of 406,339.

### Shot Proved Fatal.

Bryan, Tex., Feb. 12.—A man named Burgess, living on a farm seven miles northeast of Bryan, died from a shot in the forward with a pistol. He leaves a wife and several children. He had not resided in this country long.

### A Killing at Garrison.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Feb. 13.—A telephone message from Garrison, 20 miles from here, reports the killing of John T. Garrison, a well known citizen of that town. He was shot in a drugstore there and died instantly.

### Bill Cook Dies in Prison.

Albany, Feb. 10.—Bill Cook, who was sentenced in 1895 to 45 years' imprisonment in the Albany penitentiary, died from consumption. He was one of the most noted desperadoes of the Indian Territory.

### Given Two Years.

Belton, Tex., Feb. 14.—In the case of the State of Texas vs. Sam Ullman, charged with burglary, the defendant was given two years in the penitentiary.

## THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

### There Are About Fifteen Acres of Glass in Its Roof.

Among the many improvements at the Crystal palace not the least in importance is the renewal of the immense glass roof. For some years past it has been evident that extensive repairs were required, and under the new management of the palace this really work has been undertaken. The Crystal palace roof is probably the largest of its kind in the world. Its total glass area is between 14 and 15 acres.

As is well known, the building was originally used for the exhibition of 1851. After the rejection of many designs by the commissioners Messrs. Fox and Henderson brought forward a scheme of Paxton's for the erection of a glass roofed palace on the plan of a large palm house which he had erected at Chatsworth. The pieces of glass used for the roof were 49 inches long and 10 inches wide.

It was thought that this width would resist breakage by hailstorms. The glass weighed 16 ounces to the square foot except on the crown of the roof, where it was 21 ounces. Putty and paint were used for fixing the glass and keeping the roof water tight, but when the building was taken down nearly all the glass was destroyed, so that in the reerection of the palace at Sydenham new glass had to be put in.

This remained until the present year, but a large number of panes had been broken, mainly in consequence of expansion, for which sufficient space was not allowed. Increasing difficulty was found in keeping out wind and water and in properly ventilating the building. The directors therefore deemed it necessary entirely to renew the roof.

The original design has been generally followed, but a departure has been made in details. The center transept, which has a glass area of about two acres, is now nearing completion. The new pieces of glass used measure 51 inches by 18 inches, instead of 49 inches by 10 inches, and the weight is 26 inches to the square foot, with 32 ounce glass on the crown instead of 16 ounces and 21 ounces.

In fixing the new glass neither putty nor paint has been used, and none will be required in maintaining it. The glass rests upon inverted T iron framework covered with lead, which has a mixture of tin, and it is fixed with a double wedding of the same, a process which resists the effects of all kinds of weather, allows for expansion and admits of easy repair where necessary. Admirable as the old roof was, the new work is a great improvement upon the original and has added much to the attractiveness of the palace building.—Pall Mall Gazette.

### No Wonder They Were Aghast.

"An extraordinary accident recently occurred in our city that is enough to make the cold chills run down one's back even now," said James G. Van Dyke of Sing Sing.

"A two wheeled cart loaded with dynamite was working its way cautiously across the street car tracks when a trolley car came dashing along and before the cart had entirely cleared struck one of the wheels, smashing it and turning the dangerous cargo upside down in the street. As the car approached the driver of the cart watched it with painful interest, and when it was seen that a collision was unavoidable his blanched countenance told of a nervous tremble from which he was at the moment suffering and which must have been awful. He evidently realized the uselessness of matter any attempt to get away from his deadly load and when he [illegible] off by the impact he was picked up in a dead faint.

"At first it was thought the man had sustained actual injuries, but a little cold water brought him around. He was actually paralyzed with fear. When he realized the certainty of a collision, he made up his mind what the consequence would be, but the expected did not happen. The motorman also suffered his share of the freight and could not find the lever with which to back away from the overcharged cart. It was remarkable how few spectators evinced interest in that accident or cared to watch the load transferred to another cart."—Washington Post.

### A Curious Law Case.

A curious lawsuit which grew out of the purchase of a piano has just been adjudicated in Providence. The buyer of the instrument ordered it delivered at her residence, but when it arrived there it could not be carried through the door. The window sashes were then taken out, but in vain, and it was next decided to remove the window frame. The piano dealers were unwilling to bear the expense of that operation, and so were the purchaser, and as a result the instrument was taken back to the piano rooms, and the woman demanded the return of her money. Upon the refusal of the dealers to comply with her request she entered suit, and the case has been decided against her.

## WHIM-WHAMS.

### A Galaxy of Jests That Lovers of Humor Should Enjoy.

No, Hortense; the brave firemen are not evicted when they are suddenly driven into the street.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Has the ashman been here to remove the ashes today?

Mr. Crimsonbeak—Yes; he was here at high noon.

Patience—She has a foot like her mother and her grandmother.

Patrice—I suppose it is what is known as a lineal foot.

She—Your friend was very enthusiastic over the concert last night. Did you see anything grand about it?

He—Yes; the piano.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Do you believe that death ends all, John?

Mr. Crimsonbeak—Well, no; there's the fight over the will, you know.

Gotham—Do they have any recreation piers in England?

Charing Cross—Well, yes; they have sporting lords in parliament.

"What is an egg?" asked the schoolteacher.

"An egg," replied the smart boy, "is something used for settling coffee and actors."

She—Do you believe in the power of the press?

He—Why, certainly. Do you remember you refused me until after I squeezed you?

Foote Light—I see they're going to put a new piece on the stage called "The Open Door."

Sue Brette—It ought to go with a bang!—Yonkers Statesman.


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