

# KRUGER WAS PRESENT

And Might Have Been Nabbed But for a Misunderstanding.

## GALLANT STAND OF 50 BOERS.

New Gen. French Corrected the Error. But It Was Too Late to Effect the Capture of the Boers. Including Oom Paul, Who Was on the Battle-Field—Next Day's News.

London, April 17. — Gen. French, in trying to intercept the main body of Boers in their retreat at Poplar Grove, was followed by a few riflemen. A Daily News correspondent describes how this came about.

"About 6,000 yards from the square kopje at Dreifontein a 3-inch Creusot and a Vickers-Maxim opened fire on our advance. A great many shells were thrown. We, however, suddenly discovered on a ridge before him a party of about 50 Boer sharpshooters, who not only drove off the general and staff, but forced the retirement of the whole right wing, barring a squadron of Household, with two Maxims, some mounted infantry with a Maxim, and a squadron of Remington's guides posted in broken ground in our right and under sharp fire from the kopje we had first regarded as a target of 40 or 50 Boers as best of content, and then, finding what an effective fire they could direct, and misunderstanding French's order to them to shell the ridge, the battery limbered up to retire. French and staff had luckily escaped without injury, except a horse shot. He himself dashed down ahead of the battery and corrected the error, but our advance was stopped for an hour and twenty minutes, we suffered nearly 50 casualties, and, more important than all, the enemy was moving while we were held, and our guns were silent for the time being.

"A most gallant stand, most brilliantly executed. We had the chagrin of watching from the disputed ridge the distant retirement of the Boer command. Not till next day did we hear that President Kruger had been present at the battle, and that we might even have captured him and brought the war to a sudden end, but for the ill-starred contraction of our right wing, which, in dealing with an enemy of such mobility as the Boers, was on much too short a radius, and which had no justification in any effort on the part of the enemy to break through our centre, who, on the contrary, throughout the day consistently rallied to the front, outflanking our contractors right between 9 and 10 a.m., and again at 1 p.m.

"Wednesday evening the cavalry division camped on Briconstein at the rear of the enemy's position, and across his line of retirement, which was marked for miles by the jetsam of a hurried retreat—bags of flour, mealies, bran and odds and ends of all sorts."

"The Boer errors are corrected in later editions. A mistake in spelling a bad quotation and so forth distresses the publisher more than any other. It is possible to insert in a book a paper with printed corrections and references. That is sufficient. It is not a life and death matter."—London Post.

**Man's Mighty Lever, Machinery.** Taking all the manufactures of the United States in 1890, barring some omissions in reporting horsepower, it is found that the total horsepower was in round numbers 6,000,000, equivalent to the labor of 36,000,000 men, while only 4,476,884 persons were employed. The supplemental labor having a ratio equivalent to 8 to 1. Horsepower in manufactures equivalent to 36,000,000 men represents a population of 180,000,000—in other words, if the products of the manufacturing establishments of the United States in 1890 had been secured by the old hand methods without the aid of power machinery it would have required a population of 180,000,000, with none left for agriculture, trade, transportation, mining, forestry, the professions or any other occupations.—Carroll D. Wright in Guntton's Magazine.

**Fifty Lucra.** "Half the paper money circulating in the west," says an Omaha man, "is nasty and dangerous to health. It is filthy lucre in a literal sense. Why can't we have clean money? What's the use of handicapping prosperity? Printing is the best method. We ought to have a money factory somewhere west of the Mississippi. New money should be on the bargain counter of all western banks. If the bubonic plague ever strikes this country, our paper currency will beat all records of rats as germ carriers. A dollar bill can do more than ten rats. It moves in better society. The \$1 bill will make the bubonic plague as easy to get in the homes of the rich as in the hovels of the poor."

**A Bull Brevier Gen.** Irian Clyde Cullen of Warren, Va., has invented a gun for the firing of large projectiles in which the spiral grooves in the bore of the piece are fitted with ball bearings. This causes less friction in the passage of the missile from the gun, and he claims that the projectile, being thus less retarded, will go farther and faster.

# SELECTIONS

DANGER IN MISPRINTS.

## A Case in Point—Care Taken by Author.

"The danger from misprints is no where so great," a publisher said the other day, "as in medical treatises. At present a paragraph is appearing in certain technical periodicals as follows: 'We are asked to state that in the third edition of Professor Virgil Coblenz's very useful little book, entitled "The New Remedies," recently issued, the dose of blennostasin (leucodine dithydrobromide) is given as from one to four grams (15 to 60 grains) instead of from one to four centigrams. This error has been corrected in the copies printed since it was discovered."

"This is an error possibly of a very dangerous character. It may be the printer's error; it may be the author's. No one else can rightly be held responsible, indeed the responsibility comes home to the author. He is 'Extreme care is taken to guard against misprints in technical works in the publication of medical books, such as this one referred to, in which doses are prescribed, the watchfulness is about as close as it can well be. The author has revised his manuscript; the author has written his formula accurately and plainly; that he has read and reread what he has written; that mistakes of carelessness may be all corrected. The printer, following the manuscript, does his best to reproduce exactly what it contains. The duty of the proofreader (there may be more than one) is to see to it that the printer has done his work accurately."

"The revised proof is then sent to the author. It pretends to be in print, and he reads it. He finds it correct. He reads it carefully for errors. He is at liberty to change it if he will. As a rule, he does this work conscientiously. The proof is then corrected again to correspond with the author's changes. This revised, it is sent to the printer. He reads it. It is returned to the publisher with the corrections, revised and sent once more to the author. This is the last proof, 'the foundry proof.' The pages are in the condition they will be when the book is issued."

"Publishers follow their own customs of course. The routine I have described is not common to all the houses. Greater or less care may be taken."

"It is apparent that such a mistake as the word grams for grains may properly be laid at the door of the printer, and not the possibility of such a thing should give the sharpest eyes. Such mistakes are infrequent. I do not at this moment recall another. When they do occur, their discovery throws the publishing house into a state of consternation. Publication is suspended, the mistake is corrected, the books in the house are changed so as to read right, notice is sent to the merchants to whom the books have been sent, and the mistake is there corrected again. Through the merchants an attempt is made to trace the individual purchasers. No time is lost; no trouble is too great. Notices are inserted in the technical journals, such as the one I have read. Warnings are placed wherever they may be effective."

**THE QUEEN IN DUBLIN.** Her Majesty Drove out on Monday in an Open Landau.

Dublin, April 17. — The Queen, accompanied by the Princesses, drove out in an open landau, yesterday, in the presence of immense holiday crowds. The route was past the Hill-berian school, Clonidine, returning to the vice-regal lodge by way of Long Avenue, which was still lined with equipages and cheering crowds, when Her Majesty returned.

Will Prolong Her Stay.

Dublin, April 17. — The Queen has decided to prolong her stay in Ireland until April 27.

## TORONTO STEW MARKET.

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