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GRAIN PROVISIONS, ETC. Milwaukee—Four cents lower. Wheat—Irregular. No. 1 northern, 64 1/2...

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Gen. Dundonald Has Raised Siege of Ladysmith.

BOERS SEEM PANIC STRICKEN.

The Capture of Cronje and His Army a Severe Blow to the Boer Republic—Ballistics of Five Days Fighting—Other War Notes.

Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Gen. Buller has taken Pieter's bill after a heavy loss of men. His further advance toward Ladysmith is stubbornly resisted.

Thursday, March 1.

The siege of Ladysmith has been raised, the Boers flying to the north as Buller's army advanced.

Friday, March 2.

Boers are said to be at Ofontein, near Paardeberg, and also at Makauw's drift, near Modder; 7,000 men; may intend to harass Roberts' march.

Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4.

Roberts has 60,000 men near Kimberley, 40,000 in Natal and 50,000 in Cape Colony.

MANY HURT IN WRECK.

Disastrous Collision on Illinois Central Near Broadview, Ill.

A rear-end collision on the Illinois Central railroad near Broadview, Ill., at 6 o'clock Monday morning, between a stock and a freight train, resulted in the injury of twenty-one men, two of whom may die, and the destruction by fire of a passenger coach, caboose and stock car.

Monday, March 3.

Roberts' plans carefully concealed. Natal army temporarily inactive. Mafeking's relief likely to be attempted next.

Charged with Stealing a Purse.

Mrs. Zimmerman, who is charged with stealing a purse from an Albion college co-ed, was put on trial in the Circuit court at Marshall, Mich., Wednesday.

Natural Gas in Kane County.

On the farm of John Meinke, near Old Harmony, Kane county, natural gas has been discovered.

Fatal Explosion of Powder.

A keg of gunpowder stored in the residence of Gustavus Horn, four miles east of Dunkerton, Iowa, exploded Wednesday morning, wrecking the house and fatally injuring two children.

Christina Science Church Dedicated.

The Marinette (Wis.) Christian Science church was dedicated Sunday. Scientists from Chicago, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Iron Mountain and many other places attended the services.

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City to Own Water Works.

The Dubuque, Iowa, council's contract to buy the water plant for \$54,000 was carried with little opposition at a special election Wednesday.

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OUR CALENDAR.



MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—From Farm Produce in Western Markets.

Twenty men were seriously injured in a collision of stock trains near Broadview, Ill.

A bill before the New York legislature will put the entire burden of supporting the state upon a bond and mortgage tax.

Two men were killed and more than forty injured by a wreck on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Monday.

Wreckage washed ashore at Publico, N. S., indicates the steamer Planet Mercury has gone down.

W. H. Weaver, prominent in religious work at Independence, Iowa, was arrested Monday at Michigan City by postal inspectors.

The Compressed Air Motor company will increase its capital stock from \$1,250,000 to \$2,000,000.

The outlook in New York points to a reduction of the National Baseball league to eight clubs.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey signed articles to fight twenty-five rounds before the club offering the largest purse.

Bureau chiefs oppose Secretary Root's army reorganization bill.

The president has sent to the senate the correspondence and instructions bearing upon the Philippine insurrection.

Taxes in England are materially increased to pay the cost of the war.

Rumors that Salisbury is about to resign are not generally believed.

Soldiers of the Ninth American Infantry burn a Filipino village in revenge for the murder of Lieut. E. F. Koehler.

Baron Raffay, ex-premier of Hungary, has sent a challenge for a duel to the editor of the Vaterland.

Gen. Bates' forces have occupied Nueva Caeres, Daes and other towns in southern Luzon.

"Sapho," Daudet's novel, has been adjudged an immoral publication by a jury in a Philadelphia court.

Chicago and the entire middle west was snow-bound Wednesday by the heaviest fall of snow recorded by the weather bureau since it began its record in 1888.

Business of all kinds was practically suspended.

Japan is said to be increasing its standing army to 300,000 men.

David Starr Jordan denounced British aggression and predicted the dismemberment of the British empire.

The French residents of the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon show violence to the British.

The Chilean minister in Peru resigns on account of hostility to his mission.

The Klene Journal of Berlin says little kindness of feeling is shown America in the meat bill discussion.

Foreign-born sons of naturalized Americans, who are minors and abroad when their fathers secure naturalization papers, are held not to be American citizens.

The artist Raffaelli predicts that Chicago is to be a great art center.

The anti-trust people are organizing all over Kansas and will assist the populists in the election this fall.

Ex-Congressman Simpson says the Anti-Trust league members number 10,000 in the state.

It is predicted that the new note issue will produce an inflation of the currency without adding to its elasticity.

President McKinley attended church in New York Sunday and heard his colonial policy condemned by Bishop Andrews.

Six men were burned to death in a New York lodging-house fire and two others were injured Sunday.

The United States government will establish postal service to Nome City.

Chairman Towne says silver republicans will hold a national convention at Kansas City July 4.

Patrick Crowe, suspected of being implicated in the daring Northwestern train robbery between Maple Park and DeKalb on the night of Oct. 13, was arrested Monday afternoon in Chicago and has been spirited away by the police.

The place of his confinement is kept a secret.

CURRENT TOPICS.

CHINESE MINISTER'S SPEECHES.

Now that our relations with Asia are broadening out it is a pleasure to discover that the Chinese minister to the United States, Wu Ting-Fang, can express himself with facility in the English language and make a very good speech at short notice on almost any subject.

THE BEAR AND THE LION.

The St. Petersburg paper which declares that "England has fettered Russia by many treaties, but the moment has come to break these fetters," may not voice the intention of the Russian government, but it undoubtedly expresses a desire of the Russian people.

BOARD OF TRADE FRAUDS.

The federal grand jury at Chicago has voted three bills against the members of a board of trade firm which is believed to have engaged in bucket-shop operations.

RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

The relief of Ladysmith and the withdrawal of the Boers from Colesberg and Jamestown mark the beginning of the fourth stage of the campaign in South Africa.

A KNIFE MESSAGE.

A unique piece of legislation is proposed by Senator Harbaugh in the Ohio legislature. He would make it a misdemeanor for any person to write or sell a student any essay, composition, or other literary production to be submitted upon the unsuspecting teacher on the purchaser's own.

WHEN IS ONE'S BIRTHDAY.

Ohio finds itself in a peculiar dilemma. The state intends to celebrate the centennial of its admission to the Union, but unfortunately the date is not known.

WHEN FOR SOLDIERS.

Experiments have been made in Germany to ascertain the effect of sugar when used in the ration of soldiers.

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PAUNCEFOTE TO BE RETIRED.

British Ambassador's Term of Service Will End April 4.

The diplomatic career of Lord Pauncefote of Preston, the British ambassador to the United States, will terminate on April 1, when he will be placed on the retired list.

Novel Defense in Suit.

Mrs. Catherine Eisele, widow of William Eisele of St. Louis, has sued Jefferson lodge, No. 119, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for \$200, the amount of a benefit claimed to have been held by her husband in the lodge.

Hounds to Trail Criminals.

A. E. Coon, a hotel-keeper of Rhinelander, Wis., is in Chattanooga, Tenn., for the purpose of purchasing some bloodhounds. He says Rhinelander is in the heart of a dense pine forest, and that lawlessness is rampant.

Will Look Into Charge.

The navy department recently received a letter from an unofficial source in the Philippines, said to be reliable, charging that some of the officers of the cruiser Charleston were drunk when the vessel was wrecked off the north coast of Luzon.

Tobacco Plant to Be Sold.

P. S. Hill of New York has been appointed temporary receiver for Blackwell's Durham Tobacco company of Durham, N. C., by Judge Simonton of the United States Circuit court at Charleston.

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STORY OF THE SIEGE OF THE CITY OF LADYSMITH.



Nov. 2—Boers surround the city.

Nov. 15—Lieut. Churchill leads assault on besiegers; is killed with 58 men.

Nov. 16—British driven from Willow Grange near Ladysmith; 11 killed.

Nov. 30—Boers tighten their lines about city and are opposed by Gen. Buller with losses of 160.

Dec. 15—Gen. Buller crosses Tugela and is driven back with heavy loss.

Dec. 22—Gen. Buller tries sortie and is repulsed with severe losses.

Jan. 16—Boers again tighten their lines about the city.

Jan. 17—Buller again crosses Tugela on way to relieve besieged city and is again repulsed.

Jan. 25—Battle of Spion Kop (south gate to Ladysmith) ends with defeat of Buller, who retires in disorder.

In meantime Boer siege has been weakened by voluntary withdrawals to defense of Spion Kop. Buller dispatches Dundonald's cavalry to north entrance to city deserted by Boers. Dundonald encamps north of Ladysmith.

Feb. 24—Buller crosses Tugela again with 30,000 men and is driven back in disorder. Losses reported 1,500 men. This effort further weakens Boer siege lines and Dundonald's task becomes simple.

Feb. 28—British defeated at Colenso.

To Develop Its Coal Fields.

The Chicago & Alton Railway company will at once begin work on the sinking of a coal shaft near the present north shaft at Virden, Ill. The contemplated mine will have a capacity of 150 cars per day.

Highlander War On Again.

The Highlander has broken out again in Chinatown in San Francisco, and the bitter feud between the Sney Sing and Sim Yip sides resulted in the killing of one man Sunday night, the murder of two more and the wounding of two Monday.

Appointment for Dewey.

If Admiral Dewey carries out his reported intention of going to Paris for the exposition he will probably be designated as the delegate of the United States to the international conference of navigators.

Went by an Explosion.

An acetylene gas tank exploded Monday at Warren, Ill., and severely injured George Stickman, a workman, and A. F. Grabner, the proprietor of the drug store where the explosion occurred.

Two Cities May Unite.

At a meeting of a number of prominent citizens of St. Joseph, Mich., Tuesday the discussion turned upon the consolidation of that city with Benton Harbor.

Business Part of Clarion Bureau.

Fire destroyed the business section of Clarion, Pa., early Tuesday, and resulted in the death of former Judge W. W. Barr, who dropped dead from excitement. Fourteen business houses were destroyed. The loss will amount to \$150,000.

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