

DESOLATION IN
SOUTH AFRICA.Sir Alfred Milner Paints a Terrible
Picture.

MATTERS RETROGRESSING

During Last Six Months—Fight Now
Mainly Over Supplies—Consequences
of War Appalling.London, April 17.—A South African
blue book, containing recent dispatches
from Sir Alfred Milner and other official
correspondence was issued to-day.In a dispatch dated Feb. 6, Sir Alfred
Milner reviews the situation in South
Africa, and says that he had hoped
some point would be reached, some
definite line of demarcation, at which
it would be possible to sum up the
chapter of history containing the
ways and means of administrative
reconstruction which must succeed it.
"But I am reluctantly forced to the
conclusion that there will be no such
definite line," he continues. "Sir Alfred
dividing line. I have not the slightest
doubt of the ultimate result, but I foresee
that the work will be slower, more
difficult, more harassing and more ex-
haustive than was at any time anticipated.
At any rate it is idle to wait
together in the hope of being able to
discover a clean-cut solution of the present
of the country, and I think it better to attempt
to discover, however roughly and inadequately,
the state of things as they exist to-day.It is no use denying that the last
half year has been one of retrogression.
Seven months ago this colony was in a
feverish state, at least as far as the
Orange River. The southern half of the
Orange River colony was rapidly settling
down, and even a considerable
portion of the Transvaal—naturally the
best of the districts, seemed to have
definitely accepted British authority
and to rejoice at the opportunity to
return to orderly government and the
benefits of peace.Today the scene is completely altered.
It would be superfluous to dwell
on the increased losses to the country
in the prolongation of the war, and
that our troops are similarly broken up
in their pursuit, makes the area of
actual fighting and, consequently, the
destruction, much wider than would be
the case in a conflict between equal
numbers operating in large masses.Moreover, the fight is now mainly
over supplies. The country people have
passed, not only taking all the food they
can lay their hands on, but looting the
small village stores and the stores of
coffee and sugar, all of which they are
in great need of. Our forces are com-
pelled to denude the country of every-
thing movable in order to frustrate
the tactics of the enemy.The loss of crops and stock is more
serious to the Boers than farm burning,
of which so much has been heard. The
country is not at all an advocate of
such destruction, and I am glad to
think the measure is now seldom, if
ever, resorted to.Continuing, he says: "The conse-
quences of the war, although not grave,
are appalling. The country people will
need help to prevent them from starv-
ing, and probably a certain amount of
capital. A more serious effect of the
last six months is the moral influence
of the recrudescence of the war, espe-
cially in Orange River.He then sketches the rising against
the British forces, the breaking of Boer
pledges of neutrality under the pres-
sure of the prolongation of the war, and
the establishment of camps of refuge for
Boer families waiting protection. He
describes the effect in Cape Colony of
the war, and the effect of the war on
the "carnival of mendacity," accom-
panying the pro-Boer agitation.At the end of 1900, he says, "the
country had some of the most serious
cause of the most serious—was the cru-
elty of the British troops—had been ex-
posed, and partly because the general
impression of military law and
checked vicious writing and speaking."He thinks that a majority of the
Dutch colonies don't desire invasion.
Dedicating the plans of local defense
put in operation he argues that the
government policy should be to con-
sider the feelings and interests of the
loyalists and to refer to their loyalty
as well as to disarm their enmity
and to win the confidence of those who
are fighting against Great Britain."South Africans are sick unto death
of the war," he says, "but are prepared
to make South Africa indubitably one
country under one flag."He believes that the young country
will recuperate in a few years when the
war is over.

GEN. GOMEZ COMING.

Will Visit United States and Re-
main for Some Time.HAYES, April 18.—Gen. Maximo Go-
mez is making arrangements to go to
the United States to visit Senor Es-
trada Palma. He will be accompanied
by his wife and children, and will prob-
ably remain in the United States until the
return of the special committee
on relations. He desires to wait
before leaving in order to avoid the
debate amendment, in order to avoid the
impression that the trip is made for po-
litical purposes. He has always ex-
pressed a desire to visit the United
States, and to thank them for the
assistance they rendered Cuba in
the war with Spain. Senor Palma
is the chairman of Gen. Gomez for the
presidency of Cuba.

EMPEROR PALACE BURNED.

Maj. Gen. Schwartzkopf Supposed
to Have Perished in It.Berlin, April 18.—A dispatch from Pe-
kin says that Count von Waldersee es-
caped from the burning palace of the
emperor, which was destroyed by fire
yesterday, through a window with
great difficulty.Maj. Gen. Schwartzkopf, Count von
Waldersee's chief of staff, appears to
have lost his life by returning to the
burning building after having escaped
from it. Incendiarism is suspected.

PRESIDENT'S WESTERN TRIP.

He Will Not Spend Sunday, June 2,
in Salt Lake.Washington, April 17.—Slight modifi-
cations of the itinerary of the Presi-
dent's western trip have been made.
Sunday, June 2, was to have been
spent at Salt Lake City, but it is now
in Colorado, possibly at Glenwood
Springs.The President and Mrs. McKinley
have accepted the invitation of Mr.
and Mrs. Henry T. Scott, of San Fran-
cisco, to occupy the latter's home dur-
ing their stay in the Golden Gate city.
One of the features of the launching
of the friendship Ohio will be the
presentation of a testimonial to thePresident by the workmen of the Union
Iron works, where the Ohio is build-
ing.

MURDERED A WOMAN.

Ferdinand Ernst Kills Mue, Lasch-
er Engländer at Passy, France.Paris, April 18.—Madame Lascher,
Englisher living at Passy, has been
murdered by Ferdinand Ernst because
she refused to marry him. Ernst, who
was born in Chicago, and who is said
to be the director of the Manchester house,
and British subject, then shot himself.
All of the parties were socially promi-
nent.The victim was a woman of indepen-
dent means. The murderer, who
died in a hospital, left a letter request-
ing that his body be cremated, and
making an appeal to the authorities to
cancel the funeral expenses of the victim
from his present estate.

CHINESE TROOPS MASSING.

Well Informed Natives Predict Fur-
ther Trouble.Pekin, April 17.—Trustworthy Chinese
report that troops in large numbers
are massing in the province of Chi-
nan, the frontier of the province of Chi-
nan.Well informed natives prophesy
further trouble. It is impossible to as-
certain whether the court is in a dan-
gerous position, but it is said that the
double game of the Chinese generals
acting in a manner likely to provoke
hostilities. The fact that for many
months there has been nothing in the
shape of a de facto government favors
the latter hypothesis.Probably a great deal will depend
upon the Franco-German expedition
which is expected to start upon the
Chinese who have transgressed the
boundary by entering into the sphere
of the allies. If these offenders are
defeated it is likely to produce
a good effect.A missionary named Killie (Rev. Mr.
Kelley, Presbyterian missionary) has
returned from Sancho where he has
been for some time. He reports to Gen.
Chaffee that some time ago several of his converts
were killed. He had the guilty persons
tried, and they were sentenced to death,
subject to Li Hung Chang's signature.Mr. Killie came to Peking and saw
Li Hung Chang, who has only been
executed immediately. Upon going to
Sancho three weeks later the mission-
ary found the men alive. He spoke to
a judge of the court, and the men were
tried, and they were sentenced to death,
subject to Li Hung Chang's signature.In the meantime the French had
proved the same men guilty of inces-
tuousness and other outrages and de-
manded their execution, whereupon the
judge showed his orders to Li Hung
Chang. The French authorities replied
that if the men were not executed
within eight days they would take the
law into their own hands and punish
the Chinese officials likewise.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Four People Killed Outright, Six
Badly Wounded.Vancouver, B. C., April 17.—By the
explosion of the boiler on the river
steamer Ramona this afternoon, four
persons were killed outright and six
others seriously injured. The dead in-
clude two women who were passengers
on the steamer and two deck hands.
Of the injured, the purser and the mate
will probably die.

DEAD.

Mrs. H. Morrison of Fort Langley,
B. C.Mrs. Baillie of Mount Lehman, B. C.
John Macdonald, son of the late
Henry Phipps, dead.

INJURED.

John Power, purser, probably fatally
burned.James Maynard, mate, probably
burned fatally.George Knowell, fireman, badly
burned.

Three Indians seriously burned.

CUBAN SITUATION.

Senators Proctor and Cockrell Con-
fer With President on It.Washington, April 17.—Senators Pro-
ctor of Vermont and Cockrell of Mis-
souri had an important conference with
the President today regarding the sit-
uation in Cuba. Both senators have
made trips to the island since the ad-
journment of Congress. Senator Cock-
rell, as a representative of the political
opposition in the Senate, is held in
high esteem by the President, who was
greatly interested today in listening to
his views. Senators Proctor and Cock-
rell agreed substantially as to the con-
ditions existing on the island, and they
agree as to the outcome of the war.

DORI MAPPY.

Almost everybody remembers the ce-
lebrated advice of the London Punch, "To
those about to marry, say 'Dori Mappy.'"
It is in that advice the expression of the
feeling of many a mother who says, "I
hope my daughter will never marry
and suffer as I have."In ninety-eight cases in every hun-
dred there's no need for this suffer-
ing. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescrip-
tion cures the womanly diseases which
cause misery. It cures female
inflammation, and cures female
weakness. It invigorates the
womanly organism, tranquilizes the
nerves, and gives the mother
strength to give her children.Do not allow an unscrupulous dealer
to sell you something in place of "Fa-
vorite Prescription," claimed to be "just
as good." There is nothing just as good
for women as "Favorite Prescription.""I am so pleased with your instructions,
I hardly know what thanks to give you for your
kind words," writes Mrs. M. H. Bryant of Leta,
St. Thomas Co., Ga. "You say, 'publish my
statements to the world, saying all suffering
women will know and be healed.' I suffered so
much with great pains in my back and the
lower part of my stomach and palpitation of
the heart that I could hardly get up in the morn-
ing, and I was so weak that I could not
after using three bottles of 'Favorite Prescrip-
tion' and two bottles of 'Pierce's Pleasant Pellets,'
I feel like a new woman."Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure sick
headache.Wallace, Ida, April 17.—Gem was the
scene of wild excitement for a couple
of hours this morning. Coroner Mason
had just resumed taking testimony on
the body of George Fisher, who was
murdered Sunday, when an announce-
ment that a man was on the street
looking for someone to kill, caused an
immediate adjournment.In the street, Deputy Sheriff Hicks
had a Winchester and said Robert
Brannley and others had threatened to
kill him, and he was looking for them.
While looking down the street he saw
a man named Wallace in an upper
story window trying to shoot him.
Hicks backed against a building and
drew his rifle, when Wallace disap-
peared.

READY COOKED FOOD.

A Great Convenience for Housekeepers.
Two young ladies in a certain city are
employed down town and rent a small
flat, where they do light housekeeping.
Frequently they are invited out evenings
and the subject of meals is a puzzle.Of late they have solved the problem
by keeping some nice rich milk or
cream, and a few packages of dry
crisp Grape-Nuts.In thirty seconds the meal is ready,
and it is a most fascinating meal, too,
for the creamy top blends with the
peculiar delicate sweet of the grape
sugar in the Grape-Nuts producing a
never-to-be-forgotten flavor. The sus-
taining power of the food is sufficient
to keep one well nourished even when a
small amount is used.INSURGENTS
ATTACK BAY.Sited in Laguna Bay Province,
Near Manila.

WERE QUICKLY REPULSED.

Dispatches Captured—Promised Re-
cruits When Aguinaldo Was
Released.Manila, April 18.—Fifty insurgent
riders attacked the town of Bay, on
Laguna Bay, in Laguna province, south-
east of Manila. The insurgents were
quickly repulsed.Lieut. William S. Niles, of the Thirty-
second volunteer infantry, has captured
a bearer of dispatches from the insur-
gent Gen. Noriel to Gen. Malvar. Noriel
directed Malvar not to surrender,
saying he would send him 2,000 recruits,
money and ammunition when Aguinaldo
was released. Noriel succeeded Trias
in southern Luzon.At a meeting of clergymen held in
Manila, at which Bishop Warren pre-
sided, strong protests were made against
the opening of conscription in Manila.
The business men of the city have also
objected on the same lines.The trial of Lieut. Frederick Boyer,
charged with the embezzlement of com-
missary stores will be continued next
Monday.The trial of the civilian named Fletcher,
accused of the unlawful confinement of
commissary stores, which was held
before the provost court today, exposed
a plot to obtain commissary supplies
and to sell them to the hotels and mer-
chants of Manila.Brig. Gen. James F. Wade and Wil-
liam Ludlow have arrived here. Gen.
Wade will succeed Brig. Gen. John C.
Bates, in command of the department
of southern Luzon. Brig. Gen. Bates,
Robert H. Hall and Frederick D. Grant
will return to the United States.MACARTHUR INVESTIGATING.
Washington, April 17.—Gen. MacArthur
is supposed to be making a careful
investigation into the conditions in
the commissary department at Manila
and possibly into the alleged frauds
connected with the department's request for
information until he is in possession of all
the facts.The arrests at Manila in connection
with the alleged commissary frauds
formed the principal topic of discussion
among army officers here. It may be
noted that the opinion is general that
the frauds will be found to have been
committed by one or two volunteer offi-
cers and some of the non-commissioned
force. The officers here are quite
satisfied that the frauds were not
committed by the regulars, who have
come out of the investigation with tar-
nished reputations, and the most they
are prepared to admit is that some of
the regular officers of the department
may have been guilty of over confidence
and have leaned upon unworthy sup-
ports.Maj. George B. Davis today received
a reply to his message, dated Col.
Woodruff at Manila, expressing his
wishes to transport for Manila on the first
available steamer, and the charges
that have been brought against him.
Col. Woodruff's reply was an assurance
that such a step is not necessary. It
is believed that if the affair was of any
great gravity, Col. Woodruff would
have advised against Maj. Davis' de-
parture for the scene of the alleged
frauds, even though the latter's health
is not very good at present.

TROUBLE IN KOREA.

Various Ministers Arrested for Con-
spiracy and Punished.St. Petersburg, April 17.—News has
been received here from Seoul, Korea,
to the effect that the Korean minister
of justice, Ko Kon Ho, was arrested
and reports for participation in a con-
spiracy against the emperor of Korea.
He named various high officials as ac-
complices in the plot. He was con-
demned to death April 6th, and the as-
sistant minister of the Korean court
was sentenced to fifteen years' hard
labor. The other implicated officials
were acquitted.

THE IRON TRADE.

U. S. Steel Company to be Guided by
Standard Oil Principles.New York, April 17.—The Iron Age
today says:By many in the iron trade the an-
nouncement of the low prices for ore
is now interpreted as proof of the fact
that Standard Oil principles will be
applied to the management of the United
States Steel corporation. As one of
the brightest sales managers of one con-
stitutional oil company, the principles
may be summarized briefly:Better service, improved quality and
lower prices.This, so far as the last named are
concerned, would be breaking with the
traditions of quite a number of leaders
in the iron industry, who have believed
in making the best of the opportunity
of the moment. A hurry has been
created by the threat of the Amalgamated
association to force a fight on the
recognition of the union in the sheet
mill. It is a pretty certain, however,
that the meeting would be adjusted.The markets continue strong, but, as
is natural, have quieted down some-
what in price. Reports of large sales of
bessemer pig in the central West are
true, but, on the other hand, there
does not appear any foundation for re-
ports of weakness as the result of the
lowering of the price of lake ore. The
steel market is rather dull, chiefly be-
cause the demand is restricted, and
the supply is even narrower and pre-
miums are still paid for prompt delivery.
In all branches of the finished trade
the reports of heavy deliveries con-
tinue, and there is evidence that a good
deal of new work is being taken. The
steel rail market reports somewhat of
a revival in orders. In the East about

ARCHDUKE FRANCIS TALKS.

Willing to Combat All Efforts Di-
rected Against Catholicism.Vienna, April 18.—When accepting the
patronage of the Austrian Catholic
schools association yesterday, Arch-
duke Francis, the heir apparent, caused
a sensation by delivering a speech in
the course of which he declared that
he would "willingly assist in combat-
ing all efforts directed toward injur-
ing the Catholic religion and disinte-
grating the Austrian empire."The radicals interpret the speech as
an attack on Protestantism and the
archduke's incursion into politics is ex-
pected to lead to stormy debates in the
reichsrath.

Macedonian Congress in Session.

Sofia, April 18.—The Macedonian con-
gress met yesterday to elect officers.
The credentials committee is now sit-
ting. The indications are that the
Bulgarian element predominates in the
congress.WALKER'S
STORE.THE SALE OF FINE SILKS,
UP TO \$2.25 A YARD QUALITIES—\$1.00.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Two last days; and not in a year will you have such another chance. The silks are
superb in fabric and design, every piece new, and not within a radius of many hundreds
of miles will you find such a complete stock to choose from. The variety is enormous,
there being scarcely any duplicate pieces and the spring hardly parted from winter as
yet, nearly all the kinds of the season are still here:FOULARDS—Twilled, Liberty, Panne and Satin Foulards that are regularly priced
\$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75, \$1.90, \$2.00 and \$2.25 a yard— - - \$1.00 A YARDWAIST SILKS—Louisines, Peau de Cygnes, Satin Pannes, Taffetas, Mirror Soleils
and others that sell for \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75, \$1.85 and \$2.00, all one price at—
\$1.00 A YARDCome Friday and Saturday when an elegant dress or waist may be selected at a
trifling price. After that they will return to regular prices. \$1.50 to \$2.25 silks—\$1.00

\$1.50 to \$5.50 Corsets—95c.

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For any corset now in stock that is not the straight front. Those not
made for the strictly modern and those who really prefer the regulation kinds
without gussets, will receive this bit of news gladly. It takes in many
of the old reliable and desirable makes so well known to all women. Dress,
white and black, all sizes, \$1.50 up to \$5.50 cor-
sets. 95cCurtains, Draperies,
Rugs, Cheapened.

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Three groups of particularly attractive
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notice and act promptly if there's a
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in values up to \$2.50 a pair; a few green
adines up to \$4.00, and some snowflakes
to \$3.00, all one priced for a quick clear-
ance, while they last at—
\$1.00Collection of Cretonnes, Denims,
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\$1.75Just fourteen Wilton rugs in Oriental
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Just a few more than good stock
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two days' stock reduction sale. Women's
fine muslin and cambric gowns,
no less than twelve different styles,
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trimmed, some quite dainty, instead
of \$1.50 and \$1.75
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Nearsilk Petticoats.

Women's petticoats made of black
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Women's spring weight cotton union
suits, gray color only, and sizes 3 and
4, instead of 95c, two
days. 35cWomen's high neck, long sleeve
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instead of 35c each, two
days. 25cChildren's silver gray cotton union
suits, sizes 2, 3 and 4, re-
duced from 95c to two
days. 35cChildren's gray cotton shirts, nan-
teletes and drawers, regular
and 35c garments, any
size. 20c

HOSIERY.

Women's heavy black cotton hose,
30c a pair regular
for. 20cWomen's light thread hose, very fine
gauge, reduced from 30c
to. 38cChildren's black cotton hose, Buck-
skin and Iron clad brand, in sizes 6
and 8 1/2 only, reduced from 25c
to. 12cChildren's fine ribbed tan hose, sizes
8 to 9 1/2, 25c regu-
lar. 12c

Pretty Stick Pins.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Lot of solid gold filled stick pins in
a variety of new designs, pretty and
good, two days, instead
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