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At the opening of the new Parliament, the Conservatives are quite as deeply divided as the Liberals were in the days when Gladstone had just staked, and lost, all on the issue of Home Rule. Since the last general election, the Conservative press has been chieffly engaged in allocating blane for the defeat and it seems to be agreed that Mr. Balfour, by his lack of resolution and his sudden acceptance of the referendum at the end of the campaign, did more than anybody else to give the Asquith Cabinet a Fresh lease of life. The fact is that Mr. Balfour is, by temperament and training, unfitted for the arena of practical politics. The trend of his thought is toward the nice distinctions of a given by the processor and the success. Mr. Gladstone, with all his fondpess for the riddles of theology and criticism, was always in close louch with his age and the Grand Chil Man never wavered in the development of a policy, when once he had made up his mind. But it is precisely in making up his mind that Mr. Balfour falls. His attitude is that of the "cloistered spirit", with all the weaknesses which that attitude implies He could not fragikly acceptable. Chamberlain's Tariff Reform programme, because he perfectly understood the objections to which programme, because he perfectly inderstood the objections to which understood the objections to which lies programme was open. Nor could Mr. Balfour frankly stand for the Free Trade of Cobden and Bright, because he perfectly understood that conditions had understood a radical change since Cobden and Bright conference Cobden and Bright conference and the country. Thus the Conservative chief trimmed and ahifted, till all hope of victory was gone.

the different control of the Lords and the control of the Lords and the beautiful and the lords are in the lords and the lords are in the lords and the lords are lords and the lords and the lords are lords and the lords and the lords are lords and the lords. But he lords are lords are lords and lord control the lords, but it was immediately perceived that this achieme was so constructed as to assure a cation Conservative majority in the new Scond Chamber. To imagine that a modern democracy could be caught with such bait castiron Conservative majority in the new Second Chamber. To imagine that a modern democracy could be caught with such bait was absolutely childish. Mr. Asquith and his colleagues at once took the offensive, announcing that they would, if triumphant, forever establish the supremacy of the Commons, give Ireland Home Rule and still further relieve the masses, at the expense of the classes. From the Liberal point of view, no reform of the House of Lords would be needed, if the Commons were given indisputable control of finance. Mr. Asquith's programme involved the creation of peers on the grand scale, if the old peers were stub-

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born, and Mr. Asquith cleary forehadowed his intention of asking the King to wield the prerogative. The Tories had thus lost the main battle, before the echoes of the first skinnish dled. The hoom in trade also helped the Liberal cause. But Mr. Balfourwas, after all, the main contributor to Liberal success. So far as one can now see, the Tories will have to wander in the wilderness till a second Disraelis comes and Disraelis are about as scarce as white blackbirds.

Plet Cronje

dies in peace

Was the first boer leader to surrender to Roberts

Lived to Say That the Transvaol War of 1900 Was a Huge Mis-take—A Fifther From Way Back, Met His Waterloo at Pagrabberg—Gave Shows Here.

KLERKSDORP, Transvaal.—Gen. Piet Cronje, one of the most prominent Boer leadars in the war with Great Britain in 1900, died here to-day.

Piet A. Cronje's surrender to Lord Roberts at Paardeberg ou February 27, 1900, was the turning point in the Beer war. He lived to say that the war was a tarnine mistake, that "would have been been to have given be a top to the president Paul Kruger and Lord Milner met in conference, and that he never expected to see another national uprising in the nother national uprising in the ransvaal.

Transvaal.*

Gen. Cronje was of Huguenot descent. He was born about 1835 and by preference he was a farmer, He was full of fight, however, and he figured in several uprisings that preceded the Boer war. He besieged Potchefstroom in 1881 and received its capitulation, keeping the garrison in iguorance of the fact that an armistice had been declared. He frustrated the raid of Dr. Jameson at Krugersdorp in 1895.

Krugersdorp in 1895. Whe the final resistance to an-Whe the final resistance to an-nexation by England began in 1900 he was a member of Presi-dent Krüger's Executive Council. When the columns of Lord Rob-erts struk out from the railroad into the sandy region of the Oran-ge Free State between Kimberley and Bloemfontein Cronje and his force were taken by survive.

and Bloemfontein Cronje and his force were taken by surprise.

Cronje tried to contest the British advance upon Pretoria but failed. At Paardeberg he was headed off by British cavairy and had to surrender with 4,089 men after ten days obstinate resistance. Lord Roberts lost 1,100 men. Afterward Cronje described the situation thus.

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"Lord Roberts had 60.000 men and 125 guns. We had little ammunition, and only one horse was left alive. The water of the river, under whose bank we were sheltered, was unfit to drink. We were short of food. For ten days and nights we stood the ordeal while they shelled us until we could see the yellow tracks of the lyddite about us. We fought until we had no ammunition. If I had been foolish enough to try to Geak through the British positions and the stood of the libeter was the size of the stood of the libeter was the size of the size of the libeter was the size of the size of the libeter was the size of the libeter w

tion not more tan 500 of my men would have followed me. When I did surrender, Lord Roberts gave me his hand and raised his hat." Cronje was sent to St. Elena. With him went his wife. There had been tales of cruelty told about him, but the English officers who had him in charge reported that he seemed unaffectedly gentle. He returned to the Transvaal in 1902 and settled down to run his farm and assist his people.

He found that his houses had been burned and his stock destroyed in the course of the war. He pledged his lands to secure a Government loan, then came to

troyed in the course of the war. He pledged his lands to secure a Government loan, then came to America and engaged in exibitions of the "South African War Game" to pay off the debt. He was at Brighton Baach for a time and at St. Louis. He had to sue in this city fur his salary as leader of the sham battle. One night in 1905 he appeared at the annual dinner of the Holland Society here and made a speech in Dutch. It had to be translated to the Hollanders, but when he finished they toasted him and song the Transvaal battle hymn. Gen. Cronje's wife having died, he was married again in St. Louis in 1904 to Mrs. Johnann Sterzel of Pretoria, a widow of a former comrade of his.

Kaiser's Heir may visit U.S. A.

New Round the World Tour Said to Be Planned for Crown Prince

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It is reported that in consequence of the curtailment of his present far Eastern trip because of
the prevalence of the plague in
China, Crown Prince Frederick
William will undertake a tour of
the world in the coming autumn.
He vill go to Vladivostok, it is
said by the Trans-Siberian Railroad and thence to Pekin and
Tokio, He will return by way of
the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco. He will cross the American
continent and will return in London.

Seeking the votes

Buffragettes Threaten To Mob His Majesty The King

AUTHORITIES FEAR

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London.—Threats from militant suffragettes that they will mob His Majesty on Monday if his speech at the opening of Parliament does not indicate a wish that the Franchise be granted to women, resulted in extraordinary police activity to-day.

The Parliament buildings will be sorrounded by the largest numbers of police that has ever been called out at the opening of Parliament. The authorities fear that the declarations of the women that they vill use greater violence than they have ever manifested heretofore will be carried out. In fact fear over the suffragist questions. heretofore will be carried out. In fact fear over the suffragist ques-tion is causing the authorities as much worry as the anarchists. There are now said to be more than two score members of con-

tinental anarchist bodies under secret arrest and more are being taken into custody daily. According to one report which reached the police that leaders of the suffragettes have purchased a large supply of locks and chains planning to lock themselves to the seats if they make their way past the guards.

The triple entente Nothing to fear

Paris.—Several of the newspapers bere have been insisting almost daily that the triple agreement between France, Russia and Great Britain is slunest a dead letter.

M. Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Senate this afternoon made statement declaring that the entents was nearly so complete or productive of results as it is doday.

It was charged, he said, that Russia had left her ally in the dark with regard to the historic interview between the November. This he said was untrue. Russia not only informed France beforehand of the subjects which were to be discussed namely, Persihan and the Turko Persian Railroad but kept France posted daily on all that transpired at the meeting. M. Pichon in conclusion, said, that he could affirm from the point of view of the interests of France and International peace that France had nothing to regret in the matter of this interview.

A Dangerous

Character

Girl attacked while on Errand

But easily overpowered her assailant

News has just reached us from a correspondent that on the 10th instant a most savage and vicious attempt was made on a young

attempt was made on a young girl.

Our-informant writes: on the 10th of present month a sloop known by the name of "El Cé-lon" was sent from Bocas to Begues Month, one of the outlying islands of the republic. When the vessel reached its destination the enginer Gonsalles Simon had cause to go ashore, while on his way on the sea beach he met a girl of about 18 years of age, whose mother had sent out to buy some flour. This engineer seeing the girl unprotected caught hold of her and tried to take an unseeming adwantage of her. This she repelled with all her force possible, and after a struggle for supremacy the girl unanged to rid herself from the clutches of this monster, but not before he had forn like threads the clothes she were. The girl on reporting the matter to her mother had the man put into custody. Buil was given him in the sum of \$500. The owner of the sloop being his surety.

Current News.

as special passengers two gentlemer whose names are Charles Hubbard, Har

ry Hubbard, and M. L. Bradley and 5

Mr. Hitchcock general manager of the United Fruit Company came to Limon on Friday by special casch he Was ac companied by the two Mr. Hubbards that left in the "Esparta" for Bocas. We are informed that these gentlemen after much difficulty pass of the slide at Lomas.

scene of the slide.

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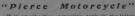
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