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A BAD DAY FOR THE BOERS

Roberts Thoroughly Outwits Them at Osfontein.

BOERS NOW IN FULL FLIGHT

British Not Pleased Over News From Mafeking-Criticism on Rumors of Peace.

LONDON, March 9, 4.15 a. m .- The floer appear to have made no stand whatever except that, while in retreat, they twice repulsed General Franch's cavalry with rifle fire.

As no report has been made of the capture of prisoners, the enemy probably got away with their entire force. General Franch is still following them and keeping between them and Bloem-

The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly omplete. The British are in possession of the railroad crossings.

Military critics comment on the disouraging news from Mafeking.

Celonel Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help. Otherwise, he would not allow correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison.

A re-adjustment of some of the high r commands is taking place. General White is to go to Stormberg to take supreme command of General Gatacre's division and the Tenth division is now progress of formation, which will under the immediate comand of General Hunter, Sir George White's chief of staff. The Daily News makes the follow-

ng statement:

'It was rumored in London yesterday, and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct, that the two republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preeding day. Unfortunately, the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of their leading to any result. The terms, ed before the war, in order to avert it are impossible after the war with all the sacrifices it has entailed."

OSFONTEIN, March 9.-Lord Roberts' movement today again thorough ly surprised, outwitted and outmaneuvered the Boers, who fled almost withut firing a shot.

The plan of battle was as follows: General Colville's division extended along the north bank, General Tucker held the center reserve and the guards brigade had the center advance. Gen eral Kelly-Kenny's division was orderd to make his flanging moevment on the Boers' left, following General French, who was instructed to swing around to the rear. Every movement was admirably executed and entirely successful. When last seen General French was pursuing the enemy vigorously. The estimated number of Boers are about 14,000, all of which are now in flight.

LONDON, March 8.-The full extent of Roberts' success yesterday is not lear, but the best informed authorities appear satisfied that it brings peace perceptibly nearer. The experts anticipate that the burghers will make no further stand west of the Free State capital and some of them even deduce. from the fact that the Boer forces are divided and have retreated in different directions, that demoralization has set in, and that the Transvaal forces will next be found carefully entrenched in position north of the Vanl river, at which the bulk of the Free Staters will abandon the contest and sue for peace. Elsewhere the news indicates that the conditions continue hopeful from a British point of view, the telegrams from Mafeking alone showing any despondency.

Lord Roberts telegraphs he has captured a Krupp gun and a number of tents and wagons. He also announces that General Clements has occupied Norval's point.

A special dispatch from Molteno says that the British occupied Burghersdorph unopposed last night.

MUCH SICKNESS AT MAFEKING.

Absence of Vegetables Causes Dysentery in the Boer Laager,

MAFEKING, Feb. 19 .- What may be typhold fever has broken out in the woman's laager, and dysentery, due to Crossforks, Pennsylvania, where, it is by all other influences combined durthe absence of vegetables, is rife among the garrison. We are thrown upon our own resources. Such luxuries as we ried Gale last November. mandered for the hospitals which are Gale house. Gale was in the woods filled to overflowing. The children's at the time but went to the house on graveyard, close to the woman's laag- an errand and was informed by Mrs. dented prosperity." er, grows weekly as the young lives Cale that Sprague was inside. Mrs. are cut short prematurely by shell and Gale re-entered the house and was at fever. We look with hope deferred for once shot by Sprague. The victim

acteristic of the early days of the shot himself.

siege has almost deserted us, the men TO RULE THE rather than move about and work up an appetite which cannot be satisfied. The natives are in the worst plight, Those who are unable to obtain work are allowed a small handful of meat

Many, braving the danger, wander about the town with gaunt and Joe Wheeler Says Islands Should hungry faces in search of work which entities them to an extra ration of meat. If they find work they are generally too weak to perform it.

From their advanced posts the Boers rake the streets and the market CAN GOVERN THEMSELVES square. It is impossible to dodge their bullets. We have taken remarkable precautions, however, and the casualties, though heavy, are not what they He Gives Good Reasons Why Oriental might have been and less able men at the head of affairs. Even the headquarters' mess fares scantily. Like saints under the altar we cry "How Long, Oh, Lord, how long."

Two hundred and ninety persons have been killed, wounded or died of disease. The garrison is so small that it would be criminal to make its weakness public, but there is never so much as a whisper. If any one suggested the possibility of surrender it is because we do not mean to get beaten and we are cheerfully enduring the hardships of today rather than to make a surrender in any degree possible to mor-

MAKES A SPEECH.

Still Depends on the Lord and Lead for Deliverance,

PRETORIA, March 6.-A special dis-President Kruger, addressing a crowd

f people; said: "Although God is testing our people, my personal opinion is that the limit of responsibility of sovereignty over from test is nearly reached. If the people are sustained by faith in time of adversity, God will soon again turn the tide in our favor. If we have strong faith of our great and prosperous Empire in God, he will surely deliver us. The state, God of deliverance of the olden time is the same God now."

"The speech of the venerable presideat brought tears to the eyes of men and women altice.

All outside forts except one have been taken by the Boers.

WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

The Boers Not Discouraged by the Recent Reverses.

saying that the Boers are not disouraged by the recent reverses and will fight to the death.

he Boers north of Modder river. President Kruger has gone to Bloem- of the Atlantic and Europe, fontein, presumably to settle the differences between the Transvaalers and

BOERS ARE ENTRENCHING.

the Free Staters.

have fled from the surrounding coun-

SMALL-POX IN MISSISSIPPI.

Appalling State of Affairs Revealed in ufactures and mechanical develop-Hinds County

JACKSON, Miss., March 3 .- An offirude caskets were made from rails, million dollars. Whole families were wiped out of existence and of several large families on- proached China by the sea and has esly one or two children are left. Many tablished firm footholds at favorable of the patients who are now in a criti- locations on the coast. France has cal condition are without medical at- acquired possessions in Asia which tention and are dying at the rate of contain a population four times as from three to five a day. The death great, and an area nearly ten times as rate exceeds 75 per cent and the en- large as that of our Empire state, tire lower portion of the county is de- England's dominions and dependencies moralized.

an effort to check further spread,

JEALOUS MAN'S ACT.

Double Tradegy at a Logging Camp Near Tacoma.

Tacoma, March 8 .- About 10 o'clock this morning Frank Sprague shot and railway and its branches, the opening killed Mrs. Guy T. Gale and then killed himself, at Gale's logging camp, about seven miles from Tacoma,

Sprague arrived here Sunday from claimed, he met Mrs, Gale and was a ing the last three centuries. sultor for her hand before she mar-

This morning Sprague went to the staggered out of the house and died The cheerfulness which was char- ir. her husband's arms. Sprague then this after coon says:

PHILIPPINES

Be Same as Territories.

Possessions Should Prove Good Business Propositions.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8 .- Gener-Joseph Wheeler favors giving the Philippines a territorial form of govrnment. Said he:

"I believe the people are ready for ertain kind of self-government. They ould be given the power to make laws under such a system of government as has been adopted for our territories. The municipal governments are all in the hands of the natives and they get along without trouble or friction

could be best controlled."

He reviews his impressions of trade possibilities in the Orient as follows: "England, Russia, Germany and France have braved war and pestilence patch from Bloemfontein says that in efforts to secure a share of the wealth which will come to them by ommercial relations with these people. The treaty of peace cast upon us the nine to eleven million people together with the islands which they inhabit

"Very naturally there may be honest difference of opinions as to whether everything has been conducted during the two years in accordance with the highest wisdom and best possible Fighting is proceeding at Mafeking, judgment, but there should be no question a nong the American people as to the duty and wisdom of now uniting in a determined effort to take the situation as it stands and to so conduct the affairs of our country as to add the most to its glory, honor,

ly struggle for commercial supremacy PRETORIA, March 8.-Secretary of their best efforts, and I say, let us in State Reitz has issued a war bulletin a friendly but determined spirit use at liberty to after the records, believour best efforts also. "Our Pacific cities are now face to

> gulf ports nearer to them than those "With Manila as a great depot, steamers from that emporium could reach the commercial ports of Eastern

Asia as readily as it can be done by English steamers from Hong Kong. "We must consider that about one third the population of the earth is LADYSMITH, March 8.-The Boers are entrenching at Biggersberg. Scouts concentrated in the eastern half of report that all Natal Dutch farmers Asia and that these vast sultitudes are rapidly learning to appreciate the advantages, and, I might add, the ne cessity of high civilization and they are also learning to realize the comfort which is enjoyed by the people of the most civilized nations in the possession and use of the products, man-

ments which are there found. "Europe and America must purchas cial report made to the Hinds county the silks, teas, coffee, hemp, spices and board of supervisors reveals an appal- products of the handlwork of the peoling state of affairs in the Jonesville ple of the Orient, and this immense neighborhood in the southern part of population needs articles which Amerithe county. The community is literally can farms and factories are producing honeycombed with small-pox of the cheaper and better than those which most virulent form and during the are produced anywhere else on earth past six weeks nearly one hundred Cotton cloth, such as is manufactured deaths have occurred. On some days in Southern cotton mills, is needed by the death rate has been so large that the people of the East to the enorit was impossible to secure coffins and mous value of four to five thousand

"England, with her navy, has apn Asia now extend over an area of The board of supervisors will make 1,500,000 square miles and contains a population of nearly 300,000,000. Russia has already in Asia territory exceeding in area 6,000,000 square miles and containing over 19,000,000 people "Port Arthur, the great commercial and war port, is firmly in her grasp This gives Russia a power over Cores which will add much to her strength The completion of the trans-Siberian of the Nicaraguan canal and the annexation of the Pacific Islands to the revolutionize the commercial relation: of the world than has ever been done

> "It seems to me that there is but little possibilities which are before us and we are certainly justified in the belief and hope that the United States is on the edge of an era of unprece-

> > HARRISON OUT OF IT.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 8 .- The news "It is stated by intimate friends

General Harrison that he is chagrined that his name should be so freely used in the newspapers of the country in onnection with public questions now nder consideration. His friends say he has not the slightest desire to reenter politica.

"A gentleman who is near the forer president used this statement tolay: You may say that if General Harrison had any thought of re-entering polities, which he has not, he would not make his re-appearance by criticisng the administration."

SAYS CORBIN IS A COWARD.

An Open Letter Concerning His Rec ord in the Union Army.

NEW YORK, March 8,-T. J. Morgan, colonel of the Fourteenth United States colored infantry and brevet brigadier-general United States Volunteers, has written an open letter to the Tribune with reference to Adjutant-General Corbin's military record duris prompted to write the letter by the

General Corbin. Colonel Morgan's letter deals principally with the battle of Nashville, standing of the real facts. Tenn., December 14 and 15, 1864, during which he was in command of an im-Under a territorial form the islands Colonel Charles H. Grosvenor, now nember of congress; Colonel (now. general) W. R. Shafter; and Lieuten- amount to the same thing.

ant-Colonel (now general) Corbin.

enor acquitted themselves with great- | moved. redit, Shafter showing special activity and courage, and suffering the loss of many of his men. containing an area three times that

ended that he had betrayed such cowdrawing it.

sald that I thought that Lieutenant- tion of the Philippines. Colonel Corbin did not have the courage requisite to command brave men. welfare and prosperity. It is a friending that such action on my part and on that of other officers would not only face with the eastern shores of Asia. tend to destroy their historical accur-General Dewet is now in command of The Nicaraguan canal will bring our acy and value; and second, because with my report and my record would

be without proper explanation. "I preferred charges against Lieutenant-Colonel Corbin based upon the information I had received and believed to be correct, and on hese charges he was brought to trial by a ourt martial which, however, ac-

Subsequently he united with others and preferred charges against me on which I was brought to trial. The findings of the court martial were set aside. I was given the command of a brigade by the personal act of Govern-Thomas, was subsequently promoted by the president as prevet brigadier-general and was confirmed by the senate. In August, 1865, the war being wer, I left the service: Lieutenant-Colonel Corbin became colonel of the egiment, and if I mistake not, he has remained continuously in the army

from that time to the present, a period of nearly thirty-five years. "I regret that anyone has seen fit to bring up this matter for I am of the opinion that the Nashville incident ought not at this time to have weight in determining the question as to army should be made Major-General Corbin and I were at that time both very young volunteer officers with but little experience in either life or service and it seems to me that neither his act as a soldier or mine as a commanding officer ought to be judged by regular army. I believed at that time that Colonel Corbin had betrayed cowardice, so reported and felt it my duty to court martial him. But the judgas closed.

"The question whether the adjutantor-general is one to be determined by experts, and I do not feel called upon at the present time to pass any opinion nmunication is to state the facts as dons and misunderstandings."

SUBSIDY BILL REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, March 8 .-- The house fisheries today, by a vote of 10 to 3, be reported.

saying that the committee had agreed to the amendments I athe senate bill and also to a few other new amend-

On the final vote all republican mem-bers favored the bill as amended, and all democrats opposed it, except Chan-dler, who did not vote. Stevens' anti-

M'KINLEY ON THE TARIFF BILL

No Misunderstanding on the Puerto Rican Measure.

GENERAL AGREEMENT

Reports to the Contrary Due to Machinations of Politicians-Long Discussions in Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 8 -- A member of the cabinet tomight gave out ing the civil war. He states that he the following authoritative statement: "There has been a wide intrappreresolution mentioning of his name in bension of the Puerto Rican tariff bill. connection with the senate resolution of the attitude of the president. The of inquiry as to the military record of criticisms and concers which have come

"The attempt to represent that there has been a disagreement between the provised division of white and colored president and congress is wholly untroops. The officers commanding regi- founded. There has been no essential ments under him included Lieutenant- difference between them. The recommendation of the president and the houes bill, in their purpose and effect,

"The president, in his annual message Writing of this battle, Colonel Mor- on December 4, then urged that the customs duties on trade between Puer-"Colonel Shafter and Colonel Gros- to Rico and the United States be re-

"What the president proposed was that the United States should offer the largest and most generous measure of "I was not with Lieutenant-Colonel help to the distressed and suffering islforbin during the fighting, but officers and and he has never wavered a sineported to me after the battle was gle instant in the object he sought.

"Partisans who sought to pit the ardice as to excite the ridicule of both president and congress in a hole have officers and men. I spoke to him about perhaps, unconsciously, dug a pit for it and he at once tendered me his re- themselves. They will find that they signation, subsequently, however, with- have taken a position which would stop them from carrying out the poilcy "In my official report of the battle, that I have proposed for the disposi-

"It is enough for the present to say that our contention that the constitu-Many years afterward, when the re- tion does not, by it sown toron extend bellion records were about to be pub- over the new possessions without leglished. I was urged to expunge that islative action, is in harmony with the sentence before the report was pub- general tener of the judicial decision in which our rival nations are using lished. This I declined to do on the and the legislative action from the acgrounds-first, because I did not feel quisition of Louisiana down to the

PUERTO RICAN BILL,

Spirited Discussion On in the Senate Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, March 8 .-- The formal discussion of the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill began in the senate today and continued uninterruptedly for four and a half hours. The principal speakers were Foraker, who was in charge of the measure, and Pettus (dem.), who spoke against the

bill. Pettus congratulated the president on the position he had taken in his last annual message, favoring free trade between the United States and

Puerto Rico. "No sordid politicians' fingers had been put in the ink of that message,"

"The president was honest and sincere when he distinctly advised free trade between the United States and the Island of Puerto Rico. Though he may desire re-election, he was a brave soldler and is an able and generous

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whether the adjutant-general of the Captain of the Flagship Brooklyn Looks Upon Filipino Revolution as a Thing of the Past.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 8.-The

olonist says: The war of the American forces against the Filipino insurgents is practhe severe military standard of the tically a thing of the past. This is the statement of Captain T. F. Jewell, U. S. N., commanding the flagship Brooklyn. who crossed by the Empress on his way from Manila to Washington, and goes ment of the court did not sustain me East by the C. R. R. today. He was and the incident should be regarded quite amused when told of the rumor circulated throughout America of Aguinaldo's presence in Paris, and obgeneral of the army should be a maj- served with a laugh that it was quite possible that the American officers would be glad to have him there. It was, however, wholly incorrect, for upon it. My object in writing this Aguingldo was definitely located by Gen. Otis in the mountains, to which they occurred, so as to remove from he had fled on the last meeting with the public mind many misapprehen. the Americans-not having even got, as first believed, to the southern part of Luzon. He had at last accounts less than thirty followers with him and his army (if such it might be called) had been effectually dispersed. He himself emmittee on merchant-marine and had acither ammunition, money nor friends who could do ought for him. ordered that the shipping subsidy bill It was therefore Capt. Jewell's opinion that, while looting and robbery under Grosvenor summed up the results by the cloak of "war" might continue for a time, necessitating the retention of troops on the scene for police duty, virtually the "war" is at an end. "That little affair toward the close of January at Talal." he said, "may be counted as

practically the last kick of the revolu-