

The Dalles Chronicle

BOERS ARE ALL ACROSS

No Fighting Men Left South of the Vaal River.

LONDON, May 26, 3:30 a. m.—The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Vrededorf station, filed Thursday, 5:45 p. m., was that the British were rapidly advancing.

Bennett Burleigh, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Vrededorf, Thursday morning, said Lord Roberts would doubtless cross the Vaal river Saturday or Sunday.

While the British, in overwhelming force, are thus rapidly approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers were enveloped in mystery.

The only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by way of month. According to these oral reports, yesterday, the Boers were quarreling among themselves.

ENVOYS ARE NOT DISCOURAGED

They Will Now Try to Force McKinley to Take Action.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Notwithstanding the declaration of the president that the United States will not interfere in the South African war, the Boer commissioners expect that political expediency will cause him to make a move which will be beneficial to their cause.

It will be the earnest effort of the South African sympathizers in the United States to make the failure of the president to act in the interest of peace one of the prominent issues of the campaign.

An official of the administration, who in close to the president, said the policy which had been adopted had been carefully considered, and there would be no deviation from it, no matter how great might be the pressure applied by democratic politicians.

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WAR CANNOT LAST MUCH LONGER

Engagement at Johannesburg and Laings Nek Are Expected to Be the Last Fights of the Struggle Between Boer and Briton.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A dispatch from London to the Tribune, says: The retreat of Botha's forces from the Rhenoster to the Vaal serves to convince military men that the end of the war is rapidly drawing near.

The date for the occupation of Pretoria, which is usually named among officers, is June 10. It is assumed among them that there will be no delay either in the passage of the Vaal or in the occupation of Johannesburg, since General Roberts can turn the Boers out of every defensive position which they may attempt to hold.

General Roberts himself has been too wary to make any forecasts respecting the duration of hostilities. The officials may have reasons of their own for concluding that there will be peace at the end of three weeks, but they are not neglecting to send out reinforcements from England.

Another matter which is discussed in official circles with increasing interest, is the Dutch responsibilities. South Africans are not agreed upon the financial aspects of the problem and upon the most practical method of distributing the burdens of a costly war on the basis of population.

Question of Secret Societies. CHICAGO, May 26.—The question of admission of members of secret societies to membership in the United Presbyterian church precipitated the warmest discussion which has marked the present assembly.

While the report recommended in the article which declares the opposition of the church to secret societies would stand, it recommends that an action should be made to the presbytery of the church asking their opinion as to whether the covenant of membership should be so changed as to allow members of secret societies to become church members if they should consent to receive from their pastors instructions as to the attitude of the church toward their societies.

Hermann's Plan to Protect Forests. ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Commissioner B. Hermann, of the General Land office, has issued an order instructing superintendents of forest reserves throughout the West, to plant suitable saplings and trees where portions of the forests have been destroyed by fire.

Strikers Use Dynamite. ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Twenty-two lines of the St. Louis Transit Company are in operation today, but few cars are running. At 6 a. m. an attempt was made by somebody unknown to blow up a car on the Spaulding-Avenue line of the Transit Company.

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BOER WAR NOT OUR AFFAIR

Governor Geer Believes This Is the Opinion of the People of Oregon.

SALEM, May 25.—Governor T. T. Geer today received a message from the New York Journal, asking his opinion of the sentiment of the people of Oregon as regards their sympathies with the Boers who are struggling for independence, as follows:

"New York, May 24.—The Journal is anxious to print a few messages showing the attitude of the American public sentiment regarding the struggle of the Boers for independence. Will you wire us a few words regarding the sympathies of the people of our state.

To which the governor has made the following reply:

"Salem, Or., May 23.—To the New York Journal: I have no means of knowing the sentiment of our people as to the trouble in South Africa, but I feel sure they are opposed to 'militarism' and, therefore, to our taking any steps that would probably embroil us in difficulties with a great foreign nation. It is likely our people think we have no more business expressing sympathy for a sister republic than England had expressing sympathy with her sister kingdom of Spain two years ago, which we remember very gladly, she did not do. It is likely our people think a policy of 'anti-militarism' at direct variance with one of meddlesome activity in the affairs of a foreign nation in a matter which does not in any way directly concern our own interests, and that in a situation like that now existing in South Africa, the expression of sympathy, when nothing but men and guns will stop England, is like giving a stone when bread is asked, and they are likely of the opinion that quite probably the great nations of Europe may have a Monroe Doctrine of their own secreted up some unexpected sleeve, somewhere.

"This is probably the opinion of the majority of the people of Oregon."

T. T. Geer, Governor of Oregon."

Transvaalers Deceive All.

LONDON, May 28.—The Lourenco Marques correspondent of the Times, in a dispatch dated Saturday, says:

"During the week the Boers have successfully deceived even the best informed residents with reference to the probable course of events when Lord Roberts entered the Transvaal. While one section declares that all serious fighting is ended, another is equally convinced that the burghers will make a stand at Johannesburg and Pretoria.

"Men who have been present at the engagements describe them as ignominious routs, wholly unjustified by the initial damage inflicted by the British. Such observers are convinced that all such operations of a military interest are now at an end.

"Captain Alton, the Norwegian military attaché, is returning home. Indeed, so great is the eagerness of continental residents to quit the Transvaal that both the German and French steamers are unable to cope with the demand for berths.

"It is rumored here that the Cape rebel leaders who are now serving with the Boers are anxious to escape to Europe, and that certain members of the Cape parliament are waiting on the borders for a favorable opportunity to start.

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THE BOERS ARE LOSING HEART

Kruger Admits the Situation is Very Grave and Asks the Burghers What They Wish.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—While Lord Roberts' 30,000 infantry, 20,000 horses and 150 guns are moving on Johannesburg and Pretoria, through a parched and deserted country, the situation at the Transvaal capital, as it was last Friday, is thus described by an observer, who sent his message by private hand to Lourenco Marques yesterday:

"The situation, both from a military and political point of view, has become very critical. President Kruger yesterday admitted for the first time that matters are very grave. The Boer determination is to trust everything to a last stand on the Gaterand mountain, to the north of Potchefstroom, where 3000 Kaffirs are digging trenches. To that point every available man and gun has been sent.

"The whole of the western border of the Transvaal from end to end is defenseless, and General Baden Powell can march in when he likes. Lord Roberts, on the other hand, will encounter the greatest resistance. The Boer endeavor is to lure the British into appearing to threaten Johannesburg with attack, an excuse thus being given them for the destruction of property. The Transvaal government will not dare destroy the mines and property without an excuse. Much dynamite has been sent down the line, and 100,000 cases lie ready at Zoufontein, near Johannesburg.

"General Louis Botha and General Lucas Meier have pleaded for the preservation of property. Both are large landed proprietors and fear confiscation, but they have not received satisfactory replies from President Kruger.

"Meanwhile, many French and German adventurers have come forward with schemes and inventions for blowing up the British troops, some of these having received a tacit permission to experiment. One German invention is for the use on a railway, where it is perfectly concealed until the weight of a passing train explodes the charge.

"General Lucas Meier says surrender would be at once proposed by the Boers, but that everybody fears the ignominy of being the one to make the proposition. He declares that he is assured that his men will not stand. President Steyn and Mr. Reitz, the Transvaal state secretary, are strongly opposed to peace, but Mr. Kruger is not so much against it."

President Kruger's proclamation to the burghers asking their vote for or against confining the war is understood to say they can quit now with the prospect of retaining their farms or continue to the bitter end. Rumors are current in Lord Roberts' army that the Boers intend to surrender.

Amusement Question Decided.

CHICAGO, May 26.—By a close vote, and after a debate which exceeded in bitterness and feeling displayed anything yet heard during the session, the Methodist general conference practically decided today to make no change in the attitude of the church in regard to card-playing, dancing, theater-going and other forms of amusement, which since 1872 have been under the ban of the church. Preceding the vote to accept the minority report, which recommends that no action be taken, the conference at times was in a state of wild disorder, due mainly to attempts to amend the section of the book of discipline under discussion, and some exceedingly sharp language was indulged in by the angry delegates before the vote was taken.

Philadelphia to Astoria.

ASTORIA, May 25.—The committee which has in charge the Fourth of July celebration has received word from Representative Moody that the United States cruiser Philadelphia will be here for the big observance to be held. Mr. Moody's message was to the effect that he had seen the secretary of the navy about the request for the presence of a warship here and that he had been assured the Philadelphia would be here. The committee is also at work trying to secure the presence of another vessel.

Mrs. Harriet Evans, Hinsdale, Ill., writes, "I never fail to relieve my children from cramp at once by using One Minute Cough Cure. I would not feel safe without it." Quickly cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung diseases.

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OREGON'S WONDERFUL TRADE

Its Prospects in the Orient According to Congressman Sibley Becomes the Master Question.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Representative Joseph C. Sibley, one of the principal figures in the American Bimetallic League, has addressed to Thomas H. Tongue the following letter on what he considers to be Oregon's chief interest in the campaign now in progress:

"Looking not backward, but forward, to unsettled problems, the trade of the Orient becomes the master question. I endorse the administration, because it has established the policy of the open door in China, because the world's trade is the Oriental trade, the Philippines affording us the base from which we will distribute, and in which will be assembled the products of a commerce which is destined to outrival the commerce of the Atlantic, and which will make the coast states in commerce the rivals of the Atlantic seaboard.

"The wall of exclusiveness is being broken down in China. Trade, which in the past has never penetrated a fringe of more than ten miles from the sea-coast towns, now, with the extension of railways in every direction throughout that empire, will bring over 400,000,000 people to our market with their multiplied demands. Geographically and industrially, the United States is in position to command this commerce. If we fail to do so, we will have committed a world blunder. Already the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans are demanding the products of our cotton fields, and our wheat fields. At a price 100 per cent higher than the present ruling price of wheat today in Oregon, China can feed her teeming millions with a nutritious food, at a less cost than rice or anything else which can sustain human life. The surplus of wheat produced determines the value of the entire crop, with an outlet giving us millions of more people consuming, the farmer becomes by right, as he should be, the king of men. An no distant day, my personal belief being within three years at the farthest, every exportable bushel of wheat raised west of the continental divide will find its market and consumption in China and the Orient, and that at a price which would make recent prices seem insignificant.

"I stand today for the republican administration, because it stands for development, for progress, for the realization of all the aspirations of American genius, whether in factory or in field. I stand for it because it is seeking to encourage the enlargement of our merchant marine, the construction of the Nicaragua canal, and the enlargement of opportunity and widening the doors through which honest enterprise may press to the peaceable conquest of the world's markets for that American genius.

"I sincerely trust that Oregon, regardless of past party or political affiliations, may speak in no uncertain tone touching these great problems of such moment to all our citizenship, especially to their own possibilities. It is not a difficult matter to picture Portland rivaling in its commerce a Liverpool or a London, and to see the farmers of your magnificent valleys the peers of the product in their possessions."

War Department Refutes Charges.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: The war department has issued a statement from the division of customs and insular affairs designed to show that the number of "carpet-baggers" in Cuba had been overestimated so far as the custom service of the island is concerned. According to the latest returns, which were those of December 31st last, there were 6688 customs employees, of whom 515 were Cubans, 99 were Spaniards, and only 50 were Americans, of whom 26 were employed at Havana, principally at headquarters. The total number of employees in the Havana custom house was 333, of whom 260 were Cubans, 58 Spaniards, 12 Americans, and three belonged to other nationalities. At the sub-port of Batabano all three employees were Cubans. At Cienfuegos 53 were Cubans, 11 Spaniards, and two Americans. At Santiago there were 42 Cubans, four Spaniards and three Americans. At Matanzas there were 24 Cubans, three Spaniards and one American.

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NEW FOREST RESERVE QUESTION

How to Deal With Settlers Whose Lands Are Not Yet Surveyed.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—At the time of the proclamation creating the several forest reserves in the state of Washington, there were a great many settlers within the limits of these reserves on land which had never been surveyed, and to which, consequently, no title could be shown.

The question of how these settlers can obtain title to their land has been before the commissioner of the General Land office for some time. That department has now ruled that, according to the terms of the several proclamations creating the different forest reservations, there was excepted from the force and effect of forest reserve proclamations all land which were, prior to the date thereof, covered by any valid settlement made in pursuance to law, and the statutory period within which to make entry of record had not expired, provided the settler continued to comply with the law under which the settlement was made. If such lands are unsurveyed, the settler has three months, after the filing of the plat of survey in the local office, within which to make his claim of record, provided he has in the meantime complied with the law and is qualified to make entry.

It is stated by the department that the unsurveyed lands in the forest reservations are being surveyed as rapidly as the appropriations made for public surveys will admit.

Report From Roberts.

LONDON, May 27.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"Veresing, Sundry, May 27, 1-15 p. m.—We crossed the Vaal this morning and are now encamped on the north bank. The advance troops, which crossed yesterday, were only just in time to save the coal mines on both this and the other side of the river, from being destroyed. Our casualties were four."

Baden-Powell reports that the railway between Mafeking and Bulawayo has been restored, and that supplies are being brought into Mafeking. He says the Canadian artillery joined Colonel Plimmer from Beira, with incredible rapidity.

Lieutenant Webber was taken prisoner at Heilbron a few days ago. He went there on telegraph duty. It was not known that our troops had been temporarily withdrawn.

Columbia Improvement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The senate adopted the amendment for the Columbia river improvement today, also the amendment of Senator Simon for copying the records of the Lakeview Land office.

Representative Moody has been giving attention to legislation for the state, and has been urging every bill that was of interest to Oregon. Those which had no show whatever of being considered, or measures which he has found it impossible to make any progress with, because of the determination of the house not to give consideration to, he has wasted no time on. Oregon has no harder worker than Mr. Moody.

No Longer Any Doubt.

ASTORIA, May 28.—Last Saturday formal announcement of the engagement of Governor T. T. Geer and Miss Belle Trullinger, of this city, was made. The wedding will take place in this city on June 14, at the residence of the bride's parents. Miss Trullinger is one of the most beautiful young women in Oregon, and is a general favorite in local society circles. She is highly accomplished. The announcement of the engagement was not a surprise, as Governor Geer has been paying Miss Trullinger marked attention for some time past.

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