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EXPEDITION TO CAMARINES
Americans Will Sweep the Southern Luzon Province.

MANILA, Feb. 15.—General's Bates and Bell, with the Forty-fifth Infantry, Keeler's battery and many pack mules, started today for the province of Camarines.

TORTURED BY REBELS.
Fate of Three Massachusetts Volunteers.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the Globe from the 110 says:
Three Massachusetts soldiers of the Twenty-sixth regiment, U. S. V., have been tortured to death by insurgents.

KENTUCKY SITUATION.
Democratic Legislature Will Go Back to Frankfort.

Nothing New at Frankfort.
FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 15.—Nothing was done in the case of Beckham against Taylor and Marshall before Judge Cantrell today at Georgetown.

Large Shipment of Opium.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—One of the largest shipments of opium received at this port for some time was brought from the Orient by the steamer Coptic. It consists of 2,822 pounds, and its value, with duty paid, is about \$60,000.

CRONJE IN RETREAT

Making For Bloemfontein With All Speed.

FRENCH'S SHORT STAY AT KIMBERLEY

Boer Wagon Train Being Pursued Toward the Capital—Pursued Joy in England.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—General Cronje, with a start of a day or two, is seemingly in full retreat from Lord Roberts, moving northward. General French, with the cavalry, simply stayed over night in Kimberley, and then pushed on to get in touch with the retreating enemy. A long Boer wagon train is moving toward Bloemfontein, followed presumably by a large force of British infantry. In their hasty departure, the Boers lost quantities of supplies and ammunition.

Military opinion here is that Lord Roberts will not push far after the Boers immediately, because of transport problems and the need of rest for the troops. He has to feed 70,000 persons in his army, and the whole Kimberley population. He must rebuild the railway from Modder River town to Kimberley, and revictual the latter. General French lost a few men only in action, but the forced marches and the heat have probably made many ill. Numbers of remounts must be provided.

Lord Roberts has wrought a genuine preliminary success, and the impression is that he has done enough for the present, and will need to prepare for another strike. All over England tonight there has been evidence of public joy. In every theater and public meeting, around the railway stations and in the streets, there have been expressions of gladness and jubilation over the news. The newspapers are editorially rejoicing.

Those who read the news closely see only one disturbing factor in the Cape situation, and that is the pressure of the Boers toward Lord Roberts' line of supply through the Kar. This factor is more important than now. The Boers under Commandants Delany and Gohler are making a persistent effort to penetrate the railway. They have pushed General Clements back to Arundel, and have outflanked him. All are within 60 miles, or two days' hard march, of the central railway. Doubtless Lord Roberts has left considerable forces along the line, and can send back more, if necessary.

In the lobbies of the house last night it was rumored that General Buller had again crossed the Tugela. A special dispatch, dated two days back and just transmitted from Chevelly, says that an important move was then proceeding there, although contrary indications are found in the fact that 21 ambulance-bearers have been temporarily disbanded, and the further fact that 700 ambulances are arriving at Durban from the front to be sent to Lord Roberts, more artillery is being sent to Lord Roberts from Cape Town.

Retreating to Bloemfontein.

JACOBEDAL, Friday, Feb. 15.—Via Modder River.—General Cronje, with 10,000 men, is in full retreat towards Bloemfontein. General Kelly-Kenny is in charge of rear guard and harassing the retreat. The Boers are reported to be leaving Spytfontein, going in a northwesterly direction. The Boers captured a large convoy as a result of yesterday's (Thursday) fighting at Riet river. The British casualties were comparatively slight in view of the tremendous bombardment. About 30 men were wounded and but one killed.

General French's division was enthusiastically welcomed at Kimberley. The officers dined at the club last evening, and the news of the entry into Kimberley has greatly cheered the troops, who are working splendidly.

DISPATCHES FROM ROBERTS.

Driving the Boers Eastward and Northward From Kimberley.
LONDON, Feb. 15, 7:30 P. M.—The war office makes public a dispatch from Lord Roberts, saying:

"Jacobedal, Feb. 15.—The following from French was received this morning: 'I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley, from Alexanderfontein to Oliphantfontein, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured the enemy's baggage and store supplies and supplies of ammunition. Casualties about 20, of all ranks. Kimberley is cheerful and well.'"

Later Roberts sent the following dispatch: "Jacobedal, Feb. 15.—Have good reason to believe the Magersfontein trenches have been abandoned and that the Boers are endeavoring to escape. French is scouring the country for Lord Roberts. One of General Kelly-Kenny's brigades of infantry is in pursuit of a large Boer convoy moving towards Bloemfontein."

"1:35 P. M.—The war office has just issued the following from Lord Roberts: 'Jacobedal, Feb. 15, 7:30 P. M.—Much gratified on arrival here to find admirable hospital arrangements made by the German ambulance corps, under Drs. Knautner and Hildebrand, who, with their staffs, have shown the greatest kindness to our wounded, as they have to the Boer wounded. Some of our wounded have been here since December. Some were brought in yesterday.'"

The following dispatch from General Roberts fills the gaps in the earlier dispatches: "Modder River, Feb. 15.—The Sixth division left Waterval drift early yesterday morning and marched here, going on the same evening to Rondooval drift to hold the crossing of the Modder river and leave General French free to act. 'Shortly after arriving here the mounted infantry visited Jacobedal and found it full of women and children, with four of our wounded men doing well. On the way back the mounted infantry were attacked and nine men were wounded. Colonel Henry and Major Haddell and 18 men were missing. Both officers were subsequently found at Jacobedal, slightly wounded.'"

Boers, has retired to Arundel to cover Nauwpoort. The war office points out that the word 'here' in the above dispatch, means some point on the Modder river other than Modder River station.

GENERAL FRENCH'S OPERATIONS.

His Progress Up to the Capture of the River Crossings.
RIT RIVER, Orange Free State, Wednesday.—General French, with a cavalry division and a strong artillery detachment, left Sunday morning for Ramah, 12 miles from Enhien, where the whole division concentrated. The next day he made a rapid march to Riet river, where a party of Boers contested his passage at Dekli's and Waterval drifts. After some hours of shelling, French drove the Boers away and crossed the river.

Yesterday (Tuesday) the column continued its march to Klip and Romsdal drifts on the Modder river, where again a short engagement ensued. French shelling the Boers vigorously and forcing a passage. The Boers precipitately retired, leaving five laagers in the hands of the British, besides a great quantity of cattle and 200 sheep.

The rapidity of French's march and the overwhelming nature of his force enabled him, in spite of the difficulty of water transportation, thoroughly to outfit and surprise the Boers. The British casualties were slight.

Colonel Hamlyn, while on his way to Ramah, encountered 500 Boers with two guns holding a kopje commanding the

valley leading to the drift. The fighting lasted all day, the Boers disappearing during the night. Thirteen men, including one officer, were made prisoners. The Boers were treacherously during the night. They were informed that an agreement had been reached between the British officer commanding the extreme left, and the commandant of the Boer ambulance corps, that half a company of British should be permitted to fetch water from a neighboring farmhouse. The ambulance then retired, and the Boers rushed out of concealment and cut off the water party.

General French now holds both the Modder and Riet rivers between the Boers and Bloemfontein, and the Boers are now in the hands of the British. Throughout the march the Free State farms were respected, but their owners almost invariably fled, taking their effects.

The health of the troops is excellent, but sickness is prevalent among the horses, and a plentiful supply of remounts will be necessary.

BOER VERSION OF IT.

Transvaal Government Declares the British Retired.
PRETORIA, Feb. 15.—The Transvaal government makes public the following official dispatch: "Yesterday, at Rondooval drift, in the neighborhood of Jacobedal, the federal troops were engaged in a severe fight with 300 British who were trying to reach Kimberley. Commandant Delany continued the engagement until this morning, the federal casualties being five wounded. After another two hours of hard fighting, it is reported the British retired, leaving Colonel Henry dangerously wounded. Colonel Henry, with his servant, was taken to Jacobedal."

The Fighting at Rensberg.
PRETORIA, Thursday, Feb. 15.—An official dispatch from Colonel Geyer, who is fighting with the Boers, says that he had killed and wounded, and lost to captured. The federal forces had no casualties during the fight.

Deaf at Mafeking.
PRETORIA, Feb. 15.—A smart rifle and artillery duel took place at Mafeking February 12. There was no Boer loss. The British attacked Port Bloy, south of Gaberone, at daybreak February 12, but the Johannesburg men, under Von der Weyer, forced the British to retire, leaving six dead and four wounded on the field. Captain Frensch was among the killed. The Boers suffered no casualties.

Antipolygamy Amendment.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The house committee on election of president and vice-president submitted a report in favor of a light resolution for a constitutional amendment disqualifying polygamists as senators or representatives in congress, and prohibiting polygamy and polygamous association between the sexes.

The report says this amendment to the constitution is designed to remove all doubt of the construction of the law, and to provide effectually a means of extricating the evil of polygamy by making it unlawful in any place. It refers to the Roberts controversy, and says that, while the decision of the house established a precedent, it is not one of absolutely binding force, so that a constitutional enactment is desirable.

Silver for Europe.
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The steamship Euryma, sailing for Europe tomorrow, will take out \$5,000 ounces of silver.

ON SHORT RATIONS

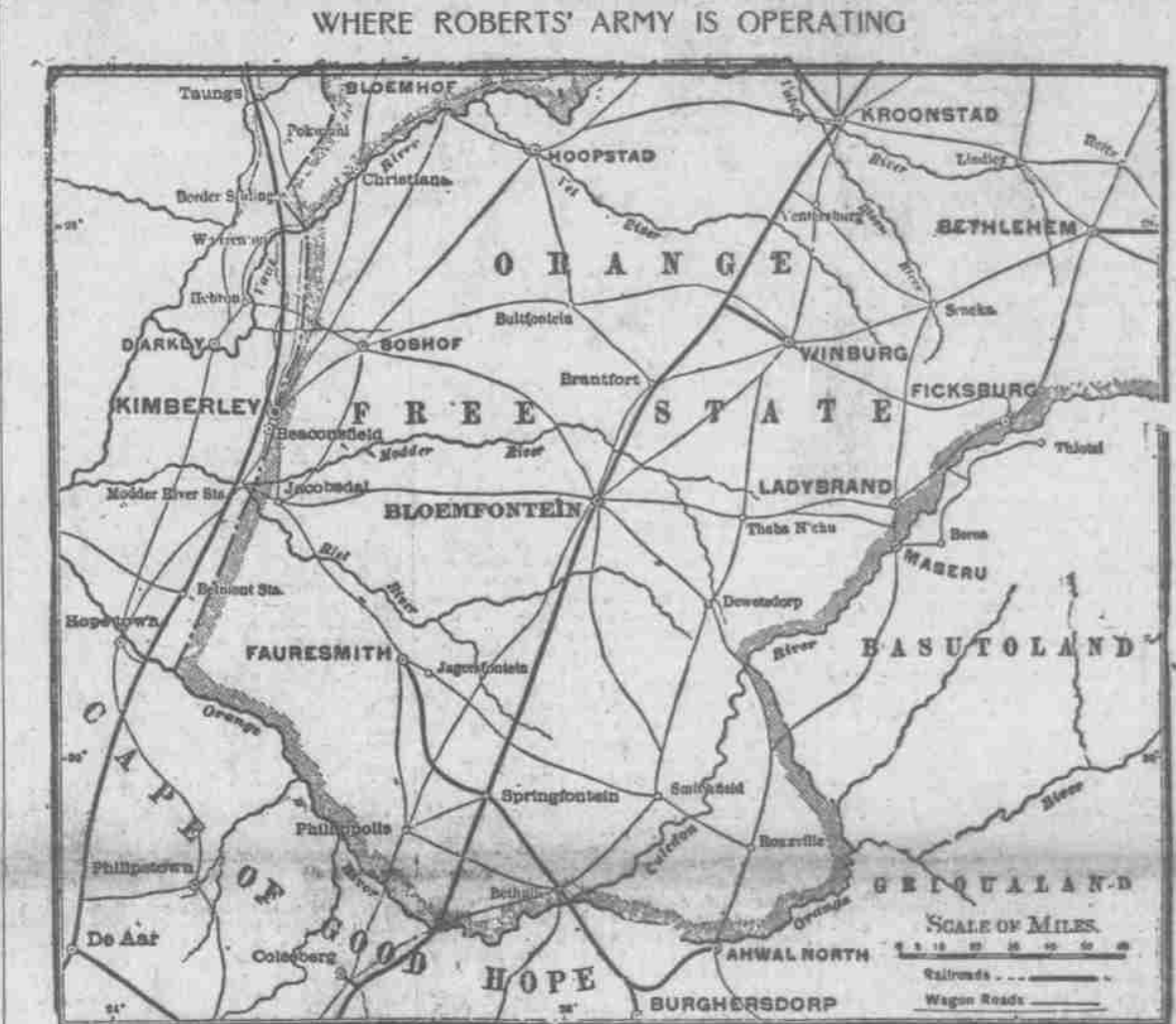
Conditions at Ladysmith Told by a Refugee.

ESCAPE FROM THE BESIEGED TOWN

Food Scarce and Selling at Extraordinary Prices—Boers in the Smuggling Business.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at Ladysmith, from which place he escaped on February 10 and arrived at Durban, February 14, sends the following, written before he left Ladysmith: "Since the furious cannonade the early part of the week, quietness has reigned. The hills on which the relief column's lyddite shells were bursting in hundreds a few days previously are now only occupied by grazing cattle. Farther away on the north side of Spionkop, the Boers' laagers can be seen, evidently bigger than before, showing they have no idea of present retreating from that position. 'There is much disappointment at the

WHERE ROBERTS' ARMY IS OPERATING



that General French arrived at Kimberley today, and dined at the club this evening."

The Chronicle's second edition this morning has the following dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Friday, February 10, morning: "Lord Roberts, with the Sixth and Seventh divisions and the cavalry division, is marching to relieve Kimberley, rendezvoused at Enhien and then marched toward the Free State. The Sixth division crossed the Riet river at Waterval drift and marched along the right bank. The Boers showed fight, and we had several casualties. The division then marched on to Jacobedal. The cavalry captured Brown's drift, on the left flank of the Boers' main position. Both columns are now marching north parallel with each other. The British captured many prisoners, but their casualties were slight."

The Chronicle also has the following dispatch from Weddies, dated via Modder River, February 14, morning: "General Kelly-Kenny, with the Sixth division, has entered Jacobedal. The Boers made a feeble attempt to hold the eastern ridge, but were outflanked by the mounted infantry and retired. There were few British casualties. The division then evacuated Jacobedal, marching north in the track of French's cavalry, which crossed the Modder river and engaged the enemy, who retired with heavy losses. The Seventh division crossed the Riet river at Kofffontein and drove the enemy before them."

General Tucker is now on Colonel Kelly-Kenny's right, and probably will effect a junction with his forces. The enemy is retreating north. The Ninth division, under General Colville, is in the rear of the Sixth division. The enemy thus far has made no determined stand. We have captured thousands of stock."

IN ASIATIC RUSSIA.

Japan Alarmed at the Heavy Garrisoning of Port Arthur.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Advice from Japan per steamer Coptic, report that the Japanese government has knowledge that Russia will place 60,000 troops at Port Arthur within two years. Japan is apprehensive of the move, as Russia could fill Corea with soldiers in a very short time. As the matter now stands, Japan would have to dispatch transports to Cheulmuip with men, and this would be a big undertaking.

Receipts and Disbursements in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In response to a resolution of the senate, the secretary of war sent to the senate a statement showing the receipts and disbursements of public funds in the island of Cuba for the year 1899. The statement shows receipts amounting to \$16,386,025 of which \$1,011,099 were from customs, \$24,699,000 from the postal service, \$21,228 from internal revenue, and \$30,331 from miscellaneous sources. The expenditures amounted to \$14,085,955, leaving \$2,300,070 in the hands of the treasurer.

Nebraska Postmaster Arrested.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 15.—Frank G. Simmons, postmaster at Seward, Neb., was arrested and brought to Lincoln this evening charged with a shortage of \$33,300. Simmons, who has long been prominent in state politics, admitted his shortage. David Figard, one of Simmons' bondsmen, when informed of the shortage and asked to take charge of the office, dropped good.

Hard Fighting at Rensberg.

British Lost Severely Before They Retired.
LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Daily Telegraph has the following dispatch from Nauwpoort, dated February 15, and delayed in transmission: "Severe fighting occurred on both our flanks near Rensberg. The enemy greatly outnumbered our troops, being about 4500 in number. They attacked the Worcestershire regiment on their hill and made a desperate demonstration, charging home, only to experience such a heavy Maxim and rifle fire from our men that they were the assailants must have been considerable."

A patrol of the Inniskilling dragoons was surrounded by some 800 Boers, and gallantly cut its way through without

THE HAWAIIAN BILL

Amendment Offered Continuing Present Arrangement

AROUSES OPPOSITION IN SENATE

Probable Result of Conference on the Financial Bill—Quay Gets Another Black Eye.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Hawaiian bill that is now pending in the senate extends all the tariff laws of the United States to those islands, and makes no discrimination between them and other parts of the United States. Senator Platt, of Connecticut, who is the most ardent man in the senate in favor of the tariff on island products coming to the United States, has offered an amendment continuing the present arrangements, which are practically free trade between the United States and the islands, and reciprocity arrangements. Senator Culom, in charge of the Hawaiian bill, he will oppose this movement, and all others which tend to levy a duty or discriminate in any way against the islands. He says that the republicans are not interested in the matter. The United States has invaded and secured those islands as a part of its territory, and the first thing that ought to be done is to give them equal rights with the United States in all matters, and especially tariff regulations.

Senator Culom's opposition voices the sentiment of a great many other republicans, especially in regard to Hawaii. Possibly it means some favorable action will be taken regarding Puerto Rico, although several senators who do not favor the position of Culom in Hawaii are supporting the Puerto Rico bill. On the house side tremendous efforts are being made to prevent any republican from following the lead of McCall in fighting the tariff on Puerto Rican products, but Littlefield of Maine, and one or two strong men, are determined to fight for free trade with the others. The position of a number of leading republicans throughout the country in favor of this same contention is sustaining the republicans, who are following the president's lead.

Conference on Financial Bill.

Since the appointment of the conference on the financial bill, the impression prevails that the senate is likely to win. The senate conferees are old and experienced, and much stronger than those selected by the house. It is generally believed that Henderson rather than the senate bill, although he was chairman of the caucus currency committee which framed the house measure. A great deal depends upon what the financial committee determines after it has considered the matter. Some opposition has developed to the 1 per cent refunding provision of the senate bill, and most of the house members oppose the bimetallic tail of the financial measure.

Another Black Eye in Quay.

The caucus of the republican senators added another black eye to Quay today when they refused to set any time for the consideration of his case. It looks now as if consideration of the Quay case would not be allowed to interfere with any of the important bills of the senate. It is well known that the republican senators are generally in opposition to Quay's case, and they will not even wait for the decision of the senate on Quay if that should tend to prevent an early adjournment.

More than this, the fact that Chandler is pushing the Quay case is just now doing Quay a great deal of damage.

Chandler's fight against the financial bill, and his success generally to republican interests, has resulted in a feeling of hostility, and anything that he wants is not likely to be done. In view of the present feeling against the republican members of congress, and the fact that the republican members are preparing to circulate Chandler's speech on the financial question as a campaign document, which increases the feeling on the republican side against the New Hampshire senator.

Republican Conventions Delegates.

Secretary Charles Dick, of the republican national committee, is out with a statement in which he says that the republicans hope they will not be embarrassed by having the republican convention packed with federal officeholders, and asserts that the president is very anxious to avoid any such condition during his administration. The republican party do not want to interfere with local politics, but they think it would be best for the party to have the honors divided up.

Light and Fog Stations in Alaska.

The government light-house board is making every effort to establish a number of light and fog signal stations along the Alaskan coast before the end of the coming season. A bill has passed the senate appropriating \$500,000 for this purpose, and it is expected that the house will take favorable action on the measure very soon. It has been definitely decided to establish an aid station on Scotch pass, at the mouth of Umiak pass, Aleutian islands. Fog, it is said, prevails there nearly every day during the summer season.

Captain Perry, United States navy, the naval secretary of the board, today said that about 15 stations in all would likely be established this season on the Alaskan coast. Most of these would be located along the southern coast, and a number of officers are now engaged in locating the most advantageous sites.

The Macrum Case.

The state department has taken steps to make sure of the position it has assumed toward ex-Consul Macrum, in anticipation of an inquiry from congress, by directing an investigation into every phase of the allegations contained in that official's statement, including especially a thorough investigation of the conditions under which the consular mail and cable service were conducted.

Telegrams Taken for Kimberley.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Commercial Cable Company, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, sent out the following notice: "We are advised that telegrams can now be accepted for Kimberley, South Africa, at sender's risk, and not exceeding 12 words."

The Plague in New Caledonia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—According to advices received per steamer Coptic, 19 deaths have occurred in Noumea, New Caledonia, from the plague, and there are many cases in quarantine.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance.....\$26,632,081 Gold reserve.....\$12,333,774

Bank Report Called For.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The controller of the currency today issued a call for a report of the condition of national banks at the close of business Tuesday, February 14.