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"The enemy opposed us throughout yes-terday's march, and, from their intimate knowledge of the country, gave us considerable trouble. Owing, however, to the admirable conduct of the troops, the en-

emy were unable to prevent us reaching our destination. The brunt of the fighting fell on General Kelly-Kenny's divisions, two battalions of which, the Welsh and Essex, turned the Boers out of two strong positions at the point of the bayonet."

, March II, 7:15 A. M., says:

A dispatch to the War Office from Lord Roberts, dated Driefontein, March 11, 9:15 A. M., #Rys: "I cannot get the precise number of cas-valties before I march, but will communicate it as soon as possible. The Boers suffered heavily, 102 of their dead being

left on the ground. We captured about 20 ners. 'Among the killed are Captain Eustace of the Buffs; Captain Lomax, of the Weish Regiment, and Mr. McKartle, a retired Indian civillan, attached to Kitchener's 'Among the wounded are: Buffs-Colonel Hickson, leg. severe; Lieutenant Ronald. Weish Regiment-Lieutenants

Torkington, Pope, Wimberley, Essex Regiment-Captain Broadwood, Field Ar-tillery - Lieutenant Devenish, Medical Corps-Major Walte, Lieutenant Berne Australian Artillery-Coonel Umphley, ab. domen, dangerous."

Reports to London Papers. LONDON, March 12.-The Morning Post's correspondent at Driefontein, teleraphing Sunday, says:

fight throughout was much in volved. The enemy evacuated and reoccupled positions, subtly concealing their intentions, and only withdrawing their guns a few minutes prior to their impend-ing capture. Their guns outranged ours, pend. the Naval Brigade not arriving in time. "Our cavalry horses were completely tired by the repeated withdrawals. The turning movement was begun too late. The enemy attempted with heliograph to

lure us to occupy a kopje which they held, but, detecting the deception, we returned." A dispatch to the Times from Driefontein, dated Sunday, says: "The storming of Alexander Kopje by the Welsh was a particularly fine piece of The mobility of the Boers in moving their guns was very remarkable. The

New South Wales Mounted Infantry made a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to capture a gun. 'According to the latest reports, an' engagement today is not improbable.'

BOERS VIOLATED FLAG OF TRUCE.

## **Roberts Makes Formal Protest and**

Serves Notice on Offenders. LONDON, March 11 .- The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Driefontein, Sunday, March 11, 9:45 A. M.; "The following telegram has been ad-dressed to Their Honors, the State Presi-

dents of the Orange Free State and the South African Republic: "'Another instance having occurred of gross abuse of the white flag or the signal of holding up hands in token of surrender, it is my duty to inform you that, if such

abuse occurs again, I shall most relu ly be compelled to order my troops to disand was witnessed by some of my own staff officers, as well as myself, and re-

sulted in the wounding of several of my officers and men. "'A large quantity of explosive bullets of three different kinds was found in Com-mandant Cronje's laager, and this has

been the case in every engagement with Your Honors' troops. Such breaches of

INTERVENTION OF THE POWERS.

Asked by Kruger and Steyn to Prevent Further Bloodshed. LONDON, March 12.-The Daily Mail

Pretoria, dated Saturday, March 10, and censored by the Boer Government: "President Kruger and President Steyn have wired to Lord Satisbury peace pro-posals on condition that the independence

of the two Republics be respected and the rebel colonials amnestied. General Assembly, and in retaining in power the state canvassing and counting chi

"Yesterday the foreign consuls were called into conference and were request-ed to invite the intervention of the pow-"While many Democratic members were honestly elected, yet others were elected by the manipulation of dishonest precinct ers they represented in order to prevent further bloodshed." officers and county canvassing boards be

## Cape Town Rebels Quitting.

ing in and counting out, until the ma-jority aforesaid was obtained. As thus constituted, the General Assembly and wai North show that the rebels are lay-ing down their arms in large numbers and that the Boers all along the border are in serious straits. The rebels assert that the Boers are subsisting on bread and water and so-called coffee, made from rec Other rebels are inserted to from rye. Other rebels are leaving to fight in the Free State. British raie has been restored at Ladygrey, where a big fight is reported to have occurred, many rebels being killed. It is reported that rule thousands of rebels contemplate surren-Hon dering to General Brabant.

## "Fall of Mafeking Certain."

LONDON, March 12-A correspondent of he Daily Mail at Lourenco Marques, tele-

graphing Saturday, says: "According to Boer reports, the fall of Mafeking is certain. There has been heavy fighting this week, and the Boers have been shelling the town from all the outlying forts, which they have captured, Colonel Baden-Powell cleared all the natives out of town, but the Boers drove them back. The Boers are preparing for a final assault, with the idea that the capture of Mafeking will raise the drooping spirits of the burghers."

## The White Flag Treachery.

LONDON, March 12-A dispatch to the Daily Mall from Avogelkop, dated Sun-

day, March II, says: "The whife fing treachery was person-ally witnessed at Dreifontein by Lord Roberts, who was looking through a telescope when the Weish were charging and saw the Boers hold up their hands, show the flag and drop their guns. He saw an English officer advance to receive their surrender, whereupon a Boer volley was fired, and the officer fell."

LONDON, March 12 .- The correspondent of the Times at Lourenco Marques says: "British and German Uitlanders are ocking here from the Transvaal in consequence of the feeling of insecurity aroused by recent events.

Prisoners Were Boring a Tannel. our courts, composed almost entirely of Democratic judges, have become so parti-LONDON, March 12 - The Cape Town "It is reported that the Boer prisoners

## Honors for London Officers.

LONDON, March 11.-Lord Sallsbury has informed the Lord Mayor of London, A. J. Newton, that the Queen purposes to confer a baronetcy upon him and to

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in authority in his regiment, which will being accessories to the assassination of Governor Goebel, including Secretary of be difficult to reconcile. Captain Long-mire, under Beckham's order, is in charge State Caleb Powers and ex-Secretary Finof the guard about the jail and the Arm ley. In his statement Governor Taylor recitos the conditions under which he claims to have been elected, and charges ory and its equipments. He said tonight he will not recognize any orders from Colonel Williams. Captain Calhoun, of Company C. of the local battalion, will the Democratic contestants for state fices with conspiracy to secure c the government. He continues: with conspiracy to secure control of

make a public statement tomorrow that under Judge Field's decision he cannot do "Notwithstanding these conspirators were defeated at the polls, as to state offices, they succeeded in securing a ma-jority in each of the two houses of the General Assembly and the statements otherwise than recognize Governor Beck-ham's authority, and will reject any order from any other source in conflict with his authority. Colonel Williams is a Re-publican, and one of Governor Taylor's

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most ardent supporters. He was in com-mand of the troops at Frankfort until quite recently.

BECKHAM'S FOLLOWERS ORGANIZE. fore and during the election, and then after the election, by a system of count-

#### Company of State Guard Formed and Equipped-Others Coming.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 11.-The first nove on the part of Governor Beckham's canvassing board have declared that the will of the people as expressed at the polls shall be set aside. It is needless to followers today toward the formation of a State Guard under his administration was taken here today. City Clerk Ben Marshall say that such conspiracies as this almost inevitably produce revolution, because a circulated a paper and enlisted the requi-site number of men who are to compose free people will not willingly be deprived of their right of suffrage or consent that the minority instead of the majority shall a new company. The guns for this company have been provided by citizens here, most of them being either needle-guns or

"Pending this unfortunate struggle, the ion. William Goebel, the contestant for winchesters. Hon. William Goebei, the contestant for the office of Governor, was assassinated by some person whose identity is un-known. Thereupon a conspiracy was formed to fasten this helnous crime upon all or some of the state officers elected by the people, the purpose being to ob-soure and cover the political robbery, and to terrorize and destroy all opposition. In order to carry out this foul conspiracy they procured an act appropriating the four This afternoon a report gained circulation that Governor Taylor had given his soldiers orders to arrest Governor Beck-ham and other officers of the Democratic state government. On account of this re-In order to carry out this foul conspiracy they procured an act appropriating \$100,000 ostensibly for the purpose of detecting the criminals, and employed a lawyer whose course in the criminal practice in Cincinnati was so odious as to cause a riot resulting in the destruction of the courthouse and the law of ourse in the rests were attempted.

"Following the loss of over 40 lives. "Following this, an employee of the Cincinnati Enquirer has made affidavits charging that Hon. Caleb Powers, Sec-retary of State; his brother, John Pow-Statehouse, were reinforced today by the pension bills. arrival of the Barboursville company of The Senate will continue to give atarrival of the Barboursville company of 71 men, all of whom are fully armed and tention to the Puerto Rican bill and retary of state; his brother, John Pow-ers, a Captain of a company of the state militia; W. H. Coulton, a clerk in the Auditor's office; Hon. Charles Finley, ex-Secretary of State, and Captain John W. Davis, policeman of the Statehouse grounds, conspired, aided and assisted in ald assacting the work beyond panies are expected some time during the night or tomorrow. Governor Beckham this afternoon appointed Colonel David R. Murray, of Clover Point, Assistant Adjutant-General, with the rank of Colonel, said assassination. Warrants were issued and said W. H. Coulton was, during the and he was sworn in. The official announcement was made

The official announcement was made that this appointment is only temporary. This was regarded as significant, it being understood that Colonel Murray accepted the appointment on account of the gravity night of March 9, taken from his home, where his wife and child were sick, and incarcerated in the county jail without of the present situation, and with the unling that he could resign when the state became more quiet. Harlan Whittaker and W. H. Coulton,

were confined in jall here, charged with complicity in the assassination of with complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel, wave removed from the fall at an early hour this morning and taken to Shelbyville, where they were placed on a train and nent to Louisville under a heavy guard. It is understood they will be kept in the Louisville jail till the April term of the Circuit Court, when they will be resturned here for trial.

## Whittaker and Coulton in Louisville.

san that it is practically if not absolutely impossible for any man not of their per-suasion to obtain a fair trial. As organ-ized, the courts are courts of conviction LOUISVILLE, March 11.-An officer rom Frankfort arrived here tonight about ized, the courts are courts of conviction instead of courts of trial. "Under this state of affairs, believing that each one of said persons is inno-cent of any complicity in said crime, and further believing that the enormous re-ward will secure the conviction of these men, however innocent. I deemed it my solemn duty to issue pardons to them in order that these political conspirators might not be enabled to deprive them of 8:30, having in custody Harland Whitta-

NEW YORK, March 11.-John Z. Little, the actor, is dead in Brooklyn, aged 63 years. He was a native of Philadelphia, and was at one time manager of a theater in Chicago. He toured the whole United States with his company, producing "Around the World in Ninety Days."

## Death of Captain Gelray.

BOSTON, March 11 .- Captain Joseph W. Gelray, U. S. A., retired, died today, aged 62 years. His body will be taken to Arlington cemetery, Washington, for interment.

#### A. C. Rand Dead.

NEW YORK, March 11.-Addison C. Rand, president of the Rand Drill Company and treasurer of the Laffin & Rand Powder Company, is dead in this city, aged 59 years.

#### Ellen Terry Is Nearly Recovered.

TORONTO, March 11 .- Miss Ellen Terry has almost entirely recovered from her ill-

German Dramatist Seriously III. BERLIN, March 11.-Herr Wildenbrush, he dramatist, lies dangerously ill.

# THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

## Contest Cases in the House-Senate to Deal With Several Matters.

WASHINGTON, March 11 .- The week in the House promises to be rather dull. Tomorrow the contested election case of were assembled at the City Hall, armed Wise versus Young, from the Second Virand sworn in as special police for the pur-pose of protecting the Democratic officers, who are still quartered at the Capitol Hotel. A large number of citizens also volunteered and were assigned to various posts in the vicinity of the hotel to offer resistance in case the talked-of arcan side, and will be adopted. The re-Governor Taylor's soldiers, on duty at the mainder of the week will be devoted to

equipped. More troops are looked for to-night. The Pineville and London comthere may be a diversion in favor of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and Senator Mason's Boer resolution. Mason says it is his purpose to call up his resolution, to get a vote on it if possible. Set Senator Davis has expressed an intention to ask the Senate to take up the treaty during the latter part of the week, but Senator Foraker, in charge of the Puerto Rican bill, expressed confidence that Senator Davis will not bring the treaty forward at a time to embarrans the Puerto Rican measure. The debate on this bill will probably be general, and possibly quite spirited.

The members of the committee on order of business emphatically contradict the reports that the committee is exerting itself to secure the amendment for the Puerto Rican bill.

The Senate will meet Monday two hours in advance of the usual hour of convening, in order to take up the Alaskan code bill

### Ignores Taylor Administration.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 11 .- Captain W. Longmire received orders tonight from Assistant Adjutant-General Dixon, under the Taylor administration, to disband the soldiers here. He ignored the

Robert Kennedy, of this city, is acting as Assistant Adjutant-General under Cas-tleman, and co-operating with Captain Longmire.

Phosphate Mining Firm Suspended. OCALA, Fia., March 11.-The phosphate mining firm of Hood & Hubbard, at Dunnellon, has suspended temporarily. About 1000 men are affected.

# incarcerated in the county jail without bail or being given an opportunity to se-cure bail. On the day of said assassina-tion, Harlan Whittaker, whose residence is in Butler County, Kentucky, was ar-rested and charged with said crime and Flocking From the Transvaal. rested and charged with said that and assassination and was placed in jail and kept confined without trial for over one month, in defiance of the provisions of month, in defiance of the provisions of law requiring a speedy examining trial and that a person charged with crime shall be brought out every two days. Upon the trial he was held over without "Several important Johannesburg mines have been flooded, the Government hav-ing forbidden pumping." bail, notwithstanding there was absolute-ly no evidence introduced showing his guilt. For some cause, or without cause,

"The instance occurred on a kopje east of Driefontein farm yesterday afternoon, had made considerable progress before discovery."