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BOERS STILL FIGHT

British Came Upon Them Unexpectedly Saturday. WERE LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES. The Dutch Troops Withdrew in the Night, Leaving the Imperial Forces in Possession.

DRIEFONTAIN, March 11, 8:35 A. M.—Broadwood's cavalry brigade, advancing on Bloemfontein, unexpectedly found the Boers in a strong position in the Driefontain kopjes yesterday. General Kelly-Kenny's division, arriving at the scene of the fighting, found the Boers in a strong position in the Driefontain kopjes yesterday.

During the fighting, in which five regiments took part, with artillery, the Boers, though forced from their center position, clung tenaciously to the other kopjes, shooting the British freely with three guns, two Vickers Maxim's. The British cavalry began to turn the Boer position, but night fell before the movement was completed.

A large number of Australians were engaged yesterday. The First Australian Horse Brigade, with the Scots Greys, advanced within 80 yards of the Boers under heavy fire. The New South Wales Mounted Infantry joined in the pursuit of the Boers northward.

At Driefontain, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers were found posted in considerable strength on the ridges connecting several kopjes, where they had mounted guns. The action began at 4 in the morning, with an artillery duel. General French's cavalry and General Portier's brigade supported the British guns.

Reports to London Papers. LONDON, March 12.—The Morning Post's correspondent at Driefontain, telegraphing Sunday, says: "The fight throughout was much involved. The enemy evacuated and recaptured positions, subtly concealing their intentions, and only withdrawing their guns a few minutes prior to their impending capture."

Boers Violated Flag of Truce. Roberts Makes Formal Protest and Seizes Prisoners. LONDON, March 12.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Driefontain, Sunday, March 11, 9:45 A. M.:

BOTH SIDES ARMED

Fighting Forces Confront Each Other in Kentucky. GRAVE DANGER OF AN OUTBREAK. Taylor Issues Statement and Pardons to Men Arrested for Goebel's Assassination—Guard Divided.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 12.—The Democrats and Republicans are today, for the first time since the present political complications assumed acute form, divided into two armed and organized factions. Surrounding the Capitol and the State Executive building, and encamped in the grounds around Governor Taylor's home, are nearly 20 State Militia, well provided with ammunition, while in the corridors of the Capitol are about 100 Democrats.

Several Republican members of the Legislature left the city today, presumably for their homes. In connection with the pardons issued by Governor Taylor to state officers and others before their arrest as suspects, a statement is made that it has been the custom for years and is legal for Governors to pardon men in advance of trials.

FORMAL STATEMENT OF TAYLOR. Reiterates Conditions of Election and Pardons the Accused Persons. LOUISVILLE, March 12.—According to a statement made by Governor W. S. Taylor tonight to a representative of the Commercial he has granted a pardon to each of the persons for whom warrants have been issued charging them with the assassination of Governor Goebel.

Company of State Guard Formed and Equipped—Others Coming. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 12.—The first move on the part of Governor Beckham's followers today toward the formation of a State Guard under his administration was taken here today. City Clerk Ben Marshall circulated a paper and enlisted the requisite number of men who are to compose a new company. The guns for this company have been provided by citizens here, most of them being either needle-guns or Winchester.

Whittaker and Coulton in Louisville. LOUISVILLE, March 12.—An officer from Frankfort arrived here tonight about 8:30, having in custody Harlan Whittaker, who at his preliminary hearing a few days ago was held to the grand jury on the charge of complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel, and W. H. Coulton, who was arrested yesterday on a similar charge. The men were brought here from Frankfort because of the fear that an attempt would be made by the soldiers acting under the Republican administration to liberate them.

Honors for London Officers. LONDON, March 12.—Lord Salisbury has informed the Lord Mayor of London, A. J. Newton, that the Queen proposes to confer a baronetcy upon him and to

A NEW OPEN DOOR

Does Away With Spheres of Influence in China. ACHIEVEMENT OF SECRETARY HAY. All Ports of China Soon to be Opened to Commerce of the World—Free Trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, in an address last night at the Monticello Club, gave the details of the negotiations which Secretary of State Hay has had under way for some time relative to the Chinese open door. President Wheeler learned of the negotiations while in conversation with Secretary Hay during his recent visit to Washington.

FUNERAL OF E. J. PHELPS. Dr. Timothy Dwight Delivered Address—Interment to be Tomorrow. NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 11.—Funeral services for the late Edward J. Phelps, ex-Minister to England, were held today in Battel Chapel. Dr. Timothy Dwight delivered the funeral address. The college choir sang two hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Abide With Me."

Death of Captain Getray. BOSTON, March 12.—Captain Joseph W. Getray, U. S. A., retired, died today, aged 68 years. His body will be taken to Arlington cemetery, Washington, for interment.

A. C. Hand Dead. NEW YORK, March 12.—Addison C. Hand, 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 12.—Miss Ellen Terry has almost entirely recovered from her illness.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS. Contest Cases in the House—Senate to Deal With Several Matters. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The week in the House promises to be rather dull. Tomorrow the contested election case of Wilcox versus Young, from the Second Virginia district, will be voted on.

BEHIND THE SCENES

EXPLANATION OF THE SITUATION. Dutch Troops Occupied Strong Positions—Losses to Date. LONDON, March 12.—The War Office maps show a group of kopjes and a large water-pan at Driefontain, a position which has apparently considerable defensive advantages.

Lord Roberts' dignified protest against the abuse of the white flag is regarded as the most important feature of the situation. According to the accounts supplied by the correspondents, the instance appears to have been most flagrant, and there is no doubt that Lord Roberts will carry his protest into execution.

There is no confirmation of the rumors of the raising of the siege of Mafeking, concerning which the gravest anxiety continues to be felt. The British reported casualties up to this date are as follows: Killed 2,418. Wounded 1,375. Total 3,793.

BRITISH RETIRED. Bethen Could Not Dialogue Boers Without Artillery. DURBAN, March 12.—The Natal Mercury has the following dispatch from Greytown, dated today: "A force composed of Bethen's Mounted Infantry, the Umvoti Mounted Rifles and the Natal Cavalry, under the command of Colonel Bethen, reached Pomeroy Thursday, March 8. The following morning the Boer pickets opened fire."

INTERVENTION OF THE POWERS. Asked by Kruger and Steyn to Prevent Further Bloodshed. LONDON, March 12.—The Daily Mail has received the following dispatch from Pretoria, dated today: "President Kruger and President Steyn have wired to Lord Salisbury peace proposals on condition that the independence of the two Republics be respected and the rebel colonials amnestied."

CAPE TOWN REBELS QUITTING. CAPE TOWN, Sunday, March 11.—News from the Legation and all over North show that the rebels are laying down their arms in large numbers and that the Boers all along the border are in some straits. The rebels asserted that the Boers are substituting opium and water and so-called coffee, made from rye. Other rebels are leaving to fight in the Free State.

THE WHITE FLAG TREACHERY. LONDON, March 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Avogelkop, dated Sunday, March 11, says: "The white flag treachery was personally witnessed at Driefontain by Lord Roberts, who was looking through a telescope when the Boers were charging. He saw the Boers raise 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."