

ITS GOOD OFFICES

United States Offers to Act as Mediator

AT REQUEST OF BOER REPUBLICS

Lord Salisbury Courtlessly Declined the Aid Proffered by Ambassador Choate.

LONDON, March 13.—The United States Government, at the request of President Kruger and President Steyn, has offered to the British Government its services as mediator, with the view of bringing about peace in South Africa.

United States Chargé d'Affaires, Henry White, saw Lord Salisbury at the Foreign Office this evening and received the formal reply from the British Government, declining the good offices of the United States in regard to peace.

American's Offer Was Too Late. LONDON, March 13.—The representations made to Great Britain were so put that they assumed nothing of a desire to intervene, but simply transmitted the communications to the United States Consul Hay, with the accompanying assurance that anything the State Department could do in the interests of peace would be gladly undertaken.

ATTITUDE OF FRANCE. The Will Not Take the Initiative in Intervening.

PARIS, March 13.—A representative of the Associated Press, called on a responsible mouthpiece of the French Government the following exposition of France's attitude in the matter of intervention in the Anglo-Transvaal War.

THE FIRST CORRESPONDENCE. Telegrams From the Boer Republics and Reply.

LONDON, March 13.—A parliamentary paper containing the telegrams sent to the British Government by the Presidents of the South African Republics, and the British reply thereto, was published today.

The Curious Wheat Problem. The Spectator.

If Sir William Crookes is to be believed, scarcity of food is not by any means remote; it may come with slight warning, and it may come very suddenly.

Giving a Man a Chance. The Quiver.

A commanding officer who has studied human nature, he states, will occasionally make a brilliant hit when he gives a man what is called a "chance."

Practical Teamship. Boston Herald.

The Hon. Richard Olney is another of those statesmen who believe in recognizing the fact that we have irrevocably established a partnership with Great Britain, and that the problem today is how best to deal with our new possessions.

Foreign Office, March 13.—I have the honor to acknowledge your honor's telegram, dated March 8, from Bloemfontein, of which the purport is principally to demand that Her Majesty's Government should recognize the incontestable independence of the South African Republic and the Orange Free State as sovereign international states, and to offer on those terms to bring the war to a conclusion.

LORD ROBERTS' ADVICES

EXPECTS OPPOSITION ON OUTSKIRTS OF BLOEMFONTEIN.

His Advance on the Free State Capital—Dispatches From Mafeking—War Loan Bill.

LONDON, March 12.—Lord Roberts' actual entry into the Orange Free State capital seems likely to be delayed until tomorrow, as his statement that he is going to reinforce General French implies that some opposition is to be encountered on the outskirts of the town.

Lord Roberts from Venters Vlei, under date of March 12, 9:30 P. M., as follows: "I directed General French if there were time before dark to seize the railway station at Bloemfontein, and thus secure the rolling stock. At midnight, I received a report from him that after considerable opposition, he had been able to occupy two hills close to the railway station, which commanded Bloemfontein.

A dispatch received by a South African firm in London, dated Mafeking, Tuesday, March 8, via Cape Town, states: "All is well, but the town is still besieged."

THE FIGHT AT DRIEFONTEIN. Boers Stubbornly Contested Every Foot of Ground.

DRIEFONTEIN, Orange Free State, Sunday.—Roberts' advance yesterday across the Orange River from Poplar Grove to this place was marked by the most severe engagements since crossing the Modder River.

Transvaal prisoners showed they were entirely unoppressed by Roberts' tactics. A Free State house President Kruger occupied during the Boer flight from Oostfontein said he complained to the President about the deportations of the Transvaalers, whereupon the President replied:

WASHINGTON, March 9.—During the last few months a large number of sportsmen have complained that game is being exterminated on the Mount Ranier National Park Reserve, in the State of Washington.

JOUBERT AT GLENCOE. LADYSMITH, Monday, March 12.—The main body of the enemy is in position at Biggarsberg, General Joubert is at Glencoe.

White Going to Cape Colony. DURBAN, Monday, March 12.—General George White has arrived here and embarked upon a transport for East London.

"Th' Fr-rinch on Thirle." From "Mr. Dooley in the Hearts of His Countrymen."

The Dutch Church and the Boers. The Forthnightly Review.

The Dutch Church was a privileged church, and it had long traditions of its own which even the advent of colonialism of all nationalities failed to disturb.

Women Entering the Field. Baltimore Herald.

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Taking a Criminal Advantage. Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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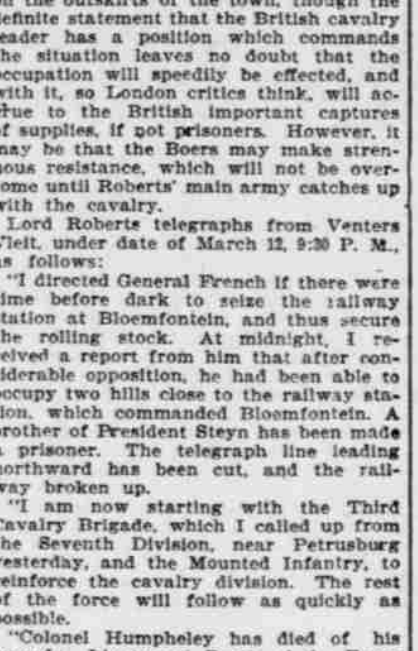
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65TH POLICE PRECINCT, Greater New York, Nov. 11, 1899.

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

In justice to you, I feel it is my duty to send you an acknowledgement of the receipt of the sample bottle of Swamp-Root you so kindly sent me. I had been out of health for the past five years with kidney and bladder trouble.

My brother officers (whose signatures accompany this letter), as well as myself, thank you for the blessing you have brought to the human race in the compounding of Swamp-Root.

Officers of the 65th Police Precinct, Greater New York.

THEODOURUS VAN WYCK, former Editor of the Mt. Vernon News, writes: "I had been a sufferer for over four years from severe attacks of rheumatism and kidney trouble, probably contracted by exposure to hunting expeditions and wading trout streams."

EDITORIAL NOTE—The great kidney remedy, Swamp-Root, is so remarkably successful that a special arrangement has been made by which all our readers who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent absolutely free by mail.

HAS NO JURISDICTION. Officially notified upon the arrival of the transport Meade at San Francisco that Young Damphoffer had escaped at Nagasaki.

JOAQUIN MILLER. Appreciation of the Work of the Poet of the Sierras.

PORTLAND, March 9.—(To the Editor.)—It is strange to what accidents men and books owe the discovery by the world of the virtues that is of them.

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LEFT TO THE COURTS

BOTH SIDES IN KENTUCKY REACH AN UNDERSTANDING.

Taylor Will Continue to Act as Governor—If Decision Is Against Him, He Will Step Out.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 13.—The Legislature of Kentucky adjourned today. A conference between Adjutant-General Cassin and Governor Taylor in a perfect understanding being reached.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH TURNER. W. J. Stillman in the March Atlantic.

ONE DAY I RECEIVED a message from Griffiths to say that Turner was coming to the gallery at a certain time on a business appointment, and if I would happen in just before the hour fixed for it I might see him.

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