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DUE TO MEAT INSPECTION BILL

Duelling Discussed in the Reichstag -German Press Convinced of General Cronje's Defeat.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The receipt of news from Washington, intimating the cessation of the commercial negotiations with Germany, has created a sensation here.

"I interpret the reported Washington action as due to the most recent shape of the meat inspection bill. If the bill is adopted in its present shape, it will cause a bitter tariff war between the United States and Germany, in which I believe the latter will get the worst of it."

The correspondent understood from a member of the Embassy that the Foreign Office did not know the actual status of the negotiations in Washington, and asked the Embassy a few days' stop for information on the subject.

A responsible Foreign Office official said to the correspondent today: "I have no information regarding a hitch in the proceedings in Washington, but do not attach importance to the latest news."

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for killing an adversary, often under peculiarly atrocious circumstances. While this debate will show a decrease in these happenings, it will show the Army in an enviable condition, as a whole, the officers being animated by the best spirit. Nobody even hinted at corruption, and nobody showed evidence of favoritism.

The German press is exerting itself to the utmost to show that the British have really defeated General Cronje, and that the latter's position is desperate. Sympathies here remain on the Boer side. Even Herr Eugene Richter, the Radical leader, in an editorial, speaks admiringly of General Cronje's gallant resistance against a fourfold force.

The semi-official press is exerting itself to that end, and even the Kreuz Zeitung, the Army and Court organ, which until recently was Anglophobe, now strongly points out that it is to Germany's interest to remain friendly with Great Britain. The paper enumerates the reasons why it is impossible for Germany to love the British as a nation, especially after their immoral neutrality in 1864, 1866, and 1870, and the "constant enmity" the British have shown Germany's colonial policy and the rising German commerce. The paper then says:

"Notwithstanding this, England's downfall would mean a distinct disadvantage to Germany in every part of the globe. Therefore, it is no part of German patriotism to uphold the cause of England's enemies."

The German financial press points out that the Russian loan to Persia liberates the Province of Faristan, whose harbor revenues have hitherto been pledged to Great Britain.

The Emperor has summoned Captain Laufen to witness the first performance of the "Iron Tooth" (Eisenahn), at the Royal Theater here, of which His Majesty is a collaborator. The performance is looked forward to with deep interest, the Emperor having instead of novel scenic costumes and a number of improvements.

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POPULARITY OF "BOBS"

THE HERO OF THE HOUR IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London Believed of a Long Period of Gloom—Lack of System in the War Office.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The fierce fighting that has made the week memorable in the history of Great Britain has, in spite of the heavy casualties that accompanied it, acted as an exhilarating tonic upon the nation. It is almost with cheerfulness that the people of Great Britain are taking their punishment, for now there is something to show for it, in pleasing contrast to the weeks of waiting and suspense that scarcely ever passed without largely adding to the death roll, and never seemed to bring Great Britain's forces nearer to the goal.

Hand in hand with the relief of Kimberley and the daily expected relief of Ladysmith has come the relief of London. With the fate of those beleaguered places of their minds, with the national hero free once more to take his chance in a fair fight, London has evolved itself from the depressing gloom that for months hung over it. There is now talk of balls, dinners and entertainings; there are brighter looks in the faces of the crowds that throng the streets, and even the women have seemed to have brought out gayer gowns.

There is to be something of a season after all, and "Little Bobs" is the hero of the hour, even at this stage of the war, which can scarcely be considered much more than initial from the British point of view. He would be granted every honor in the people's power to give if only public opinion and gratitude became operative. Above every other man and every other circumstance, he stands out from those grim happenings in South Africa, clothed in a halo of victory. Loudly he is hailed as giving the living life to those who said that the pluck and brains that made Great Britain victorious in the Crimea, in India and in Afghanistan, had passed away from her. The circumstances of his hurried departure when he subordinated the greatest personal sorrow to the needs of the country, his feats on the battlefields of old, his tremendous personal magnetism and his surpassing kindness and simplicity, are all brought into rapid review by means of conversation or the newspapers before the average Englishman until it is small wonder that the hero of Kandahar has reached that pinnacle where his country would deny him nothing.

General Kitchener's automatic way of doing things and his hardness of head have been so much paraded before the public since he first achieved greatness, that he has lost much of his popularity, and, while he possesses the national confidence to an almost unequalled extent, it is patent that the nation, as a whole, would rather that the opportunities fell to "Bobs" than to his iron-willed chief of staff.

A curious instance of the utter lack of system that prevails in the British War Office occurred this week. Immediately after the Queen's proclamation, appealing to the patriotism of her old soldiers, and asking them to re-enlist under the Government's new plan to strengthen the army, was published, there flocked to headquarters large numbers of men anxious to answer the Queen's request. They were all turned away because the War Office has not yet issued any detailed instructions regarding the acceptance of such offers and has not formulated any specific plan for putting into action the general proposals adopted by Parliament.

CRONJE'S TACTICS. Made His Stand Possibly to Allow His Artillery to Escape.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—According to advices from London to the New York pa-

pers, there is much excitement in the streets about the War Office and the newspaper offices, and the rumors of British victories are received with more credence than heretofore. The splendid fight of Cronje has excited warm admiration in London, but the belief is general that his struggle is hopeless. It is believed in London by many war experts that Cronje is playing a desperate game of shrewd Boer tactics.

So far no report contains any mention of the capture of Boer big guns. Of all the artillery about Magerfontein and Kimberley, only one disabled 12-pounder was found when the British occupied the ground. It is said that Cronje started all the guns from their places with orders to get them across the Vaal as soon as he learned that Lord Roberts was in command at Modder River with reinforcements, and moved himself with all the mounted Boers as soon as he learned of General French's movement in his rear. Observers in London think he went as far as he could, then picked a position and determined to sit tight until assured that their artillery had escaped.

The reinforcements Lord Roberts reports having scattered so easily are said to have been the Boer rear guard and artillery train, which was covering the movement to the north and east. There are no reports of any artillery fire in response to the British attack of Koedoo's Rand. Cronje's plan appears to be to hold all the British possible about his camp till certain his artillery retreat is assured. The proposed armistice would have gained 24 hours for the retreat of the guns, while the agreement would only have covered the fighting force engaged at that point.

Boer sympathizers think Cronje will hold fast till the last moment, and that then the order will be given, "Every man for himself," with instructions to rally at a point north, where the artillery will be safe in a new position. It is insisted that this plan was followed about Ladysmith, the guns being slowly and safely removed to defend the Transvaal passes, while a mobile force was left in the trenches to prevent sudden attack by the British.

ROBERTS' FLIGHT. Possibly Endeavoring to Starve Him Out.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The dispatch from Paardeberg, dated Thursday, made public this evening, shows that the condition of General Cronje apparently had not changed from better to worse up to Thursday's communication. The dispatch announcing Cronje's surrender is eagerly awaited.

The arrival of the British supply column at Paardeberg may have given General Roberts the opportunity to resume his fierce attack on Cronje's laager, for doubtless without more ammunition he could not keep up the vigorous cannonade with which he started. Possibly the long wait may be due to a determination to endeavor to starve out Cronje's gallant force. Other late Paardeberg dispatches say the Boer light is still hopeless, and that Lord Roberts is ready to meet any reinforcements.

From Buller there is nothing new, but the retreat of Cronje seems to be having an effect on the Cape Colony Boers, as a Dordrecht dispatch, dated Thursday, says they have opened negotiations for submission. General Buller is treating with them, and in deference to the wishes of the Governor of Cape Town is offering lenient terms, meanwhile ceasing operations.

A special dispatch from Arundel, dated Friday, says: "The Boers have formed a strong force seven miles west of here. General Clements has kept up a searching fire on the kopjes. We expect to take their position before sunset."

A war bulletin, published in Pretoria Thursday, said that communication with Cronje was still open Wednesday, and that reports of heavy fighting, occurring east of Cronje's laager, have been received.

bert is no longer in command. He added that some Free Staters were publicly fogged for cowardice after the battle of Belmont.

The British casualties at Koedoo's Rand, February 7, and Killy Kraal, February 15, were seven officers wounded, four men killed and 96 men wounded. All the military writers agree that Cronje's only chance lies in a powerful diversion in his favor by Dutch reinforcements drawn from Natal, Colesberg and Stormberg. Three British brigades were in action Saturday and Monday, with another of French's cavalry in reserve.

If 20,000 burghers from Natal and 10,000 more from the Southern frontier could be suddenly concentrated against Cronje's beleaguers, his deliverance might be effected. General Roberts would have two brigades of the Seventh division available as a reserve against this concentration, and possibly another of the First division. There is no evidence yet that Dutch concentration has taken place. Pretoria reports state that 6,000 Boers have gone from Natal into the Free State. The Dutch forces have disappeared from the Colesberg and Stormberg districts.

Well-informed men in close touch with the War Office agree that the best thing that can happen for the British side is the concentration of the entire Dutch army at Koedoo's Rand, since that policy will enable General Roberts to deliver a crushing blow with his own forces massed a short distance from their railway base. Otherwise, they say, Cronje's surrender will be followed by a tedious campaign through the enemy's country, with long lines of communication to be maintained.

Reinforcements for the Boers. LONDON, Feb. 24.—Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "From Boer dispatches we must infer that General Dewet has gathered a considerable force of scattered Boers at Paardeberg, about 15 miles southeast of Koedoo's Rand, with a view of relieving General Cronje. It is probable that a battle is also raging in Natal. Anyway, there is no need for alarm. It is quite possible that after the fight Lord Roberts may be engaged in pursuing the Boers, which would take him away from the telegraph wires. Possibly a big fight is proceeding. Lord Roberts may be fighting from 18,000 to 15,000 Boers. This would account for the long silence, as all experiences has proved that the battles occupy some days."

Fighting Around Arundel. PRETORIA, Friday, Feb. 23.—A special dispatch from Colesberg, dated Thursday, says: "Commandant Delarey moved out and occupied a position east and south of Arundel, where the British were encamped. At sunrise the British attacked the Boers with cannon, infantry and cavalry, the Boers replying. Late in the evening, when the Boers were attacked in their rear by a force presumably from Nkanypoort, rendering the Boer position untenable, the British attempted to storm the Boer camp, but were repulsed, with a severe loss. The Boer casualties, as far as known, were two men wounded."

Buller's Casualties. LONDON, Feb. 24.—The War Office today received from Buller a list of casualties resulting from the fighting of February 23, as follows: Killed—Lieutenant Cathcart (son of Lord Cathcart), of the Rifle Brigade; Lieutenants Coe and Parker, of the Lancashire Regiment.

Wounded—Forty-seven officers, including Major-General Wynne and Colonel Harris, of the East Surreys. Buller concludes: "Owing to the continuous fighting, it is impossible at the present to give the number of men killed or wounded."

American and French Attaches. LOUBENCO MARQUEZ, Friday, Feb. 24.—The French steamer Glorieux has arrived here, bringing the American and French military attaches, bound for the Boer camp. She also has on board 155

heterogeneous passengers, including 130 Montenegrins, in the national costume, all bound for the Transvaal.

Berlin Rumor of Cronje's Escape. BERLIN, Feb. 24.—Several newspapers announce that they learn from private sources that Cronje has succeeded in forcing his way through the British lines.

HAVE NOT COMPLETED WORK Oregon Emergency Corps Decided Not to Disband.

It has been generally understood that the Oregon Emergency Corps and Red Cross Society, having completed the work for which it was organized, would disband at the meeting held yesterday afternoon, at the Armory. Such was not the case. General O. Summers told the Society that he believed it to be the earnest wish of the ex-soldiers that the Corps remain intact until the last of the soldiers who died in Manila had been buried and until the volunteers' monument is erected. It was pointed out by General Summers that the Emergency Corps could render efficient aid in these matters, which the members could not give as the Red Cross Society, as the constitution of that order would not permit of this work being done under its auspices. The reports of the president, the secretary and the treasurer, covering the work of the Corps up to this period, were made and adopted.

Killed by a Runaway Horse. SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 24.—Morris Ecker, a blacksmith, who came here from Caldwell, Tex., was struck by a runaway horse and instantly killed. He leaves a wife and several children.

PHYSICIANS DECEIVED. Skeptical at First Regarding the Value of the New Pile Cure.

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