

PACIFYING FREE STATE

ROBERTS' WORK BEFORE HE ADVANCES TO THE VAAL.

Little or No Fighting Expected in the Southern Republic—Leyds Disappears From Brussels.

LONDON, March 17.—The peaceful conquest of the Orange River has broken, so evenly that it is now believed there will be little or no fighting, until Lord Roberts reaches the Vaal River. How soon he intends to start out with this objective is not yet stated. But the pacification of the Free State seems now engaging all his attention. When the move comes, it will doubtless be accomplished with the secrecy and swiftness which have characterized all the British advances since Lord Roberts assumed command.

The revolt of the Cape Dutch in the Northwest seemed to have broken, and it is likely General Kitchener will soon resume his place beside his chief. The lull that lets the British troops in Natal and the Free State recuperate brings no rest to the engineers and transport service. Girard, the young Canadian officer who rules supreme over the railroads, is now putting his system to the most severe test and endeavoring to pour supplies from Cape Town to Bloemfontein.

Commandant Olivier, after leaving Burgersdorp, went to Rouxville, where he is now reported to be with only a small force.

Dr. Leyds has disappeared from Brussels, according to a Globe special. He is believed to have come to London, but nothing is known here about his arrival. It seems scarcely likely that he would jump into the lion's mouth, and the energetic Boer representative is more likely to be heard of at one of the European capitals.

The departure of Lady Roberts from London for South Africa today was made the occasion for a popular demonstration. Among her fellow travelers were the Duchess of Teck, who has gone to join her husband; Sir Frederick Carrington and staff; Lady Sheehy and Miss Rhodes, the latter Cecil Rhodes' sister.

England's army in South Africa will soon be increased. Today, nine ships sailed, with 800 men.

It is persistently reiterated that Mafeking has no confirmation of the rumor.

PROMENADE THROUGH FREE STATE

Early Forecast of War Will Soon Be Fulfilled.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: At the opening of the war, Englishmen linked lightly about a promenade through the Free State, and during the next four months they condemned themselves with fine irony for their boisterous folly.

Their earliest forecast is now in a fair way to be fulfilled, since three columns have crossed the Orange River without firing a shot. And the guards have gone down the railway in three trains to meet and to hunt for the enemy's guns.

And while President Steyn, with the Boer commandos behind him, is still in the field at Kromstadt and Ventersburg, and there is a rear guard at Brandfontein or Winburg, the march northward does not seem likely to be seriously opposed.

The occupation of Bloemfontein is a peace measure of great efficacy. The capital has welcomed Lord Roberts' soldiers and is rejoicing in the fact that the Free State is concerned the war is virtually at an end. The influence of the capital is felt North and South. The forces blockading the advance of Gatacre, Brabant and Clements are breaking up, and the commandos in the North are thinning out nightly from desertions. It does not seem improbable that there will be a promenade as far as the Vaal River.

The details of the concentric movement upon Springfield are coming in slowly. General Brabant was too far east to take part in it, and was fully occupied in reconnoitering the enemy's position north of Allwal North. General Clements had forced the passage of the river at Norval's Post, and was fully engaged and constructed a bridge for carrying over his heavy guns. General Gatacre was moving forward rapidly toward Springfield from Bethulie.

General Pole's division, the Guards, has arrived at Springfield, and is probably already in touch with General Gatacre and Clements. General Roberts, in his midnight report, said nothing about the Dutch rear guard. There has probably disbanded and there is no obstacle to the immediate opening of railway communications from Bloemfontein to Orange River, and Roberts' columns are on the border of the Free State forces are on the border of Bloemfontein awaiting the terms of his proclamation before surrendering. The Boer forces are being reorganized and proposing to give up their arms and return to their farms. The campaign in the Free State is virtually over.

Three days' later news has come from Mafeking, which has been fully occupied out well on Friday week and has been able to seize the Boers' advanced trench south of the town. The report that a relief column has been organized at Kimberley is confirmed. It is recruited from volunteers and local forces and stiffened with regulars. General Kitchener has clearly been at work there, and the seizure of Mafeking is connected with the movement. As there is a Boer force at Fourteen Streams, the column will have severe fighting before it can cross the Vaal and clear the Western border.

The casualties in the battle of Driefontein have run up the losses of Lord Roberts' army in the final stage of its advance upon Bloemfontein to 273.

The brave Irish soldiers on the front have wrought something like a miracle in England. The bells of Windsor Castle will be rung today in honor of St. Patrick's day. The Grenadier Guards will play Irish airs on Castle Hill, and all the flags of the royal borough will be displayed. St. Patrick is the Queen's patron saint for the day in the calendar, and not only all the Irish battalions, but the West End of London as well will wear the green.

Rhodes' Opinion of Buller.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A dispatch to the World from London says: A letter from Kimberley to the London Daily Mail of this (Saturday) morning, quotes Cecil Rhodes as saying in an interview with him: "The marvellous thing about Buller and his luck. We have made the stiffest mistakes, and we have had some of the most incompetent Generals, but we are coming out all right, as we always have done."

"I am glad to have Kimberley relieved, of course. We are all glad, but in heaven's name, why was it not done sooner? What was the good of all the meetings about Roseburgh and Colesberg? Why did they not do at first what we so readily do at last?"

"There is little use telling you what Buller's plans were, you people in England have such wonderful ideas about his generalship. Do you know what his orders to Methuen were with regard to Kimberley? They were these: "Methuen was to come here to relieve the town, carry all the people away out of it, and then fall back to Orange River. I know it, and say that it is scandalous. It would have been a disgrace upon England had it been carried out. Take the people all away, leave the town and fall back to the Orange River. I don't refer to the abandonment of the town as a disgrace, but to falling back to Orange River. Why should an English General plan a retreat and arrange to fall back? It is simply monstrous."

On the Basuto-Land Border.

LADYSMITH, March 17.—Friday, Lord Dundonald's cavalry patrol reconnoitered the Free State border of Basuto-Land to the De Beers Pass, where a slight skirmish occurred in which two British were wounded. The Boers were also encountered in some strength at Van Reenen's Pass and Tintwa Pass. Kafirs arriving here report that the Boers are manifesting a dejected mood, owing to the defeat, and many kraals heretofore respected have been devastated.

THE NEW GENERAL BOARD

MOST IMPORTANT ORDER ISSUED BY NAVY DEPARTMENT IN YEARS.

Eliminating Civil Government From the Service—Members of the Board—Other Navy News.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: The most important general order issued to the Navy since that of Secretary Bore, establishing Admiral Porter in the Navy Department after the Civil War, is No. 54, published to the service by Secretary Long, installing Rear-Admiral Crowninshield as chief of staff and creating a "General Board" for the purpose of controlling the fleet.

This order, constituting a board of nine members, all line officers, is unique in that it is in the nature of an opening wedge in the movement to eliminate as far as possible civil government in the service. Thus far orders are regarded as essential features of the plan as shown by the memorandum prepared by Captain Henry C. Taylor, ex-president of the War College, who is looked upon as the Mahan of the active list, and upon which Secretary Long's action is based. Captain Taylor, in a note accompanying his memorandum, says: "The memorandum has been written in reply to an inquiry from the Secretary of the Navy as to what concrete things should be done at present in the development of the general staff. If, in response to this inquiry, we should submit a complete plan covering many years, elaborate in detail and precise in dates, we would by this only indicate our own ignorance of the true nature of the project; but we may with confidence suggest some measures the necessity of which is now plainly apparent. At present we perceive certain things:

"First—That we have established a War College and an office of intelligence. Second—That these two are essential elements of the general staff. Third—That the department appointed a war board when the late war began, indicating by such action the need of general staff advice. The third order gives the chief of navigation custody of the approved plans, places the combined work of the War College and intelligence office under his general direction, and designates him as the representative of the board in all transactions with the Secretary of the Navy."

The fourth order is drawn with sufficient elasticity to supply the general staff, the marine corps and the civilian authorities of the department. It provides that "when matters of constructing, arming, equipping or manning the fleet are presented to the department, the plans and require action of the department and its members in supplying ships and their accessories, they shall be submitted to the Assistant Secretary, who shall consider and transmit them to the Secretary of the Navy."

The fifth order provides for enlarging the force of the intelligence office and War College, and places the selection of officers for both from the list of the Bureau of Navigation in the capacity as chief of the general staff."

The members of the Board. NEW YORK, March 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Long's order creating the policy board caused considerable comment among officers on duty in Washington. The officers who are members of the board, under the provisions of the order, will be Admiral Dewey, Rear-Admiral S. C. Crowninshield, Captain C. D. Sigbee, Captain C. H. Stockton, Captain Asa Walker and Lieutenant-Commander C. H. Peck. Captain Henry Taylor, who is the principal member on the board, and possibly Rear-Admiral A. S. Parker, though the impression is that an officer of lower rank will be selected.

Rear-Admiral Sampson will not be a member of the board, according to the present intention of the department. The formation of the board meets with the approval of Admiral Dewey, who is willing to perform the duty, which did not greatly interfere with his movements.

Officials of the Navy Department do not hesitate to say that the result of the formation of the board will be to relieve some of the burden of the bureau of at least a part of their duties, though the order announces measures to be the object of the board, which will determine upon the character of matters to be considered, and will engage, prepare plans of offense and defense, determine upon the points at which ships shall be stationed in time of war, and advise the Secretary as to the shipping policy to be followed.

TO PROTECT MISSIONARIES.

Object of Sending an American Warship to Taku.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The conditions prevailing in the Province of Shan Tung, Secretary Long sent an instruction to Rear-Admiral Watson, directing him to order a vessel of his command to Taku to give protection to American missionaries. The order is a special one, and is especially to American missionaries. Administration officials say that the order has no reference to the information received in the "open-door" question of Shanghai as to the hostile attitude of the Empire Dowager to the "open-door" policy. They point out that if a naval demonstration were intended, a squadron would be ordered to Taku instead of one ship.

Their pooh-pooh the idea that the Empress Dowager has been influenced to take the attitude toward the American Association for a foreign nation, presumably Russia. Secretary Hay has in his possession the final replies of all the governments of Europe to his "open-door" representative, and he is now under consideration the question of whether or not to transmit them to Congress in a special message. Consequently a hostile attitude on the part of the Empress Dowager on the "open-door" question could not be displayed toward the United States alone, but it would necessarily have to be extended to all other nations parties to the agreement.

At the Chinese Legation no credence is placed in the report about such hostility. The Chinese Minister has long been outspoken in favor of the "open-door" policy, and the American Association of Commerce in the Province of Shan Tung, according to reports received from Minister Conger, which have been transmitted to the Navy Department and called to Admiral Watson, arises out of the operations of the "Boxers," a secret Chinese society, which is endeavoring to drive foreigners out of China.

Dewey's Opinion of the Holland.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Representative Fox, acting chairman of

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Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, and if permitted to continue, FATAL RESULTS ARE SURE TO FOLLOW.

Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day, and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Causes pain or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles, makes your head ache and back ache, causes indigestion, stomach and liver trouble, you get a yellow, yellow complexion; makes you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste away.

The cure for these troubles is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the world-famous kidney remedy. In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand 24 hours. If on examination it is milky or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling, or if small particles float about in it, your kidneys are in need of immediate attention.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is used in the leading hospitals, recommended by skillful physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors themselves who have kidney ailments, because they recognize in it the greatest and most successful remedy for kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need you can purchase the regular 50-cent and \$1 size bottles at the drug stores everywhere.

A special arrangement has been made free by mail. Also a book testimonial letters received from Sunday Oregonian when sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.



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

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

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 so kindly sent me. I had been out of health for the past five years with kidney and bladder trouble. Had our best physicians prescribe for me. They would relieve me for the time being, but the old complaint would in a short time return again. I sent for a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, and I found it did me a world of good. Since then I have taken eight small bottles bought at my drug store, and I consider myself perfectly cured. It seemed as though my back would break in two after stooping. I do not have to get up during the night to urinate as I formerly did, three or four times a night, but now sleep the sleep of peace. My back is all right again, and in every way I am a new man. Two of my brother officers are still using Swamp-Root. They, like myself, cannot say too much in praise of it. It is a boon to mankind. We recommend it to all human beings who are suffering from kidney and bladder diseases.

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.

We remain, yours very truly, JAMES COOK, HUGH E. BOYLE, JOHN J. BODKIN.

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Nov. 16, 1899. THEODORUS VAN WYCK, former Editor of the Mt. Vernon News, and now one of the most prosperous real estate brokers in New York, 125 South Eleventh Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

To Whom It May Concern: I was all run down in health and spirits, from overwork on the Exchange floor. I developed nervous neuralgia and also suffered from an acute attack of rheumatism.

Of course, I had careful medical attendance, but while convalescing my own physician himself ordered me to take Swamp-Root to build up my nervous system, and put my kidneys in shape. It helped me more than any curative or tonic I had ever used, and now I always keep it in my medicine chest. With best wishes for sufferers.

Theodore Van Wyck, Dated J. R. Co-Operative Association, N. Y.

EDITORIAL NOTE—The great kidney remedy, Swamp-Root, is so remarkably successful that made by which all our readers who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent absolutely free by mail. Also a book testimonial letters received from men and women cured by Swamp-Root. Be sure and mention reading this generous offer in Portland your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS, has received from Admiral Dewey a copy of a memorandum prepared by that officer's aid, Lieutenant H. H. Caldwell, upon the subject of the Holland submarine torpedo-boat. Admiral Dewey, it is understood, indorsed the report of his aid, who expressed the belief that a determined effort would be made to purchase the Holland type, could have made impossible the occupation of Manila Bay by the Admiral's squadron. The expression of opinion made by the Admiral was in response to a request from the Senate and House naval committees, which, before determining upon the action to take upon a pending bill, desired to learn the Admiral's views.

SEVEN BOUTS IN CHICAGO. Yanger Defeated Forbes in the Principal Event.

CHICAGO, March 17.—About 8000 persons saw seven bouts at Tattersall's tonight, three of which did not go to the limit. The wind-up was a six-round one at 120 pounds, between Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Benny Yanger, Yanger's opponent being a local amateur, who was a pedo-bout. Admiral Dewey, it is understood, indorsed the report of his aid, who expressed the belief that a determined effort would be made to purchase the Holland type, could have made impossible the occupation of Manila Bay by the Admiral's squadron. The expression of opinion made by the Admiral was in response to a request from the Senate and House naval committees, which, before determining upon the action to take upon a pending bill, desired to learn the Admiral's views.

CRESCENT CITY DERBY. Prince of Verona Won, Sidney Lucas Second.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—A home-trained horse and a stable with strong local following, won the Crescent City Derby, which was the principal event of the local racing season today, when the Prince of Verona, owned by A. H. and D. H. Morris, galloped home first in the Crescent City Derby. Save by his trainer, the horse had not been figured a winner. Sidney Lucas and P. W. Brode divided favor in the betting, though the support accorded the former was the best, and his price shortened from 24 to 1 to 11 to 1.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—The Times says: Freight agents in this city are discussing the success of the Lake Shore in securing the contract for moving 60,000 pounds of gun motors from the Sandy Hook Proving Ground to Fort Wilson, in the State of Washington, which success, it is said, is entirely due to the cutting of the rate by from 3 to 5 cents. The contract was secured by the representative of the Color Line of Freight at Philadelphia. His original bid, it is said, was 2 cents below the regular rate, but when this became known and new bids were asked for, he cut the rate still further.

The motors will be moved via the Jersey Central, Philadelphia & Reading, New York Central, Lake Shore, Chicago Northwestern and Great Northern. All of these roads excepting the Lake Shore is claimed, will get their full proportional share.

Gifford Forbes Parker Dead. NEW YORK, March 17.—Word has been received here that Gifford Forbes Parker died recently at The Hague, Holland, of locomotor ataxia, after an illness of six years. He was 59 years of age. He was for several years engaged in business in this city as an importer, with large interests in San Francisco, New Orleans and China.

Increasing Their Circulation. NEW YORK, March 17.—A majority of the National banks in New York have already made application to increase circulation to the par value of the bonds deposited by them at Washington, and the

necessary papers have in most cases been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. It is estimated that the increase of circulation will amount to at least \$2,000,000, exclusive of the circulation that may be taken out on the deposit of additional bonds.

Eggs Scarce at Baker City. BAKER CITY, Or., March 17.—Fresh eggs are a scarce commodity in Baker City, the product of the surrounding country having been almost entirely supplied the local demand. Eggs are being constantly shipped here from Union County and other points where farmers devote more attention to chicken-raising.

Used Cornmeal for Fuel. ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 17.—The steam locomotive arrived in port at 5 o'clock tonight, after having been in round five miles off this port for the past 24 hours. Running out of coal, the steamer was kept comfortable by burning cornmeal.

Bryan at His Home. LINCOLN, Neb., March 17.—Hon. W. J. Bryan returned to Lincoln today, after an absence of two months, and will remain until Tuesday, when he starts for a month's tour of the Northwest and Pacific Coast states.

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There are many pile cures and ointments which give temporary relief, and when these fail, the patient, if he can afford the expense and is willing to take the risk, has recourse to a surgical operation. But there is one remedy which gives immediate relief and the regular use of which will bring about a permanent cure and that is the well-known Pyramid Pile Cure.

In long-standing cases the Pyramid has proven to be the only cure except a dangerous and exceedingly painful surgical operation, and its advantages over any other remedy are many, as it is painless, causes no interference with daily occupation, and being in the form of a suppository is always convenient and ready for use.

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