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No. 17

## CRONJE GIVES UP.

### Surrenders His Army Unconditionally.

### WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES IT

### Boers Are Concentrating to Defend Bloemfontein—Large Force to Resist Roberts.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—(6:25 p. m.)—It is now announced that Roberts has notified the war office that the number of Boer prisoners approximates 4000, of which about 1500 are citizens of the Orange Free State. The remainder are citizens of the Transvaal.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Twenty-nine Transvaal officers were captured and 18 Free State officers were made prisoners. The Boers captured from the Transvaal were three 73 centimeter Krupp, nine one-pounders and one Maxim gun. From the Free States the British captured one 75 centimeter Krupp and one Maxim-gun.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, Feb. 27.—11 o'clock Tuesday morning.—From information furnished daily to me by the intelligence department, it became apparent that Cronje's force was becoming more depressed, and that the discontent of the troops and discord among the leaders was rapidly increasing. This feeling was doubtless accentuated by the disappointment caused when the Boer reinforcements which I tried to relieve Cronje were defeated by our troops on February 23. I resolved, therefore, to bring pressure to bear upon the enemy.

"Each night the trenches were pushed forward toward the enemy's laager so as to gradually contract his position, and at the same time I bombarded it heavily with artillery, which was yesterday materially aided by the arrival of six-inch howitzers which I had ordered up from DeAar. In carrying out these measures a captive balloon gave great assistance by keeping us informed of the dispositions and movements of the enemy.

"At 3 a. m. today a most dashingly advance was made by the Canadian Regiment and some of the engineers, supported by the First Gordon Highlanders and the Second Southafrican, resulting in our gaining a point some 600 yards nearer the enemy and within about 80 yards of his trenches, where our men entrenched themselves and maintained their positions until morning, a gallant deed worthy of our colonial comrades, and which I am glad to say was attended by a comparatively slight loss.

"This apparently clinched matters, for at daylight a letter signed by Cronje, in which he stated that he surrendered unconditionally, was brought to our outposts under a flag of truce. In my reply I told Cronje that the most present himself to my camp, and that his forces must come out of their laager after laying down their arms. By 7 a. m. I received Cronje and dispatched a telegram to you announcing the fact.

"In the course of conversation Cronje asked for kind treatment at our hands, and also that his wife, grandson, private secretary, Adjutant and servants might accompany him wherever he might be sent. I reassured him, and told him my request would be complied with. I informed him that a general officer would be sent with him to Cape Town to insure his being treated with proper respect en route. He will start this afternoon under charge of Major-General Pretorius, who will hand him over to the General commanding at Cape Town."

"The prisoners, who numbered about 3000, will be furnished into commands under our own officers. They will also leave here today, reaching Modder River tomorrow, whence they will be bailed to Cape Town in detachments."

The above dispatch was read in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons today. The reference to the Canadians evoked immense and prolonged cheering. Balfour, government leader in the House of Commons, said he had no information relative to the Boer guns.

### HOW THE NEWS WAS RECEIVED.

Cries of "Bravo, Roberts" and "Majuba" were heard.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—No one who did not know of General Cronje's surrender would suspect from the appearance of the town, that London was today celebrating the chief victory of the war. Not a flag is flying, and in front of the palaces where bulletins are displayed to the public scarcely more than a dozen people stop at a time to read the news. Outside of the war office, there is the same absence of enthusiasm, which is due doubtless to the drizzling rain.

In the war office today, when a clerk posted the news of the surrender, the grand was waiting and here the tidings were hailed with considerable enthusiasm and in an incredibly short space of time the news had spread to all parts of London. At the Mansion House when the news was posted, it was received with great excitement by the crowds of business men hurrying to their office, and cries of "Bravo Roberts" and "Majuba" were heard.

The Lord Mayor of London said to the correspondent of the Associated Press that while the surrender of General Cronje was a foregone conclusion, the

## A COMPROMISE BILL

### Agreement Reached on Tariff for Puerto Rico.

### PRESIDENT WANTS IT TO PASS

### Duty Reduced to 15 Per Cent of the Usual Rate—Operation of the Bill Two Years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—At the conference of House Republicans tonight the Puerto Rican tariff bill, announced yesterday that the President wished the measure Constitutional and would approve it if it came to him, and an agreement was reached to limit the operation of the bill in two years and to reduce the duty imposed by it from 25 to 15 per cent of the American tariff. As a result, the republican leaders claim that the bill will have the support of all the republicans except four—McCall (Mass.), Littlefield (Me.), Lorimer (Ill.), and Crumpacker (Ind.), and that this loss be offset by affirmative votes of the opposition. They claim the passage of the modified bill is certain.

### TSILCOOS LAKE COUNTRY.

#### Fertile and Picturesque Section Near The Coast.

(The following interesting description of Tsilcoos lake country was published in the Oregonian of February 5th.)  
Tsilcoos lake is one of the chain of lakes lying between the Umpqua and Siuslaw rivers. All of the lakes are in Douglas county, and but two or three miles from the ocean. Tsilcoos is of considerable size, having, it is said, a maximum depth of more than 90 miles. Its average depth at low water, late in October, is about 14 feet. The outline of the lake is very irregular, and the water is very shallow on all its shores. The hills and forests surrounding the lake, with a few islands dotting the surface, make it a rarely beautiful sheet of water. To the boatman, sail or row, the lake offers many inducements to drink an oar or oar to sail. In season, the angler or gunner will find its waters very alluring. The fish are the common cutthroat trout. The variety of docks is certainly diversified enough to please the most exacting.

The main tributaries of the lake are Maple creek and Tsilcoos river. Both enter the lake on the east side. The mouths of these water courses are four miles apart. Geographically, the lake is considered only as an enlargement of Tsilcoos river, as the same name is given to the stream that flows from the west side of the lake to the ocean. Along these two streams and on the south shore is found the farming country adjacent to the lake. Both streams are settled by hardy pioneers, to the land being nearly all in the hands of the original homesteaders. Some have quite a little land cleared, and in grass. The hay crop or pasturage is maintained by the owners' stock. Some have been able to erect good buildings but "shake" houses, with split puncheon floors, predominate. This is especially true of the settlement on Tsilcoos river, as the expense of getting lumber to the ranch is far greater than the original cost at the Siuslaw or Umpqua mills.

Tsilcoos river, or Fiddle creek, has, it is estimated, 12000 acres of choice bottom land. The adjacent hills are, when cleared of a light growth of alder and brush, all good grass lands. Any kind of grass will grow here, including white clover. In one time this will be a very much more important stockraising district and dairy region than now. The same may also be said of the Maple creek country.

One inquirer writes to ask if we have schools. Certainly we have, and good ones too. Why, some of us have children who have gone from our local schools to the state normal schools and to the state university. These same boys and girls carry first grade certificates or state diplomas as teachers. The writer of this has the honor to live in a school district that annually votes a 10-mill tax for school purpose, and maintains a six months' school, with the distinct understanding that no teacher need apply who does not carry a first grade certificate or a better paper. This rule was never broken but once, and that was a piece of school politics which we hope will not be again inflicted upon us.

As to population, we poll usually 70-odd ballots in Lake precinct. From my data, however, came from old back-ers. We wish these fellows would marry, or, failing in that, sell out to men of family.  
Prices of land vary as to location, kind of land improvements, etc. from \$20 to \$1500 for 160 acres. Market for all kinds of cattle, save horses, is good. I use the term cattle in its broadest sense.  
Any vacant government land? Yes, a little, mostly bench and hill lands, with a little bottom land on each quarter section. As to landfulness, no part of Oregon is better. Roads are developing gradually. When the foals are all dead or squelched by the indignation of an outraged people, we will have roads. The usual procedure here is to locate a road between two given points on the very worst ground to be found, work a year or two on the line, then abandon that and go somewhere else along the line and repeat the crime. There has been money and labor enough foisted away on the route between Gardiner and the Siuslaw river at Glendora, to now have a good road, on easy grades all the way. As a result, only half the road is made, and much of that on grades ranging from 15 to 40 percent. The Almighty so made this country that a good road can be laid out on the shortest distance accommodating all the various settlements.

Petty larceny thieves are making life miserable for the farmers and settlers along the Snake and Humata Rivers, so the Enterprise Bulletin is informed. There is talk of forming a vigilance committee and thereby putting a stop to the annoyance.

**Calapooia.**  
Rain, rain, oh when will it ever quit? Our farmers are all pretty well up with their farming. The early sown grain is looking better than it has looked for years at this time.

Wallie Freyer of Kellogg, was in this section of the country looking after the interests of his threshing machine. Wallie will get a long run this fall.  
Jay Ferber, the Dodge Canyon judge, who resides now at Kellogg Bend, was seen passing through our valley one day last week on some official business.

Some of our young men of this place are talking of going to Cape Nome to find a fortune. We wish them a safe journey and hope they will return with wealth.  
Everybody try and come out to the school meeting and show a willing hand. Some of our sinners had better be a little more careful and go back in the mountains if they want to hunt.

Mrs. Zachary of Green Valley, is visiting her son, Ed., of this place.  
Thomas Howard of Roseburg, was in this valley looking after some fat beef and succeeded in getting some that was fine.  
Spring surely is here for the old grouse can be heard hooting on the hills.

C. A. Stevens paid Roseburg a living visit last week.  
C. D. Smith is improving his flax farm in the way of ditching. When he gets his ditches completed his farm will be dry enough to burn.  
Jas. Ellison and family were visiting H. Day Sunday.  
C. D. Smith and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Green Sunday.

The young men of this place are getting very anxious for our young ladies to rustle up a box supper so they can get a square meal, have a good time and help pay for that polished table and extra seats that have been ordered put in the school house.  
X. Ray.

A mass meeting was held at Enterprise last week for the purpose of opposing the land-leasing bills. Many prominent stockmen, business and professional men were present. A permanent organization was formed under the name of "The Stockmen's and Settlers' Anti-Land Lease Association of Wallowa County."

## MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD ADDRESS.

### Leaders Accused of Betraying the Party to the Democrats.

Lincoln, Neb., February 26.—The middle-of-the-road party, who last night bolted the meeting of the national committee, for the reason, they claim, that they could not get fair treatment from Chairman Butler, this evening issued a second address in justification of their action. They say, in part:

"We the people's party are independent voters of the United States. For many months it has been evident that designing persons were determined to rule the people's party in the interests of organized democracy; that the chosen leaders and officials of our party thought more of the success of the democratic party than they did of our own—that they did of the welfare and the upbuilding of the reform party.

"We have have in the past been loath to take this view of the matter, recent events have been such that there is no longer any doubt of the aims of these false leaders, and that if the people's party is to live it must be taken in control by the people of the party and the disloyal leaders turned out of its councils.  
"We have hoped that this matter could be postponed to the meeting of the national convention, but the occurrences of the past few hours at this city (Lincoln Neb.) during the meeting of the national committee of our party have made it imperative that the people delay no longer, but set before their party a day of account.

"It is with regret that your committee has to chronicle this record of political chicanery. We had hoped to see harmony prevail here; but when the illegal and arbitrary power, to decide who should not, was invoked to gain temporary advantage, it became clear that under any conditions upon which such an illegal committee would issue a call for a convention, the same tactics would be pursued there in making up a temporary roll of the convention, and the will of any majority it matters not how great, thwarted by a few designing politicians."

"Reconfirming this, and feeling that we are in the right, that we represent the sentiments and principles of the rank and file of the people's party throughout the United States, the majority of your committee refused to temporize further with the insignificant minority, which presumed to dictate the policies of a great party.  
"We will go into the campaign of 1900 stronger than ever before as a party, and rid, thank God, of those false leaders who have in the past betrayed us for the flesh pots of democracy and the crumbs that fall from the masters' tables."

The address is signed by D. Clem Dugan, of Nebraska, as chairman, and J. A. Parker, of Kentucky, as secretary.

### MILLER GETS A CONSULSHIP.

Southern Oregon Statesman Nominates the President for Consul at Chung King, China.

The President has nominated Henry B. Miller, of Oregon, to be Consul at Chung King, China.  
Harry Miller, as he is known in Oregon, is one of the best-known business men and politicians in the State. In 1887 he represented Josephine County in the State Senate, and subsequently represented that county in the Assembly, and in both houses was an active leader in both political and business measures. For many years he was a partner of ex-senator J. C. Garson in the manufacture of white pine lumber at Grants Pass. In recent years he has devoted his attention almost exclusively to fruit culture, in which he has been very successful, having large orchards in Southern Oregon. For a while Mr. Miller served as President of the State Agricultural College at Albany. He has also been at the head of the Horticultural Board of the State, and was in one campaign a Presidential Elector. Though not a lawyer, Mr. Miller is an effective speaker, and in politics and business a very active, energetic man.

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Do you feel tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work any longer? Do you have a poor appetite and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach out of order? Has your ambition to forge ahead in the world?

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The Common Council of the city of Roseburg meets the first Monday in each month at 8 o'clock p. m.

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