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RELIEVED AT LAST

Buller Has at Last Relieved Ladysmith.

ENTHUSIASM IN ENGLAND

Thrilling Scenes in the Metropolis—Joubert Assembling a Force at Winburg.

LONDON, March 1.—It is officially announced that Ladysmith has been relieved.

LONDON, March 1.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Lyttleton's Headquarters, March 1.—General Dundonald with the Naval Carbineers and a composite regiment entered Ladysmith last night.

"The country between here and Ladysmith is reported clear of the enemy. I am moving on Nelthorpe."

LONDON, March 1.—Buller wires from Nelthorpe under today's date that he has just returned from Ladysmith. He adds the whole country south of that place is cleared of Boers.

LONDON, March 2, 4:30 a. m.—Britons feel that they are living in the presence of momentous events. Tornadoes of patriotic excitement are whirling through the country. Even the dullest soul must have been stirred by the emotions of yesterday, and London's 6,000,000 were raised to a high pitch of patriotic exultation. It was a wonderful sight. Old men have nothing in memory with which to compare the day. Some likened it to Lucknow, others talked of the fall of Sebastopol. It was a time of singular abandon. The usual conventionalities of society ceased to control, and every one knew everybody else, all joining in smiles.

Lord Lansdowne chose the moment to announce estimates exceeding £61,000,000, and rather startled the public by unfolding the program of the war office to send out, in addition to the 30,000 troops now afloat, 56,000 fresh soldiers. Lord Robsts will ultimately have a force of 250,000.

An order has reached Woolwich for the construction of 224 new guns, from three-pounders to 12-inch guns. Of these 140 are to be naval guns. Already 25,000 workmen are employed at the arsenal, and 3000 more will be engaged. These decisions to send out more troops and to increase the home armament meet with universal approval.

The Boers seem to have gotten quite away from around Ladysmith without losing a gun or their baggage. Van Reenan's Pass is only about 20 miles from Ladysmith. The enemy had artillery in action Tuesday, and they utilized probably both railroads in retreating, sending the heavy pieces to Pretoria and the lighter ones into the Free State.

Dr. Leyds says that General Joubert is assembling 50,000 men at Winburg, 70 miles northeast of Bloemfontein. Colonel Albrecht, according to a dispatch from Paardeberg, affirms that the Boers have 75,000 men left.

Whether Lord Roberts is at Bloemfontein now or not, he doubtless will soon be dating his dispatches there and using the town as his advanced base.

Lord Kitchener's mission is to combine the forces under Generals Clement and Gatacre and to advance along the line of the railroad to Bloemfontein. The railway will simplify immensely the perplexities of transport.

The conditions at Ladysmith, some of which were explained by Charles Williams and cabled to the United States, are now better understood, as the military authorities no longer retain their special information. It appears that since the middle of January the horses have been half-starved and altogether too weak to drag guns or to carry cavalrymen. Hence the impossibility of dashing out to help General Buller attack the Boers. Those half-starved animals were carefully saved for food.

The disposition to find fault, though mildly, with the passivity of Sir George White, disappears as the facts become known. No one is in the mood now to criticise anybody, although two or three of the morning papers gently refer to the fact that the War Office, at the outset of hostilities, rejected Lord Dundonald as unfit to be a soldier, whereas it was he who organized the Colonials.

Emperor William, Emperor Francis Joseph and King Humbert have telegraphed congratulations to the Queen.

Prisoners Were Paraded.

PAARDEBERG, Wednesday.—All the prisoners were paraded yesterday afternoon. They extended in a long trailing line like a serpent across the plain, and as far as possible were arranged in commandos. The Free Staters were kept separate from the Transvaalers.

The look upon the faces of the men as they passed, made it impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that they were all overjoyed at their release from the daily hell of shell and shot which they had been experiencing lately. Many did not even take trouble to conceal their delight from the soldiers guarding them. They chatted freely with the British, discussing different battles in which they had fought; all prisoners have intense admiration for the bravery and pluck of the Highlanders, and they freely confess that they are incapable of the dash and go and pluck of the British.

Some of the sick prisoners have given a vivid description of Cronje's night march. It began in a panic, and terrible confusion prevailed throughout. Huge wagons crowded the narrow road, there was an utter lack of order and desertions were numerous. The writer also learned details of the Boer commissariat. The Boer rations consisted of one and a half pounds of fresh meat daily and one and a half pounds of coffee, three pounds of sugar and five pounds flour per man weekly.

Every man who was off duty visited the Boer laager yesterday, and crowds of curious Tommies spent the day in searching every nook and corner. What might prove useful to the army had been secured and the soldiers were allowed to take whatever they liked. The men carried off clothing, kettles, cups and even umbrellas.

The latest reports announce that a large force of Beors is operating 10 miles away on the British right front.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

General Chairman Geo. Estes at Houston Texas.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Geo. Estes, chairman of the general board of division No. 53, Order of Railway Telegraphers, called at the office of General Manager W. G. VanVleck of the Southern Pacific company, and after the reading of a lengthy document, Mr. Van Vleck appended his signature to it, which makes binding the contract between the telegraphers on the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific company and the corporation by which they are employed.

There has from time to time been a great deal said in The Post about the meeting of this board in Houston. The members came here January 1 and located at the Lawlor, where they have held their daily sessions, preparing a schedule of salaries and certain rules under which it was desired that the operators of the system should work. When this schedule was completed, General Manager VanVleck, the officers of the telegraph department of the system, and all of the division superintendents, met in conference with the members of the board. These conferences were daily, and were a discussion of the provisions of the contract which the operators desired to make with the company. The work has just been completed. It was an arduous task, and has involved a great amount of work. The company conceded some, the result being that a satisfactory agreement was reached all round. The scale of wages shows increases for a number of men along the lines, those employes of the road affected being the ones engaged in telegraphing, although they may have other duties, such as agent, etc.

The contract which has been signed provides for a standard number of hours, constituting a day's work at stations where one day telegrapher is employed, as follows: November 1 to March 31, eleven hours' service; April 1 to October 31, twelve hours' service; at the stations where three telegraphers are employed, ten hours' service to constitute a day's work; at stations where one day and one night telegrapher are employed, twelve hours' service, changing at 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. Eight hours' service for telegraphers working split tricks ten hours' service for copyists; eight hours' service for train dispatchers; ten hours' service for relay telegraphers at large stations like El Paso, San Antonio and Houston; nine and a half hours' service for relay telegraphers at New Orleans. Fifteen dollars per month extra is to be paid for running steam pumps; 35 cents for meeting trains after hours or for special calls and 25 cents an hour for over time. A reasonable period of rest is to be allowed at stations where work is heavy. Very satisfactory and reasonable rules were agreed to in regard to the promotion of telegraphers according to seniority in the service, ability and merit being considered. A fair trial is allowed in the case of dismissals.

In speaking of the completion of the contract Mr. VanVleck remarked: "Our relations with the board were harmonious and have been satisfactory in every way. I find Mr. Estes, the chairman of the board, an unusual man in many particulars. He is not carried away with the importance of his position, and manages the work in a manner which makes him personally attractive. He is a man of broad views, and he made easy what might have been a hard task to complete."

Mr. Estes is ticket and freight agent of the Southern Pacific company at Roseburg, Ore. He has come all the way to the eastern part of the system to preside at the meeting, and since here has made many friends. When the railroad editor of The Post called at the committee room yesterday to learn of the success of the meeting, he said:

The members of the committee desire to say that they are well pleased in every particular. We found Mr. Van Vleck extremely courteous; he is obliging and a man who has endeavored in the conferences we have had to do right to the employes of the road, and at the same time protect the interests of the company the represents. He is, in my personal opinion, the finest general manager of a railroad in the country, and I have no hesitancy in saying so."

Other members of the committee remarked: "You can not make it too strong in expressing our favorable opinion of Mr. Van Vleck. It is not because he signed our contract, but because he has proved himself worthy of the respect of the employes of the company in every way. We would have to say this for him even if he had refused to sign."

The members of the board who were here are George Estes, general chairman, Roseburg, Ore.; W. R. King, assistant general chairman, Eagle Lake, Texas; B. A. Meyer, local secretary, station L, San Francisco; R. T. Lyle, local chairman, El Paso district, El Paso, Texas; W. R. King, local chairman Houston district, Eagle Lake, Texas; J. R. Williams, local chairman, Victoria district, Edna, Texas; F. M. Simpson, local chairman Louisiana district, Beaumont, Texes; William Miles, local chairman Sabine district, Sabine, Texas; J. M. Vonaw, local chairman New Orleans.

Sunday the gentlemen will go to New Orleans to attend the closing scenes of the Mardi Gras carnival and will then return and proceed to San [illegible] where there is to be a [illegible] March 8.—Houston [illegible]

FRUIT MEN TO MEET.

Big Convention to be Held in Portland This Week.

INVITATIONS TO 560 GROWERS

Indications Point to a Large Meeting in Conformity With Wishes of Last Convention.

Secretary Dosch, of the State Board of Horticulture, has sent invitations to 560 Northwestern orchardists to attend the Fruitgrowers' Convention to be held at Portland March 7 and 8. These persons own from 15 to 100 acres each and represent about 75 per cent of the prune acreage of the Northwest. The remaining 25 per cent own from one to 12 acres each.

Owing to their great number, it is impossible to reach them all with invitations but if they attend them they will be welcome. Secretary Dosch believes that the convention will be an unusually large one. Throughout the Northwest the necessary for organization is well understood, and few fruitgrowing communities will be without representation. In some localities, fruit men are holding meetings to elect delegates.

The convention has been called in conformity with a resolution adopted by the Fruitgrowers Convention at Corvallis January 31 and February 1.

Invitations have been issued to the following Douglas County fruitgrowers:

Canyonville,—J Brown, J L Clough, Lewis Chapman, J G Garley, Carl Kimmell, Eph Ramon, J W Wimer.

Drain.—J W Gardner, Thomas Gardner.

Dillard.—B C Agee, Robert Green, S C Miller, John Standley, A W Stanton, W C Winston.

Greens.—Plenn Cooper, Jeptha Green, John Hatfield, Charles W Smith.

Round Prairie.—Moon Bros., George H Pitts.

Glendale.—Grant Levins.

Locking Glass.—W F Allen, G Marsh, E Morgan, J Z Spanoh.

Myrtle Creek—J J Chadwick, W E Everson, W A Gridley, J Hall, M J Moore, Selig Est., C Weaver, John Weaver, E D Weaver, C M Wait.

Oakland—C H Hardrock, Cark Brelia, N M Chapman, A J Dear, W T Emery, Frost Company, S D Evens, I H Higginbotham, D Hexkenbottam, J Langdon, Peter Marsh, A Meckelson, G W Peters, E C Stuart, D W Stearns, Shambrook Bros, James Trombly, E T Woodruff.

Riddle—M Dean & Sons, J W Gilmore, William Linelson, Nichols Bros, A Riddle & Son, G W Riddle, J B Riddle, Stilley Riddle, Mrs W L Wilson, Wirold Bros.

Ruckles—S E Moore.

Weaver's Switrh—Edward Weaver.

Roseburg—Frank Brown, Charles Bernard, John Carson, Watson Davis, Perry Duncan, S L Gibson.

Wilbur—A J Chapman, T J Gillam, J C Gillam, G W Short.

Winchester—Thomas Guthrie.

Yoncalla—J J Davis, C P Devore.

Oregon Notes.

Crook county republican primaries will be held March 31, and the county convention April 7.

The Dalles Water Commission finally decided to issue $25,000 of water bonds, to run 20 years, at 4 per cent, and the bonds were sold at par.

A fine buck that had been run out of the mountains by dogs, passed safely through Ashland Saturday morning, on his way back to the hills.

Klamath Falls was mentioned in The Oregonian as one of the towns that might show 1000 population in this year's census. A Salem man, who says he "knows," writes that its population is not above 700.

The plans for the changes in the interior of the State Capitol have been completed and approved, and specifications are now being drawn by the architect for submission to the Board of Building Commissioners.

Charles Williams and William Pollard, held for horsestealing, escaped from the Crook county jail last week, stole another horse and escaped. Pollard left his shackles in the jail, but Williams took his with him.

Prineville is being supplied with ice from the Ochoco mines. The winter has been so mild that no ice has been formed on Crooked River, at Prineville hence the town has to get its ice supply from the mountain regions.

The Lebanon curfew ordinance is made to apply to all boys under 21 years of age.

A Wallowa County man has purchased some large salmon hooks which he will bait and place in conspicuous places for the wily coyote.

A heavy storm set in Tuesday night and continued the greater part of next day, says the Coquille Bulletin. It had the effect of flooding the creeks and forks of the river sufficient to allow the driving of many waiting sawlogs. The change was just what was wanted.

Some weeks ago Chief Paul Showaway, of the Cayuses, and Chief Peo, of the Umatillas, were delegated by the Indians on the reserve to proceed to Washington on two missions. One was to protest against the bill introduced by Senator Simon, providing for the sale of those lands on the reserve which had been appraised but were not bid high enough for at the sale in 1890. The other mission was to see the department about the money which lies to the credit of the Umatilla Reservation Indians. The Indians desire its distribution among them. It is said that the white men of that country are opposed to that part of their errand which contemplates interference with the sale of the land, and the [illegible] have not yet been able [illegible] money to pay their ex-

DISTRESS IN PUERTO RICO.

Subject of a Special Message to Congress Today—People Must Have Help.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A special message from the President was received in the House today, recommending that all revenues collected on importations from Puerto Rico since the evacuation of the islands by Spain (amounting to over $2,000,000) should be placed at the disposal of the President for the relief of the islands. Republicans greeted the reading of the message with demonstrations of enthusiasm.

"I hope the recommendation will meet with favor on that side of the House," said Richardson, the minority leader.

"I'll see if it meets with favor on that side of the house," retorted Cannon, sharply. "I'll now ask for unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the of the bill to carry the recommendation of that message into force."

The suddenness of the request spread consternation on the democratic side. There was no time for consultation. Richardson stood hesitatingly a moment.

"Be ter do it at once," said Cannon, "before you change your mind."

This shaft raised a laugh. Richardson said he would not object, but wanted to know how much time would be allowed for debate.

After some discussion it was agreed to allow 20 minutes' debate on each side. The bill was then read and Cannon proceeded to explain its features. Bailey of Texas replied for the democrats. At the expiration of the time allowed for debate the vote was taken, resulting in the passage of the bill by 162 to 105.

WORK ALREADY BEGUN.

Relief Too Urgently Needed to Await Congressional Action.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

To relieve the great distress in Puerto Rico, caused by the hurricane, Secretary Root, by direction of the President, has authorized the use of $1,225,000 remaining over from the emergency war fund.

This authorization was made about 10 days ago, as the result of a special report from Major-General Davis, showing the starving condition of the natives. The matter has been kept very quiet, because with the absence of a specific appropriation for this purpose, the authorities feared criticism from those not familiar with the true state of affairs in Puerto Rico.

An amendment has been incorporated in the Foraker Civil Government Puerto Rico bill providing for the re-imbursement of the United States out of the revenues of the islands of any moneys which have been or may be expended out of the emergency fund of the war department for the relief of the industrial conditions of the island caused by the hurricane of August 8, 1899." It is assumed by the War Department that Congress will make this authorization before the $1,225,000 has all been expended.

MERRITT WANTS SMALLER ARMY

Would Like to See It Reduced to the 25,000 Mark Again.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Speaking at the St. David's Society dinner last night, General Merritt said he was glad to be able to speak a good word for the American Army. There seems to be an idea that the Army is an aristocratic institution which will throttle the American people unless kept down. He offered to guarantee the Army harmless, and said he hoped it would not be long before it would be reduced to its old basis of 25,000.

"I sympathize," he continued, "with the British, because they sympathized with us at Manila Bay. They signified then that blood is thicker than water. I don't know much about the merits of the present war, but the British are trying to establish what every American stands for—the liberty of every man to enjoy his rights untrammeled by the fetters imposed upon him in the Transvaal."

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The ordinary sleepers are carried daily on trains via Rio Grande Western Railway between Denver and San Francisco and Portland. On five days in each week the sleepers are run through between Los Angeles and San Francisco, or Portland and Denver, Omaha, Chicago and Boston.

For additional details write for copy of folder to J. D. Mansfield, General Agent 253 Washington St., Portland, or Geo. W. Heinz, General Passenger Agent, Salt Lake City.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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

COURT SESSIONS.

The Circuit Court for Douglas County meets three times a year as follows: The 3d Monday in March, the 4th Monday in June, and the 1st Monday in December. J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg judge, Geo. M. Brown, of Roseburg, prosecuting attorney.

County Court meets the 1st Wednesday after the 1st Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, Jos. Lyons, of Drain, judge; M. D. Thompson of Scottsburg and Jas. Byron, of Oakla, commissioners.

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