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ROBERTS' BIG MOVEMENTS.

Signs of Activity All Along the British Line.—Boers Uneasy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

General Roberts' operations are on so large a scale that the press dispatches do not give a comprehensive view of the whole field. The main fact is the abandonment by the Dutch of their positions at Magerfontein and around Kimberley. The guards brigade advanced from the Modder river camp and occupied the strongly-intrenched position which was successfully defended in December against a frontal attack.

The district northward to Kimberley has been cleared, and the engineers are already at work repairing the railway. Jacobson remains the headquarters of General Roberts, but General Kelly-Kenny's division at Klip drit has been reinforced by the Highland brigade. These troops and the Seventh division are following General Conyngham, and General French's cavalry brigades have joined in the pursuit of the retreating Boers northward and eastward.

Kimberley has been relieved almost too cheaply, since the Dutch forces have retreated rapidly, taking their guns with them, and will have to be fought in other defensive positions further north.

French and Kelly-Kenny have captured a large number of wagons, sheep, oxen and military supplies, but have taken few prisoners. French's flying column may succeed in intercepting the retreat of the scattered commando. But the bulk of the Boer force will probably escape northward.

The war office closed without issuing any bulletin from General Roberts, but his silence did not cause uneasiness. It was understood in official circles that everything was going well and that General Roberts did not consider it necessary to report additional details of the Boer retreat and the relief of Kimberley, but would break silence as soon as General French succeeded in overtaking the enemy and there was fighting.

General Roberts' army, having relieved Kimberley without a battle and with trivial skirmishing, is now at liberty to follow Conyngham eastward and northward. While the Free State has been generally described in the English press as an open and level country, there is a series of rivers flowing westward, and the ridges commanding their banks are, in nearly every instance, lined with kopjes. These conditions favor the Dutch system of strategic defense along water courses. Bloemfontein itself is not likely to be defended since Pretoria has become for all practical purposes the capital of both Dutch republics, but these intervening river ridges will enable General Conyngham to make every step of his advance a strategic one. South Africans tell me that the strongest defensive positions in the Free State are the high kopje ridges between Venterburg and Senekal, north of Bloemfontein, and that General Roberts' main battle will be fought there. This position is connected with Ladysmith by the Harrismith railway and there are three strategic railways available for communication with the rear and converging with Johannesburg for Pretoria.

Generals Roberts and Kitchener have already supplied both the Boer commanders and the military writers with

Foul-Smelling Catarrh.

Catarrh is one of the most obstinate diseases, and hence the most difficult to get rid of.

There is but one way to cure it. The disease is in the blood, and all the sprays, washes and inhalant mixtures in the world can have no permanent effect whatever upon it. Swift's Specific cures Catarrh permanently, for it is the only remedy which can reach the disease and force it from the blood.

Mr. B. P. McAllister, of Harrodsburg, Ky., had Catarrh for years. He writes:

"I could see no improvement whatever, though I was constantly treated with sprays and washes, and different inhalant remedies. In fact, I could feel that each winter I was worse than the year previous. Finally I was brought to my notice that Catarrh was a blood disease, and after thinking over the matter, I saw it was unreasonable to expect to be cured by remedies which only reached the surface. I then decided to try the remedy, the disease was cured, and a complete cure was the result. I advise all who have this distressing disease to abandon their foolish treatment, and take S. S. S. a remedy that can reach the disease and cure it."

To continue the wrong treatment for Catarrh is to continue to suffer. Swift's Specific is a real blood remedy, and cures obstinate, deep-seated diseases, which other remedies have no effect whatever upon. It promptly reaches Catarrh, and never fails to cure even the most aggravated cases.

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To keep the skin clean is to wash the excretions from it off; the skin takes care of itself inside, if not blocked outside.

To wash it often and clean, without doing any sort of violence to it, requires a most gentle soap, a soap with no free alkali in it.

Pears', the soap that clears but not excoiates.

All sorts of stores sell it, especially druggists; all sorts of people use it.

clared charged, levied, made or carried into effect by the governments of the South African republic or of the Orange Free State subsequent to the tenth of October, 1898."

So far as the state department has been informed the Boers have not declared forfeited any property belonging to American citizens, but if so the American consul will take measures for securing its restoration. In the event of failure and if the British conquer the country its restoration will be certain after the war. It is likely that the South African republic, desirous of averting international complications, will be charged with forfeiting property of persons other than British.

The only case thus far brought to the attention of the state department is that of an American named Brown, who says he did not secure justice from the South African courts and has filed a claim for damages, which will be given attention when the war is ended.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

It Will Be Based on the Policy of the Present Administration.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Herald quotes Senator Platt of New York as saying in an interview:

"While the republican platform upon which we will make our next campaign has not been definitely decided upon, it is pretty well understood that we will make our fight on the line of policy of the present administration. The campaign is being shaped every day, and the democrats are entitled to all the comfort they are able to derive from what they seem delighted to call republican mistakes."

"The ridiculous exhibition of incapacity on the part of the democratic leaders while the financial bill was pending in congress was sufficient to convince all observing persons that they are hardly capable of conducting the business affairs of this great nation in a manner acceptable to the American people."

"I understand the democratic leaders are declaring that we weakened on the silver question by adopting a bimetallic amendment to the financial bill in the senate and they propose to make that one of their campaign issues. They also assert that they will draw heavily upon our forces if the refunding provision of the financial bill becomes a law."

"Some of my constituents are troubled about the bimetallic amendment and I have received several letters on the subject asking if the republicans had not lowered their colors to the silver hosts by the adoption of that amendment. My reply has invariably been that there was no lowering of colors to the silver forces or no substantial deviation from the former policy of the republican party relative to the subject of bimetallicism."

"The senate amendment to the financial bill which was offered by Senator Alrich at the instance of the committee on finance, was simply a declaration of a reaffirmation of the party principles on that subject as laid down in the last national platform of the republican party."

"As to our colonial policy, that is being formed now, and I have not given the subject sufficient investigation to discuss it at this time. Our policy toward Hawaii is pretty well defined, and before the coming week expires we may have a pretty good idea what we intend to do with regard to Puerto Rico. In the discussion of the Hawaiian question the whole question of our colonial possessions will come up and as there is a wide difference of opinion on the subject it will be premature to attempt to build a party platform so far in advance of the meeting of the national convention."

"At the proper time President McKinley and Senator Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee, will call a party conference of the party leaders with a view to determining upon what lines it may be deemed advisable to make the campaign. I have not been consulted by either President McKinley or Mr. Hanna on the subject and I don't know that I shall be, but my interest in the success of the party induces me to try and keep posted as to what is going on within our lines, and when I get a chance I take a peep into the enemy's camp."

"I depreciate anything that savors of overconfidence in a political contest and therefore I am not going to follow the example of the democratic leaders by making a lot of rash predictions as to the future. In my judgment, the majority of the people in this country are satisfied that their interests are better protected by the republican party than they would be if the administration were turned over to the democrats. I rely upon the intelligence of the American people to choose between McKinley and Bryan."

FRENCH ISLAND MAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The brigantine that makes regular runs to Tahiti will no longer carry the mails from this port to the French island colony. In future the mails will be carried by the regular steamers that run to Auckland and Sydney. At Auckland the mails will be transferred to a line of steamers that make regular runs to Tahiti and the Fiji. The Gallies brought up the last batch of mail which will be carried by sailing vessels.

UNFAVORABLE TO JAPAN.

The French Reciprocity Will Injure Her Silk Trade.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Although Japan has not addressed any remonstrance to the government respecting the treaty of reciprocity negotiated by this government with France, she has made it plain to the authorities that she will be adversely affected by the provision relating to silks.

The United States is unable to take any action in the matter except to negotiate a treaty of reciprocity with Japan in case the French treaty is ratified, which is from the present outlook, an altogether unlikely event. The French treaty will expire the latter part of next month, providing ratifications have been expressed by that time, and it has not yet been reported by the senate committee. The state department officials insist that interests at first opposed to the treaty have, to a large extent, withdrawn their opposition, but senators familiar with the situation say the treaty will not be ratified.

The section of the treaty of friendship, commerce and extradition with Switzerland, negotiated in 1890, requiring the extension to the Swiss confederation of any favor in commerce granted to other nations, will be abrogated next month, and with it the embarrassment suffered because of the possibility of other nations claiming the extension to them of the most favored nation clause will be removed. There is no question on the part of the authorities to revive the treaty with Argentina, but they propose to use all the influence they can to oblige the extension of the French treaty. An official said last night that in the event of the failure of congress to ratify the French treaty, the tariff wall raised around the United States by the Dingley law would in the end result in limiting the American market through European retaliation on American products.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The Revenue Marine Service Will Participate in Naval Exercises.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Assistant Secretary Allen has been notified by the secretary of the treasury that the revenue marine service will be asked to participate in the war college exercises of the coming summer and will detail several officers to attend.

Secretary Root has not yet replied to the navy department's invitation for the army to take part in the course, but Assistant Secretary Allen understands military officers will be detailed. The battleship Kearsarge will be placed in commission on Tuesday and will then undergo a trial of her superimposed turret. The board of inspection and survey will probably be detailed to witness their operation and to report upon the advisability of their adoption for the projected battleships. Rear-Admiral Hiebhorn, chief constructor, who has opposed the use of superimposed turrets, says he has no doubt that mechanically the turrets will be satisfactory, but he deprecates the system because of what he considers its manifold military disadvantages.

That the administration believes there is no further danger in Santo Domingo is shown by the orders given to the machias to proceed to Pensacola, Fla. The Detroit will go to Mobile, Ala., and the Texas to New Orleans. Rear-Admiral Farragut has been directed to send as many vessels as may be available to Galveston, Texas.

TWO OVERDUE SHIPS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The underwriters are anxious about the British ship Annie Thomas, now out 201 days from Cardiff, for Apalaches. She was last spoken on October 11, and in consequence of her long absence is being paid on her. The American ship May Flint, now 87 days from Hong Kong for Tacoma, is also a subject for uneasiness, and 12 per cent reinsurance is being paid on her.

SHARKEY PUTS JEFFERS OUT.

DETROIT, Feb. 19.—Tom Sharkey tonight knocked out Jim Jeffers, the California aspirant for heavyweight honors, in the second round of what was to have been a ten-round bout.

THE SAMPSON TOW.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 19.—The largest cargo of lumber ever discharged at this port is now being discharged. It consists of 1,200,000 feet of Oregon pine, towed to this city by the tug Sampson.

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With Spices
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Come Just to See.
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PROMINENT MINNESOTA DEAD.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Former Judge William S. Vest, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Minneapolis, is dead in this city, aged 65 years. He came to Los Angeles with his wife and two daughters about a month ago to spend the winter, but contracted a cold on the train and has been sick since his arrival.

BEECHAM'S PILLS
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Hoss Sense and Nonsense

A Public Expression of Private Opinion.

Macrum may be an idiot—a man generally is, to disagree with his superiors—but there is no such smoke there really ought to be some fire.

Marco he catches da beeg salmon-on, and to cannyman doth send it. Then "cassies his string"—gets two-and-a-half.

And goes up to Portland to spend it.

Perhaps it would be well to remind Butler, if he isn't too busy crossing the Tuleja to listen, that while Washington crossed the Delaware he did not give himself up entirely to that business.

It seems that Goble wore a shirt of mail. Messrs. Taylor and Lockham should take advantage of this knowledge and provide themselves with good, thick armor plates. The shirt of mail will not do when the modern projectile goes up against it.

HUNTINGTON DENIES A REPORT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—C. P. Huntington last night denied the report that the Southern Pacific is about to absorb the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass Railway, giving an entrance into Laredo, with the ultimate view of widening and controlling the Mexican National to the City of Mexico from Laredo.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Astoria Precinct No. 1	45
Astoria Precinct No. 2	56
Astoria Precinct No. 3	82
Astoria Precinct No. 4	107
Astoria Precinct No. 5	107
Astoria Precinct No. 6	48
Astoria Precinct No. 7	47
John Day Precinct	13
Sydney	18
Waukegan	16
New Astoria	17
Warrenton	10
Clatsop	14
Seaside	17
Melville	16
Chadwell	13
Youngs River	18
Olney	9
Knappa	9
Clifton	46
Westport	2
Yemsa	2
Jewell	1
Mishawaka	3
Elise	2
Push	2
Total to date	809

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New York Tribune.
The Washington postal authorities have discovered that the friends of country postmasters in business in large cities help them along in the way of a percentage by buying the stamps which they use in their business at country postoffices. More than \$1,000,000 in stamps bought in country postoffices are handled in this city yearly, and as a result the local authorities get no credit for the work they have to do with this big mail. Steps have been taken to stop this scheme to benefit the country postmasters at the expense of those in the large cities. Hereafter all postage stamps delivered to postmasters will bear a department private mark, which, it is thought, will put a stop to the business. This new rule will go into force pretty soon.



The artist who is in search of attitudes descriptive of torture, and poses depicting suffering need not go to the Christian martyrs of old. If he could only see through the walls into tens of thousands of homes all over this land, he would see women undergoing tortures in silence without complaining. Before we can have a brief outline of the martyrs pale into nothingness.

No one but a woman can tell the story of the suffering, the despair, and the agony of a woman who carries a daily burden of ill-health and pain because of disorders and derangement of the delicate and important organs that are distinctly feminine. One of the worst effects of troubles of this kind is upon the nervous system. The tortures so bravely endured completely and favorably shatter the nerves. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is an unfailing cure for all weakness and disease of the feminine organism. It makes it strong and healthy. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration and soothes pain. It checks exhausting drains and tones and builds up the nerves. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. Good medicine dealers sell it, and have nothing "just as good."

"Since my last child was born, thirteen years ago, I have suffered from uterine trouble," writes Mrs. Paul Devalaine, of Jellico, Campbell Co., Tenn. "I consulted several doctors and took much medicine, but found no relief. I had very bad health for twelve years. Every month I was in bed a week before the monthly period and a week after. I was obliged to keep in bed for four months last summer. I was just like a corpse. I lost twenty-six pounds in four months. I was so weak I could not get out of bed. I suffered severely from pains in my back, bearing down pains in the womb, chills and cold sweats. After taking four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery my coughing stopped, and after six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription my periods became regular and were passed without pain. Now I am healthy, more so than ever before. My neighbors are surprised to see me in such good health after having seen me so low."

Constipation cures and aggravates many serious diseases. It is speedily cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

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Washington Star.
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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OF ASTORIA.

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at
the close of business, Feb-
ruary 12, 1900.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$210,395.31
Overdrafts, secured and unse-	
cured	154.47
U. S. Bonds to secure circula-	
tion	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	500.00
Stocks, ascurities, etc.	99,540.04
Real estate	9,407.44
Due from National Banks (not	
reserve agents)	4,861.01
Due from state banks and	
bankers	34,850.93
Due from approved reserve	
agents	120,836.91
Checks and other cash items	869.54
Notes of other National banks	95.00
Nielsens and cents	99.10
Lawful money reserve in	
bank, viz:	
Specie	\$100,000.00
Legal-tender notes	99.00 100 700.00
Redemption fund with U. S.	
treasurer, 5 per cent. circula-	
tion	562.50
Total	\$595,791.35

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less ex-	
penses and taxes paid	27,432.76
National bank notes out-	
standing	4,500.00
Due to state banks and bank-	
ers	1,245.22
Individual depos-	
its subject to	
check	\$407,823.47
Demands on clearing	
houses of deposit	70,662.63
Certified checks	127 27 457 613 37
Total	\$595,791.35

STATE OF OREGON, County of Oregon—SS: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of February, 1900.
V. BOELLING,
Notary Public.
Jacob Kamm,
W. P. McGregor,
J. O. Hanthorn,
Directors.