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THE CAMPAIGN IS HALF OVER

Roberts Entry Into Bloemfontein
Rounds Out a Great Record.

THE FREE STATE'S END

Now Considered by the English Press
as Having Passed Out of Existence
as An Independent Country.

LONDON, March 15, 4:50 a. m.—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Molder river February 9. He entered Bloemfontein March 13. Thus, in little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of General Cronje's force and the taking of the flag in the capital of the Free State. All this has been accomplished with comparatively trifling losses.

It is small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the newspapers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence as being now one of the shadows of history.

It is not doubted that there may yet be heavy fighting, but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for victory over all difficulties. His grim reference to the "late" president Steyn is understood to show that there shall be no ambiguity as to the position assumed toward the republic.

The fact that Mr. Fraser, late chairman of the Free State road, and leader of the opposition to Steyn, came with deputation to surrender the keys, is regarded as an extremely significant of a considerable difference of opinion among the Free States regarding the war.

It is said that President Kruger hates Fraser on account of his sympathy with the Uitlanders. The demonstrations of the Bloemfontein inhabitants are also regarded as a good augury for the future of the British supremacy.

It is interesting, in connection with the rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to learn that the Russian military attaché with the Boers who were captured by the British sent the following telegram to the czar:

"I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action and the endurance of the British infantry. I need say no more." The British continue pressing their advance on the Orange river.

THE BLOEMFONTEIN ENTRY.
Roberts' Official Announcement States He Was Welcomed by the Citizens.

LONDON, March 14.—Following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office, announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"Bloemfontein, March 13, 8 a. m.—By the help of God and by the bravery of her majesty's troops under my command, I have taken possession of Bloemfontein.

"The British flag now flies over the presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State. Mr. Fraser, a member of the late executive government; the mayor, secretary of the late governor, Landrost, and other officials met me two miles from town and presented me with the keys to the public buildings.

"The enemy has withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seems quiet. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

The above dispatch, though dated on Tuesday, was not received at the war office until 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before 9 o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraph not being connected with Bloemfontein Tuesday evening.

STILL IN NATAL

Boer Forces With Heavy Guns Discovered in the Vicinity of Lady-Smith.

LADYSMITH, Wednesday.—The Boers have been located in several strong positions near the junction of the Drakensburg and Biggersberg ranges.

They have heavy guns in position on Pongwoni kop, at Hlatikula, and in Ompati mountains, as well as at Gibson's farm, near Cundy Clough pass. General Hunter now commands the division. Both the men and horses of the relief column are completely recovered and now in the pink of condition.

WILL FIGHT TILL DEATH.

Kruger's Announcement to the New York Evening Journal.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A dispatch from President Kruger to the Evening

Journal, dated Pretoria, March 13, 8 p. m., via Berlin says:
"The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our line of defense on our own soil."
"The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected."
"The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all others, are united. There are no differences. God help us."

LORD SALISBURY'S REPLY.
Bitter Disappointment Felt by the Two Republic's People.

PRETORIA, March 12.—Lord Salisbury's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn causes bitter disappointment and State Secretary Beit says it means that the war will be fought to the bitter end.

KIPLING HEARD FROM.
His First South African Story Will Appear in This Week's Harpers.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The first word from Rudyard Kipling since he went to South Africa will be printed in this week's issue of Harper's weekly. Kipling cables a long account of disloyalty, which he calls the "sin of witchcraft."

The burden of his complaint is that the British civil authorities in Cape Town were at the semi-treasonable acts and, to quote his own words, "the government will take care it does not pay any one to be loyal."

JAMESON'S PART IN THE WAR.
Could Not Fight but Did Great Service for the Wounded.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:
Dr. Jameson was down with enteric fever and critically ill when Ladysmith was relieved. A private dispatch received here by a prominent South African states that he has rallied and is likely to recover. Dr. Jameson was anxious to have a military command in the campaign, but as the leader of the raid he was excluded from the service for political reasons and was not welcomed when he arrived at Ladysmith a few days before the investment of the town. His opportunity came. When the garrison was fever-stricken and did men's work in caring for the fever patients and the wounded soldiers.

The peace envoys who have arrived at Lourenco Marques are high officials in the two republics. Mr. Wolmarans is a member of the Boer executive council and a blind follower of President Kruger, who has implicit confidence in his fidelity.

While nearer forty than fifty years of age, he fought as a youth in the first war of independence, and was bitterly hostile to the Uitlanders and reformers. The South Africans describe him as an astute and crafty man who has learned all he knows about politics from Mr. Kruger. Mr. Fischer has been state secretary of the Free State and has exerted a strong influence over the Dutch leaders in Cape Colony. He had the reputation of being a strong advocate of peace a year ago, but President Steyn carried him into the war and has been faithfully served by him.

The initiators, having the moral support of the United States, are indifferent to the appeals which the Dutch republics are making for foreign mediation, whether in Europe or America. They confidently expect Lord Roberts to go from Bloemfontein to Pretoria and are resolute in fighting the battle of the United Empire. They will regard the intervention of any European power as an unfriendly act, precisely as the Americans would have done at the close of the war with Spain, when the British government refused to meddle in what did not concern it.

WASHINGTON UNCLAIMED DEAD.
Bodies of Nine Soldiers Will Be Buried Sunday at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, March 14.—Adjutant-General Fox has telegraphed from San Francisco that he had started for Olympia with nine bodies of unclaimed soldiers belonging to the First Washington volunteers.

The funeral will be held in Olympia Sunday, March 18.

IMPORTANT POINT DECIDED.
SEATTLE, March 14.—In the federal court yesterday William J. Marvin, alias "Kid" Marvin, who was arrested here three months ago on a charge of drugging and robbing two men of \$2700 at Nome, was released by Judge Hanford on a writ of habeas corpus.

The point was raised that the local authorities were not proceeding under the new Alaska criminal code in attempting to hold Marvin in jail here until he could be taken back to Nome. United States Attorney Gay says the new law is cumbersome and not well adapted to present conditions in the North. It would have been impossible to comply with it in the Marvin case owing to lack of communication with Nome.

ALL EYES NOW ON MAFEKING

Not Believed Possible It Can Hold
Out Much Longer.

PLUMER WITHIN 40 MILES

Colonel Peckham's Force, However,
Stands Best Chance of Reaching
the Besieged Garrison.

LONDON, March 14.—With Lord Roberts' triumphant occupation of the Orange Free State capital, attention now turns to Mafeking. That hamlet of the plains can scarcely hold out much longer. The news of Colonel Plumer's approach has given substance to the rumors of its relief, but those best informed are inclined to think the relief is more likely to become accomplished by Colonel Peckham's column from Kimberley. Private advices have set forth that Colonel Plumer has almost given up hope of accomplishing anything more than harassing the Boers, though since these were written, it is stated that the diminished number of the invading force may have rendered Plumer's task more feasible.

Judging from the lack of news everything is quiet in Natal, while from Herchel comes the statement that the total collapse of the insurgent colonists is imminent.

General Cronje, according to a Cape Town special, sails for St. Helena on March 15, accompanied by all the Paardeberg prisoners.

Cecil Rhodes is suffering from catarrh of the stomach, and is unable to sail for England.

Natal dispatches recount that the greatest satisfaction is felt there at Lord Salisbury's reply to the Boer presidents' peace overture. A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, published in the second edition of the Times, says:

"The reply, especially the last paragraph, relating to independence, has been received in Natal with a feeling of great relief, and is dispelling all doubts."

A private dispatch from Johannesburg has been received in London, dated Saturday, March 10, contradicting the reports that the mines are flooded and all the machinery broken, and asserting that all is well.

LOBATSI, March 8.—Colonel Plumer's force reached here, March 6. It is believed only a single bridge southward has been dropped, and that otherwise the railroad is intact within five miles of Mafeking. Plumer has already dispersed several Boer police posts in this neighborhood, and is actively pushing his advance southward.

CAPE TOWN, March 14.—Colonel Plumer is now within 40 miles of Mafeking.

SULZER SAT DOWN ON
His Resolution for the Annulment of Great Britain Amended.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In the meeting of the house committee on military affairs today, Sulzer called up his resolution directing the secretary of war to inform the house what fortifications Great Britain is erecting along the northern frontier of the United States, especially at Puget sound and in the Northwest border country. An amendment was made striking out the reference to Great Britain and making it refer to "any foreign power." A motion to postpone consideration of the matter for a week prevailed on a party vote of six to five, and the resolution went over without action.

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.
Sister and Brother of Henry Ward Beecher Die on the Same Day.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 14.—Mrs. Mary Foot Beecher Perkins died today, aged 94 years and 9 months. Mrs. Perkins was a sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and of Harriett Beecher Stowe.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 14.—Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, eldest and last surviving brother of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, died here today aged 81 years.

HOLLAND SUBMARINE BOAT.
WASHINGTON, March 14.—A large congressional party, including members of the senate and house committees on naval affairs, today witnessed a performance of the Holland submarine torpedo boat.

SENSATIONAL DISCOVERIES.
Detectives Make Important Criminal Disclosures at Seattle.

SEATTLE, March 14.—Human hairs, blood stains and hidden money have

been found by a Pinkerton detective about the possession of O'Brien, the prisoner held by the mounted police on suspicion of the murder of Rolfe, Clayton and Olsen, Klondikers on their way out from Dawson.

C. P. Stone, on arrival at Skagway from Dawson, tells of discoveries which he regards as most important. A round indentation on the Yukon sled owned by O'Brien attracted the attention of the detective. The wood indicated that the sled had been repaired, but the Pinkerton man, on examining more closely, found a plug which he forced out, revealing a cavity in which were three \$100 Canadian bills. Next he found blood stains and human hairs clinging to the framework of the sled, mute evidence perhaps of a terrible tragedy enacted on the Dawson trail. Two \$50 Canadian bills were found recovered in the ring plate of O'Brien's revolver.

A GIGANTIC CORPORATION.
Papers Filed by the Ore Vaporizing Furnace & Condensing Company of Spokane.

TACOMA, March 14.—A special to the Ledger from Olympia says:
Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for the incorporation of the Ore Vaporizing Furnace & Condensing Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000,000, with headquarters at Spokane. This is the largest capitalization of any company filed in recent years with the secretary of state. The trustees are Edmund C. Nordyke, R. M. Russell and Ben Thrasher of Spokane, and G. L. Engle, Franklin D. Arnold, Arthur A. Stone and Alfred E. Moreley of Chicago.

OFFICERS' WIDOWS' PENSIONS.
House Committee Reports Bills for Several on Account of Spanish and Philippine Wars.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The house committee on pensions today ordered bills reported granting pensions to the widow of Colonel Stoenberg, of the First Nebraska Regiment, killed in the Philippines, at \$40 per month, to the widow of Captain Allan Capron, killed in Cuba, at \$30 per month, and to the widow of Captain Allan Capron, sr., at \$25 per month.

The distinction in the rate in the Capron cases is due to the property owned by Mrs. Capron, sr.

GOEBEL'S SUCCESSOR ELECTED.
COVINGTON, Ky., March 14.—In the vote of Kenton county today, to elect a senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Goebel, H. L. Harbison, Goebel's law partner, was elected by 523 majority over L. L. Creeasy, his republican opponent.

SELF-CONFESSED MURDERER.
GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 14.—George R. A. Ferris, a Klickitat farmer, surrendered himself today to the sheriff, stating that on Monday afternoon, at his farm, in Goodnoe Hills, he shot and killed a man by the name of Wurrell in self defense.

Wurrell was an unmarried man from Missouri and had Ferris' farm rented.

CANADIAN PACIFIC OPEN.
VANCOUVER, B. C., March 14.—The blockade on the Canadian Pacific since last Saturday was raised today.

Four hundred Japanese arrived today on the steamer Glenogle from Yokohama.

NEW CHINA SQUADRON.
Admiral Kempff Will Be Sent With a Strong Fleet to Protect American Interests.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says:
The German ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, had a long conference with Acting Secretary of State Hill, in which the latter was presumably informed that a demonstration in China might be expected from Russia shortly. The chief of the bureau of navigation, Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, sought Secretary of State Hay and found him at the Hay residence, after which the navy department announced that a Chinese squadron will be established and that Rear-Admiral Kempff, now commandant at the Mare Island navy yard, will be sent to Manila to take this squadron for cruising the Chinese and Japanese coasts; also that Rear-Admiral Remy, in charge of the Asiatic station, will maintain the naval base at Manila.

It is understood that Rear-Admiral Kempff's squadron will consist of the Oregon and Baltimore, now at Manila, the Iowa, Philadelphia and Marblehead, now on the Pacific coast, and the Montgomery, now attached to the South Atlantic station. It is believed here that the formation of the Chinese squadron by the United States is to be a spectacular warning to Russia and France that American interests are involved in any change in the conditions in China. Presumably Germany will make a similar demonstration.

WRECK OF THE WOLCOTT.
Rescued Passengers and Crew Arrive at Seattle—The Particulars.

SEATTLE, March 14.—The steamer Excelsior arrived here this afternoon with Captain Snow, the passengers and crew of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company's steamer Wolcott, which was wrecked on the night of January 31, near Karluk, Alaska.

All were confined three days on a beach at the foot of a glacier, in the snow and rain without shelter, on account of the unusually high tides. They reached the cannery at Uyak, February 4, and remained there until February 27, when the Excelsior came along and picked them up.

The Wolcott is a total loss. She struck at 10:50 at night on a rocky point half way between Karluk and Uyak bay, in a howling northwest gale. The vessel began to fill rapidly and Captain Snow decided to beach her. The passengers were put safely ashore in the small boats through a heavy surf.

A fifteen hundred dollar gold brick from the Unga mine was saved, as were also the mails and baggage.

NOW FOR ORIENTAL TRADE.
WASHINGTON, March 14.—The ways and means committee today ordered a favorable report on the bill to extend to Astoria, Oregon, the privileges of immediate transportation on dutiable goods.

TRIBUTE TO IRISH VALOR.
SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 14.—The government has proclaimed St. Patrick's Day a public holiday as a tribute to the bravery of the Irish soldiers in South Africa.

AGREEMENT ON PUERTO RICO

The Tariff Feature Will Be Postponed for the Present.

YESTERDAY'S MILD DEBATE

Appropriation for Temporary Relief
and Provision for Civil Government
Will Be Passed.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The republican members in caucus today reached a partial agreement on the Puerto Rican legislation. The house bill appropriating \$2,000,000 is to be taken up and passed immediately.

The bill for a civil government of the island is to be taken up and disposed of as soon as possible and the tariff bill is to be delayed for the present, while a committee of seven senators may be selected by Chairman Allison, to try to compromise the differences on the revenue bill and secure a measure which the republican senators generally can support. This partial agreement was reached after a caucus lasting from 2 o'clock until 5:30.

The temper of the debate today was much milder than that of yesterday.

HAGUE CONFERENCE A FAILURE.
None of the Nations Represented Has Ratified Its Doings.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In diplomatic circles here an unpleasant suggestion has been thrown out to the effect that the Hague conference has resulted in a complete failure and that even the limited program agreed upon is never to be perfected.

The basis for this belief is the fact that up to this moment it is not known officially that a single one of the powers represented in the conference has ratified the three conventions prepared there.

TELLER AND TURNER
Both Oppose the Policy of Expansion but From Opposite Standpoints.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Two arguments were presented to the senate today in which almost antipodal positions were taken by two senators.

Teller (rep.), of Colorado, in a brief speech, maintained that the constitution could not extend over territory acquired by the United States, while Turner (dem.), of Washington, elaborately contended that the constitution embraced acquired territory the very moment the United States took possession of it.

Teller said that this government could make the outlying territory into states or could hold it as colonies as it saw fit, while Turner maintained that the United States could not hold colonies or dependencies. Aside from the constitutional question, the two senators were practically agreed.

Both were opposed to the pending bill and both objected to any of the insular territory becoming a part of the United States or any of its inhabitants, citizens of the United States.

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