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MAY BE A WALKOVER.

The Boer Forces Badly Demoralized and Breaking Up Before Roberts' Advance.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: At the opening of the war Englishmen talked lightly about a promenade of an army corps through the Free State and during the next four months they condemned themselves with fine irony for their boastful 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 them and to hunt for the enemy's guns. And while President Steyn, with the Boer commandos behind him, is still in the field at Krugersdorp and Ventersburg, and there is a rear guard at Brandfort 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 that so far as the Free State is concerned the war is virtually at an end. The influence of the capital is felt north and south. The forces blocking the advance of Gatacre, Braamant and Clements are breaking up; the commandos in the north are thinning out nightly from desertions.

It does 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 he 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 Point on Thursday morning and constructed a bridge for carrying over his heavy guns. General Gatacre was moving forward rapidly toward Springfield from Bethulie.

General Pole-Carew, with 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. These have probably disbanded and there is no obstacle to the immediate opening of railway communications from Bloemfontein to the Orange river. Lord Roberts states that two contingents of the Free State forces are on the border of Basutoland, awaiting the terms of his proclamation before surrendering. The burghers are abandoning Steyn and preparing to give their arms up and return to their farms.

The campaign in the Free State is virtually over.

Three days' later news has come from Mafeking, where the garrison was holding out well on Friday week and has been able to seize the Boer advance trench south of the town. The report

A New Sailor

Is of rough braid with large slanting crown, artistically trimmed with soft silk. Very chic.

In Misses' Hats

A pleasing style is of coarse straw high crown, drape and wing of soft silk, edging with lace braid.

These shapes and styles are entirely new to Astoria.

that a relief column has been organized at Kimberley is confirmed.

It is recruiting from volunteers and local forces and stiffened with regulars. General Kitchener has clearly been at work there and the seizure of Hoshof 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 the advance upon Bloemfontein to 370.

The brave Irish soldiers at 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 Grenadiers band will play Irish airs and Castle Hill, and all the flags of the Royal borough will be displayed. St. Patrick is the queen's patron saint for one day in the calendar and not only all the Irish battalions, but the West End of London as well will wear the green.

CECIL RHODES' CRITICISMS.

He Declares British Success is Due More to Luck Than Good Generalship.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A dispatch to the World from London says: Julian Ralph, in 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 England is her luck. We have made the silliest mistakes, and we have had some of the most incompetent generals but we are coming out all right as we always do. 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 messing about Rensburg and Colesburg? Why did they not do it at first what was so readily done at last?"

"There is little to tell 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.'"

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S OPINION.

Says a Determined Enemy With Holland Boats Could Have Forced Him Away From Manila.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Representative Foss, acting chairman of the house committee on naval affairs, has received from Admiral Dewey a copy of a memorandum prepared by that officer's aide, Lieutenant H. H. Caldwell, upon the recent tests of the Holland submarine torpedo boat.

Admiral Dewey, it is understood, endorsed the report of his aide, who expressed the belief that a determined enemy with submarine boats of the Holland type, could have made impossible the occupation of Manila bay by the admiral's squadron.

The expression of opinion made by admiral was in response to a request from the senate and house committees, which, before determining upon the action to take upon pending bills, desired to learn the admiral's views.

DISCUSSING THE BOARD.

Prevailing Naval Opinion Favorable to the New Departure.

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 will be members of the board under the provisions of the order will be Admiral Dewey, Rear-Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, Captain C. D. Sigbee, Captain C. H. Stockton, Captain Asa Walker and Lieutenant-Commander C. H. Peters. Captain Henry Taylor, Captain F. F. Chadwick will be designated for membership on the board and possibly Rear-Admiral A. S. Parker, though the impression is that an officer of a 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 was willing to perform 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 that it will relieve some of the burdens of at least a part of their duties, though the order announces war measures to be the object of its creation.

It will determine upon the character of maneuvers in which squadrons 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.

ORDERED TO CHINA.

Admiral Watson Will Send a Warship to Tokio.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Ostensibly on account of the disturbed 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 Americans, especially to American missionaries.

Administration officials say that the order has no reference to the information received from the American association of Shanghai, as to the hostile attitude of the empress 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.

They pooh-pooh the idea that the empress dowager has been influenced to take the attitude stated by the association by a foreign nation, presumably Russia. Secretary Hay has in his possession the final replies of all the governments of Europe to his "open door" representations and the president has 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 towards 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 negotiations.

The trouble 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.

SCHOOL OF FORESTRY.

To Be Established at Yale Under a Recent Gift for That Purpose.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 17.—At a meeting of the Yale corporation just held here, the gift was announced of \$150,000 to Yale to found a school of forestry. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pinchot, of New York City, and their sons, Gifford Pinchot, Yale, '88, and Amos P. Pinchot, Yale, '93.

This school will be a new departure at Yale. The founding of it has been due to President Hadley and to Gifford Pinchot, who is at the head of the division of forestry of the department of agriculture at Washington.

Mr. Pinchot was one of the first Americans to take up the scientific study of forestry. The corporation confirmed the selection of Henry S. Graves, Yale, '98, as the head of the new school in now Gifford Pinchot's first assistant at Washington. He is the son of Dr. Graves of Andover academy.

The school of forestry will for the time being be located in the house of the late President O. C. Marsh. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pinchot have also given Yale the use of a large tract of land in Pike county, Penn., for practical demonstration in forestry during summer vacation months of Yale. In other words, this land will be used for a summer school of the Yale school of forestry. The use of the land is given to Yale for a period of twenty-one years.

The changes in the English department of the college recommended by the faculty were approved so that all sophomores are required to take five and be allowed to take six of ten subjects, as follows: Greek, Latin, Mathematics (2), History, Chemistry, Physics, English, French and German. The introduction of the two mathematics courses is to permit of the earlier study of calculus by students who intend to study applied sciences. A radical departure on the abrogation of the requirement of the study of philosophy in the senior year.

The appointment was made of the Rev. Charles Culler Torrey, Ph. D., now Taylor, professor of Biblical history in Andover Theological Seminary to the chair of Semitic languages in the academic faculty. The chair has been vacant since 1891 by the resignation of Professor Harper.

LAKE SHORE VICTORIOUS.

That Road Will Move the Gun Carriages to Puget Sound.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The Times says: Freight agents in this city are discussing the success of the Lake Shore in securing the contract for moving 400,000 pounds of gun motors from the Sandy Hook proving grounds to Fort

HAVE YOU DYSPEPSIA?

(SCIENCE CALLS IT CATARRH OF THE STOMACH.)



MISS DADE STEGEMAN, OF CHICAGO.

Miss Dade Stegeman, Superintendent of the Chicago North Side Woman's Club, of Chicago, in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, speaks of Pe-r-u-na as follows: "Pe-r-u-na has often been used by the members of our club in cases of stomach trouble and general debility—also recently in cases of la grippe, and always with the most beneficial results. I think a great deal of Pe-r-u-na—often recommend it to my friends, and am glad to say all who have tried it speak a good word for it."

Mrs. Emily S. Carson, Austerlitz, Mich., says: "Dr. S. B. Hartman—Dear Sir: I had been troubled with dyspepsia and indigestion for many years, and was very much reduced in flesh. I could not eat anything without the greatest distress afterwards. My food would come up and my stomach became very weak from fasting, as I preferred to go without food rather than suffer the consequences. I could get no rest by day nor sleep by night. I tried every remedy advertised for the cure of dyspepsia without the least benefit. At last I got a bottle of Pe-r-u-na. I confess I had no faith in it, as I had been so often disappointed; but in a day or so I felt much improved. Food did not distress me as before. I continued its use, and, after using a dozen bottles, I was a well woman. I can eat anything without the



least distress, sleep well, and, instead of the living skeleton I was, I am now a healthy, fleshy woman. This was in 1890, and I have continued well ever since. I have not without your remedy in the house since my recovery. I advise all sufferers to do as I did and be cured."

Mr. John F. Schmidt says: "Pe-r-u-na has saved my life. For five years the best doctors had pronounced me incurable. I suffered with a complication of diseases—palpitation of the heart, nervousness, weakness and dyspepsia. A few bottles of Pe-r-u-na and Man-a-lin cured me. Pe-r-u-na cannot be beaten. I give your medicine to my children for the various little ailments which annoy little ones, and the result is that they are never sick, but always strong and healthy. I have gained forty pounds since taking Pe-r-u-na."

So many people have what is called dyspepsia without having the slightest suspicion that catarrh of the stomach is the cause. Such people take pepsin and a thousand other things, vainly hoping to get well. But the catarrh remains, and of course the dyspepsia remains. Pe-r-u-na cures these cases permanently by removing the cause, which is catarrh. Pe-r-u-na has cured more cases of dyspepsia than any other remedy in the world. Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, for a free book.

Wilson, in the state of Washington, which success, it is said, is entirely due to the cutting of the rate by from three to five cents. The contract was secured by the representative of the Color Line of freight at Philadelphia.

His original bid, it is said, was two 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 and possibly the Chicago Northwestern, it is claimed, will get their full proportional share.

BANKER SENT TO JAIL.
Former President of a Chicago Bank Convicted of Fraud.

CHICAGO, March 17.—George L. McGill, formerly president of the Avenue Savings Bank, which collapsed in August, 1896, was today convicted of receiving deposits, knowing his institution to be insolvent, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for an indefinite term.

FIVE DEAD AND TWO INJURED.
Frightful Result of a Gasoline Explosion at Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, O., March 17.—Five dead and one fatally and one seriously injured is the result of an attempt to start a fire with gasoline last night. George White used the fluid at James Weaver's residence and the explosion followed. The building was set on fire and the inmates were covered with the burning fluid. The dead are: Philip Weaver, aged 49; Roy Weaver, aged 14; Lorain Weaver, aged 3; Tully Weaver, aged 3, and Joseph White, aged 35.

Partially burned, Alice Weaver; seriously burned, James Weaver.

PROSPECT OF RUSSO-JAPAN WAR.
Yokohama People Beginning to Strongly Believe in the Truth of the Rumors.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 28, via Victoria, March 17.—The persistency with which the western press clings to the imminence of war between Russia and Japan is attracting much attention here. The fact which now impresses the public is the arrival of representatives of some prominent New York papers, they having been sent out for the express purpose of being on the spot when the outbreak comes. This, together with the activity prevailing in the Russian squadron, in Eastern waters, assembling in force, as it is in the case of the Korean straits, and reports constantly coming in of extraordinary doings at Port Arthur, has at last forced the conviction that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire.

MAUD S. DEAD.
NEW YORK, March 17.—Maud S., the famous trotter, died at Schults' farm at Port Chester this morning. She was owned by the Bonner estate and was 26 years old. Her trotting record of 2:05 1/2 was made in 1885.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
City of Astoria to trustees of Beaver lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., block 35, excepting 3 lots, Ocean View cemetery; \$900.

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COLD WEATHER IN THE EAST.

The Temperature Dropping About Zero in Many States.

PITTSBURGH, March 17.—The mercury dropped to two degrees above zero about daylight. This is the coldest weather experienced in March for twenty-three years.

LIMA, O., March 17.—The temperature dropped to seven below zero this morning.

CLEVELAND, March 17.—The lowest March temperature experienced in fifteen years was recorded here today. The mercury indicated from one to three below zero.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 17.—The temperature went to 30 above last night. Early vegetables were badly injured.

LORD MAYOR ASSAULTED.

His Carriage Stoned at Yesterday's Procession in Dublin.

DUBLIN, March 17.—The Lord Mayor's procession today was interrupted by many scenes of disorder caused by those who objected to his attitude towards the queen. His carriage was stoned at various places and windows were smashed.

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CAUGHT THE RICHEST PRIZE.

Prince of Verona Wins Crescent City Derby at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—The Prince of Verona today won the Crescent City derby, the richest prize of the local racing season. Distance, a mile and one-eighth. Time, 2:00.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.

The fishing season opens at 12 m. on the 15th day of April, 1900. All fishermen are requested to take out their licenses before they begin fishing; as no license will be issued from the patrol boat this season. Anyone found fishing without a license, or not having their boats and gear numbered as the law requires, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Licenses may be had at 469 Bond street, Astoria, Oregon, or 467 Oregonian building, Portland, Oregon.

F. C. REED,
Fish Commissioner.

A man's fate is his own temper; and according to that will be his opinion as to the particular manner in which the course of events is regulated.

A consistent man believes in destiny, a capricious man in chance.

It is the lot of man to suffer, it is also his fortune to forget. Oblivion and sorrow share our being, as darkness and light divide the course of time.

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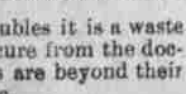
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