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ROBERTS' PLAN OF ACTION.

Has His Troops So Disposed That the Boers Will Not Risk a Battle.

NEW YORK, April 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The news from the Free State presents a clear view of the situation on Monday night and a partial glimpse of yesterday's operations.

A portion of General Tucker's division remains at Karee Siding with the Boers intrenched at Brandfort with their reserves at Winburg. One brigade has moved eastward. The Sixth division is encamped at Bloemfontein. General Pole-Carew's division, with two brigades of cavalry, has occupied Leeuw Kop after driving the Boers from a series of strong positions without meeting with serious resistance.

The mounted infantry, under General Hamilton, occupied the water works and the Boers held the line of hills further east. General French sent out cavalry toward Dewet's Dorp yesterday and infantry followed, communication being opened with Sir Henry Rundle during the afternoon. General Rundle was still marking time in front of Dewet's Dorp, with the Boers well intrenched. Brabant's Colonials, with Hart's brigade supporting them, had flanked the Boers' position at Bushman's Kop and forced the enemy to retire.

They had then continued the advance toward Wepener, having had a running fight with the enemy throughout Monday. They were within eight miles of Wepener at noon yesterday and were in a fair way to relieve Colonel Dalgety's plucky Australians. The enemy around Wepener was apparently preparing to retreat without waiting to meet the relieving force.

These various operations are illustrated by the diagonal lines of squares on a chess board, both armies being echeloned at four stations. General Brabant, in the southeast is ready to make a move which willl secure Wepener and force the Boers to retire towards Dewet's Dorp or Ladybrand. Generals Rundle and French, in the two middle squares, are preparing to drive the enemy from Dewet's Dorp and the water works toward Thabanchu, and General Tucker in the north is threatening Brandfort.

The result of these operations is favorable to the British but there is no decisive success apart from the relief of Wepener, which has virtually been effected. The military experts have been hoping that the Boers would be caught in another Paardeberg, but there is no proof that the lines of retreat are cut off either from Wepener, Dewet's Dorp or Korn Spruit, although one road has been blocked by General Tucker.

The effect of the British operations if there be no set-back will be the clearance of the district east of Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts' tactics are ingeniously devised. He meets the Boers in their own way but in superior strength. Their plan is to always have a series of commandos in touch with one another. He adopts the same system, placing his divisions in echelon and outnumbering them at every point. Press dispatches contain some interesting touches, although the fighting has been desultory and indecisive.

Thousands of Basutos are following the forces toward Wepener, looking on from the edge of the frontier like the spectators at the paling of a bull ring and admiring the good points of the game. The white races are offering the blacks entertaining sport, even if they are not helping to christianize them.

Lord Roberts' report at midnight contained a lucid summary of the situation with one or two new features. The Ninth division had been sent from Bloemfontein to support General Hamilton's mounted brigade at the water works as the Boers were holding the outlying hills in some force.

General Maxwell's brigade of the Seventh division had also moved eastward and seized the hills covering the wagon bridge over the Modder river at Kranz Kraal, therby closing an important line of the Boer retreat northward from various positions in the south. There is still, however, another road open to them further east.

The missing patrol of the dragoon guards had rejoined General French. Lord Roberts was evidently well satisfied with the situation and the movements of the entire army disclose unity of direction and clearness of purpose.

The Boers are apparently attempting a diversion in the direction of Lord Methuen, having reinforced their commandos in that quarter.

General Hunter's brigades have been reported on the way to Kimberley from Cape Town.

AN HEROIC WOMAN.

The Record of Harriet Patience Dame as an Army Nurse.

CONCORD, N. H, April 25.—Harriet Patience Dame, the famous war nurse, who is dead at her home in this city, began her charitable work at the outbreak of the Civil war. She opened her home as a hospital as soon as the volunteers began to come to Concord. When the Second New Hampshire regiment went to Portsmouth to be mustered into service she persisted in accompanying the regiment to that city and when they left to do service in the South she followed.

There were only seven other women in the country who did active service in the field as nurses and of those Miss Dame was the only one to remain until the war was over. In the Peninsular campaign she shared fortunes with the soldiers, spending her first night in Yorktown in a feed box in a stable.

At the retreat to the James her courage and endurance rose to the height of sublime heroism. The announcement to the sick men in her care that those who could not walk must be left behind fell upon many as their death knell. Miss Dame was urged to join in the retreat and get to a place of safety, but she refused unless "her boys," as she called them, were taken with her. Finally arrangements were made to cvonvey the sick ones to the nearest railroad station and when the army started Miss Dame was at the head of the column. With feet incased in rubber boots, a thin netting of tattered mosquito cloth and with a coffee boiler and a small amount of coffee, the brave little army in a march of four days reached a station where the troops were loaded on the cars.

In the second Bull Run campaign in Centreville, Miss Dame was at Stone Churc and was taken a prisoner, her captor threatening to shoot her if she did not surrender without protest. She was taken under guard to the tent of Stonewall Jackson, who after learning Miss Dame's mission within the lines ordered a guard to escort her to the northern lines.

She saoon afterward organized the New Hampshire Relief asociation and was sent by Governor Gilmore to South Carolina to investigate the condition of the northern soldiers. Miss Dorothy Dix vigorously protested against the sending of a woman on such a mission, but Miss Dame was obdurate, and started on her journey. The result of her investigations, which were reported by her to Surgeon General Barnes, was that the convoys Argo and Fulton were ordered to do duty as hospital boats and were the first ones used in such service.

At the battle of Gettysburg, Miss Dame did valiant service on the field. In the spring of 1894 she took the field with the army on the James. With the surrender of the rebel army she remained with her regiment until the disbandment.

THE INDIA FAMINE.

Representatives at the Ecumenical Conference Make Appeal for Relief.

NEW YORK, April 25.—An appeal to the Ecumenical conference has been made by all the Indian missionaries in attendance for the relief of the starving in India. The missionaries say:

"We desire to add to the testimonials from many sources already given to the public by the press, our confirmation founded on personal knowledge and experience of the unparalled and indescribable gravity of the present famine situation in India. A calamity so overwhelming in its vastness, so appalling in the suffering it inflicts on millions of the most helpless of mankind, claims the attention, the pity and the succor of every member of the family of nations.

"We, many of us, bear in grateful memory, as do our Indian brothers and sisters, the relief which American generosity brought to thousands and tens of thousands in India, in the famine of 1897. In the far more powerful visitation, which the mysterious providence of God has now permitted to afflict that great land, we turn to the United States for renewed and enlarged bounty for all that an enlightened, humane and wealthy nation can do to aid her stricken and starving, her poor and patient sister."

The executive committee of the conference has practically arranged for a meeting on behalf of the famine stricken.

NEW BATTLESHIP PLANS.

Three to Be Constructed After Iowa's Style, but as Large as Any in the English Navy.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The naval board of construction has finally approved the plans for the three battleships authorized by the last congress and gave instructions to have specifications prepared at once preliminary to calling for bids from the shipbuilders. The ships will be enlarged Iowas in type with the same rectangular superstructure and the two turrets, bow and stern, on the main deck.

The turret guns will be 12 inch calibre like the Iowa's guns; there will be a turret at each corner of the superstructure carrying two eight inch guns and 12 six inch rapid firers will be disposed along the sides of the central citadel. The ships will make 19 knots speed and have a displacement of about 15,500 tons, making these new ships by far the largest in the United States navy and as big as the latest type of British armored cruisers.

As the constructors are limited in the draft by our shallow harbors to a little over 25 feet, and as 75 feet represents about the greatest beam consistent with speed, it will be necessary to provide for the weights by giving the ships more length than the Iowa class, and they will be almost 440 feet long. The secondary batteries will be made up largely of 14 pounders. Altogether the ships will be more than equal to any warships of their size in the world's navies.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

Yesterday's Session Continued With Unabated Interest and Enthusiasm.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Today's session of the Ecumenical Conference was as largely attended as any preceding meeting. Many speakers of international note participated in the proceedings, and the interest and enthusiasm of the distinguished assemblage continues unabated.

"Educational Literature as a Means of Moral Training," was the subject of the address by H. C. Dwight, LL.D., a missionary of the American board, Boston, in Constantinople. Dr. Dwight said in part:

"Experience in the mission field has rediscovered the power of the press. Missionaries have found new interest in the ability of books to carry truth to places where oral argument would be refused hearing, to inform where time would lack on the part of both speaker and hearer for full explanation and to persist in activity long after mere spoken words would have faded from the memory. Hence the conviction found extensively among missionaries that the book is an instrument of evangelization second to none in its effectiveness.

"From this point of view all literature may be called educational. It has the purpose of making each book a simple but trusty guide to the principles of science to which it relates. Nothing requisite to the work is sacrificed, nothing needless is lugged unwillingly into the book to deform it but the Christian personality, the high principles and the love of humanity of the writer cling like a subtle perfume about the book and somehow transfer themselves insensibly to the student's mind. This is the guide of intelligence which the missions must command if school books are to do the work which they may do as means of moral culture."

The Place of Education in Missions," was the subject considered by the Rev. W. T. Barber, head master of Leys School, Cambridge, England.

He said that the minimum equipment of a mission to any land must include the preaching to the heathen, the church for public worship and the school for training the young.

"In lands of the East even, the first generation of Christians will need more than the elements of knowledge. The religion is everywhere spoken against and rejected; its votaries, conscious of power, will have to win their place by sheer force and merit. The native systems have their own standards; the Christian church must assert its value in the national life by obvious intellectual as well as moral strength. It must have its natural leaders and they must be educated. It cannot live permanently by the initiative and dominance of the Western missionary, it will need native pastors who will be true overseers, teachers who will be true educators, leaders who will be true thinkers.

"The Christian school must stand so high as a giver of knowledge that no secular institution can afford to point the finger of scorn at its equipment or its alumni.

TAMMANY AT KANSAS CITY.

Seven Hundred Tigers Going in Special Trains.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The Tammany men are making arrangements to go to Kansas City in force to attend the national convention, which meets there on July 4. For this reason it is expected that there will be a slim attendance and a dearth of prominent democrats at the Tammany hall mass meeting on the same date. Tammany always has a meeting at the wigwam on July 4, when the declaration of independence is read and as a rule speakers from the various parts of the country declaim.

Bulletins from Kansas City will be posted at the wigwam while the meeting is in progress.

The Tammany men say that the New York delegation, although it may be uninstructed will vote for Bryan's nomination. It has now been decided to have five special trains which are to carry about 700 braves. This train will leave this city on July 1.

THE OHIO REPUBLICANS.

Their Platform and Delegation to Philadelphia Agreeable to the President's Wishes.

COLUMBUS, O., April 25.—The republican state convention here today was of national significance. Delegates and alternates at large represent the close personal as well as political friends of the president and the platform is just as it came from Washington, with the addition of an anti-trust resolution and the omission of the Puerto Rican resolutions.

The so-called "Hanna" slate on delegates and alternates at large and the state ticket went through without any breaks.

NOTHING BUT BLUSTER.

State Department's Investigation Shows No Organized Conspiracy Against Great Britain.

NEW YORK, April 25.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

An investigation extending over the last two months into the reports that a conspiracy had been planned in the United States against Canada on account of the Boer war has brought out nothing to substantiate them.

This investigation was conducted as a result of representations made to the state department by the British government. It is certainly a fact, according to state department officials, that no evidence has been obtained showing that persons in this country conspired to destroy the Welland canal.

DR. RUIZ'S LAST MESSAGE.

Chair on Which He Wrote It in His Own Blood Presented to His Wife.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The state department at Washington has notified Mrs. Rita L. Ruiz, widow of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, who was murdered in prison at Guanabacao, Cuba, while a captive of the Spaniards, that the chair on which he wrote his last message would be forwarded to her.

This chair came into the possession of General Fitzhugr Lee soon after the murder of Dr. Ruiz, which occurred February 4, 1896. General Lee kept it until he left Havana two years ago, when he gave it to the British viceconsul, Mr. Jerome, who kept it until General Lee's return to Havana after the war. At the request of Mrs. Ruiz he has forwarded it to Washington.

The message, which was written on the back of this chair by Dr. Ruiz, who dipped his nails in his own blood, reads: "Mercedes, mine, Evangeline, Ricarlito, good-bye. My children of my life, I give you my blessing. Be obedient to your mother. Good-bye, Rita, of my soul."

DECLINE OF BRAHMAISM.

Tendency in India to Accept Teachings of Christian Bible.

NEW YORK, April 2 .—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, a misionary to Hindoostan, said in an address at the Carnegie hall meeting of the Ecumenical conference last night:

"There is a trend in India today toward the acceptation of our christianity, but without our Christ; that is, merely accepting the morality taught in the Bible. This is accounted for by the fact that many today reject the reincarnation of Brahma and as a natural sequence it is difficult to get them to accept the reincarnation of Christ.

"A few years ago, a prominent Hindoo said in my presence: 'I have read the Bible myself, have noted its system of morality and I say unhesitatingly that I know of nothing at all comparable to it.'"

CARTHAGENA OCCUPIED.

CARACAS, Venezuela, via Haytian cable, April 24.—A German steamer, which has arrived at La Guayara, reports that the Colombian revolutionists are masters of Carthagena, the most important Colombian harbor.

ALABAMA DEMOCRATS.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 25.—The democratic state convention this afternoon nominated Colonel W. J. Sanford for governor. The platform to be adopted will endorse Bryan for president.

MATTER OF NO CONSEQUENCE.

CLAY CENTER, Kan., April 2 .—The populist state convention today instructed delegates to the national convention to vote solidly for Bryan for president.

PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING STREETS.

Notice is hereby given, that until 3 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria, will receive sealed proposals for lighting the streets of said city for one or more years, which said proposals will be reported to the said council for consideration on said 7th day of May, 1900. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and bids must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the order of said committee, for one-fifth of the amount of the bid for lighting the streets for one year as a forfeit to the city of Astoria in case the bid should be accepted and the bidder should fail to enter into contract with the city in compliance with the same.

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NOTICE TO STREET CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that until 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, April 28th, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria will receive sealed bids for the improvement of Commercial street from west line of Tenth street to west line of Eighth street, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 2511, approved on the 20th day of April, 1900, and the plans and specifications therefor on file with the auditor and police judge of said city. Bids must state the amount for which street crossings will be constructed separate from the remainder of the improvement. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

C. C. UTZINGER,
L. AGREN,
W. J. COOK,
Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the Common Council of the City of Astoria.
Dated this 24th day of April, 1900.

NOTICE TO STREET CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that until 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, April 28th, 1900, the committee on streets and public ways of the common council of the City of Astoria will receive sealed bids for the improvement of Seventh street from north line of Bond street to south line of Astor street, according to the provisions of ordinance No. 2512, approved on the 20th day of April, 1900, and the plans and specifications therefor on file with the auditor and police judge of said city. Bids must state the amount for which street crossings will be constructed separate from the remainder of the improvement. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

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