

LORD ROBERTS SAILED FOR HOME

Plots Formed to Murder Him
Failed.

HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS

House of Commons Votes \$50,000,000 to
Carry on War Which He Declared
Was Finished—361 Soldiers
Died of Typhoid Fever.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 11.—Field Marshal Roberts with his wife and daughter sailed for England today.

WOULD MURDER ROBERTS.
PORT ELIZABETH, Cape Colony, Dec. 11.—A number of persons suspected of plotting to murder Lord Roberts during his visit here recently abandoned their intentions on learning that they were shadowed.

SERENADE PROHIBITED.
THE HAGUE, Dec. 11.—The serenade of Mr. Kruger by scholars, fixed for to-night, has been prohibited by the police out of fear of disturbances.

RIG WAR APPROPRIATION.
LONDON, Dec. 11.—A question put to the government in the house of commons today elicited the statement that there had been 15,635 cases of typhoid fever among the British troops in South Africa and that 361 proved fatal.
The house of commons voted £16,000,000 to carry on the war which Lord Roberts has daily announced as "finished."

ADDRESS BY LORD ROBERTS.
CAPE TOWN, Dec. 11.—At the reception in honor of Lord Roberts yesterday, when the British commander rose to respond after the presentation to him of the sword and casket, all present rose to their feet, cheering and waving handkerchiefs. The demonstration continued for some minutes. At its conclusion, Lord Roberts made an eloquent address.

After expressing deep thanks for the honors accorded him, he said the war in South Africa had a peculiar interest for him inasmuch as it enabled him to bring to what he hoped was a successful conclusion the work entrusted to him twenty years ago—that of dispelling by force of arms if necessary the aspiration of the Boers to render themselves independent of British control.

Referring to his abortive visit to the Cape in 1887, he said:

"The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. The guiding hand of the Omnipotent will bring good out of what to our finite understanding was the most unfortunate war of 1881, for that war could not have consolidated the whole British empire as firmly together as this has done, because it was fought by regulars alone, whereas the present war was fought by the militia, yeomanry and volunteers, the admirable and workmanlike colonial contingents all fighting as brothers under the dear old flag of the queen."

In this respect Lord Roberts said he held the unique position of the first field marshal having the honor to command such an imperial outburst. He was convinced, he declared, that this spontaneous outburst of patriotism was not ephemeral. England had only to give the signal and her sons would again flock to her banner from the ends of the world. Never had a mother more reason to be proud of her sons than had England today. God had brought them out of what in the dark days of December had appeared to them the valley of the shadow of death; and they could now remember the days of tribulation with deep gratitude for the mercy vouchsafed them.

Lord Roberts then paid a deeply-moving tribute of gratitude to all who had worked with him. He added that his interest in South Africa would not cease on leaving its shores, but that he would watch its settlement with the utmost eagerness. Dwelling upon the

necessity for co-operation between the Dutch and English, he said it would be his proudest boast if he could claim to have done nothing but what states of war had compelled to hinder the friendly fusion of the two races in the republics. They must try to forgive and forget all that tends to bitterness of feeling, leaving the idea that nothing remained to be atoned for on either side.

"God has given into our hands," said the field marshal, "a great heritage for which a heavy price has been paid in the blood of the best and bravest, and we must not be neglectful of the trust as we have been in the past, but must be able to give a good account of our stewardship and must remember there are other duties than national glorification."

He declared that he could not better conclude his speech than by quoting the first verse of Kipling's Recessional: "God of our fathers, known of old; Lord of our far-flung battle lines, Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine; Lord God of hosts be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget."

ENGLISH RESPECT DE WET.
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

A singular comment was made upon the fox hunt after De Wet by a veteran of the British army who has spent many years in India. He said that the troopers engaged in running him to earth were ready to cheer for him and to take him upon their shoulders in triumph to the nearest camp as the chief hero of the war in South Africa. This old soldier had been talking with officers of the guards who had taken part in ineffectual hunts after the wily raider, and was convinced that only a true sportsmanlike spirit of fair play and admiration prevailed respecting him. No other Boer commander, he maintained, had commanded in an equal degree the admiration of the British army in South Africa, and when the war was ended the officers whom he outwitted and baffled many times would like to join in a complimentary reception to him in London.

Further news respecting De Wet is eagerly awaited. A rumor, which, however, at present lacks confirmation, was current last night that severe fighting had taken place between his forces and those of General Knox.

Lord Kitchener has already fulfilled the forecasts of experts in one respect—he has adopted a laconic style in his bulletins. His dispatches have declined in compass day by day since he assumed the chief command, and a single sentence suffices for the official announcement that the last batch of British prisoners has turned up at Beethulle. The experts are pleased with this economy of words. They assert that Lord Roberts unconsciously dignified guerrilla warfare by devoting a long bulletin to it daily and that Lord Kitchener will minimize the Boer operations by allowing the petty incidents to pass without observation.

While Lord Kitchener is tactician he is fairly aflame with energy. Military men say that every trooper in Knox's column has three horses and that with these fresh mounts constantly available the pursuit of De Wet into the last ditch has been made possible.

Germany has given one more proof of her resolve to maintain friendly relations with England. It is generally agreed that the imperial chancellor's speech in the reichstag must dispose once and for all of any hopes of European intervention. Kruger and his advisers might have entertained.

Mr. Chamberlain's vindication of his personal honor, which was impugned by Lloyd George's amendment to the address in the house of commons, was a veritable triumph. The colonial secretary has seldom spoken with so much dignity and feeling, and the house cheered him to the echo. In straightforward language he told what his principles of conduct had been since he first entered public life and when at last he sat down he had succeeded in destroying the case so diligently worked up against him.

The suggestion that a memorial to the colonial soldiers who have fallen in South Africa should be erected in London is taking practical shape and the Royal Colonial Institute, which in its membership is typical of the empire, is considering several projects which have been formulated for its approval.

The ministers are striving to shorten the present session of parliament by explaining how little needs to be done. Broderick has some estimates to present and the chancellor of the exchequer requires a slight increase of borrowing powers, but everything can be put out of the way by Saturday if talkative radicals will only respect the English prejudice in favor of a long Christmas holiday.

Joseph Chamberlain contented himself with a curt yes and nay when questioned about South African matters and the debate on the queen's address was allowed to limp and drag.

Mr. Bartley's amendment relating to the predominance of one family in the cabinet brought up Arthur Balfour in a speech of great dignity in defense of Lord Salisbury. It came with good grace from him because he has obtained his place in the cabinet on his own merits and without any relationship to Lord Salisbury. He countered Mr. Bartley's attack neatly by taunting the radicals with first complaining of the ascendancy of Mr. Chamberlain in the cabinet and then talking about the prime minister's family.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54.

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STORY OF CAPTAIN SHIELDS.

Thrilling Narrative of His Experiences at the Hands of the Filipinos.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Captain Devereaux Shields, who returned on the transport Hancock, has been invited home on account of two wounds received in one of the most thrilling adventures of the war in the Philippines.

Captain Shields and fifty-two men left Santa Cruz, on the island of Mindanao, on September 11 last for the purpose of reconnoitering. Two days later they fell into an ambush and were fired upon by about 250 men with rifles, who were supported by about 200 men with bolos. Captain Shields, telling of the engagement, said:

"I saw that it was impossible for us to do anything but get out and I gave the order to retreat. I was twice wounded and fell unconscious but soon recovered and then gave the order for the command to fight its way back to the station. I told them that as I was nothing but an impediment to them to leave me with a man from the hospital corps and to get out. I dropped behind a rice stack and told the man to raise a white flag. The insurgents did not recognize the flag and continued to fire at us. The men fought their way back a short distance and were then surrounded and had to surrender or be killed."

"After the insurgents came to me one of them began robbing me and took all my things. He tore a chain and locket from my neck and tried to tear the rings from my fingers. My hand was so swollen by the wound in the shoulder that he could not get the ring off and he was just going to cut off the hand when I made him understand that I could take the rings off. After he had finished his robbing another man came and was just going to shoot me when I saw a hand and arm come forward and strike up the gun."

"Immediately after the fight we were kept in native hovels for twelve days and then we were started on a march over mountains, through dense forests and across rivers, compelled to sleep in mud and rain and given only the dirtiest water with which to wash our wounds. This continued until about October 12, when we were told that orders had been received to turn us over to the Americans. I wrote to General Hare and he agreed to meet us and receive us on October 14. We were taken to Buena Vista and then turned over to the general."

ALASKA PRODUCES GRAIN.

Government Agent Finds It to Be a Promising Field for Agriculture and Stockraising.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Prof. C. C. George.

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geson, special agent of the United States agricultural department, in charge of the experimental station in Alaska at Sitka, has arrived here from the north for the purpose of making his annual report to the government.

He has proved that Alaska will ultimately be as promising a field for agriculture and stockraising as it is now for mining.

He was sent to the north in May, 1898, and his first work was to ascertain what could be produced there in the way of vegetables.

He succeeded in raising choice barley and oats.

In speaking of his experiments in Alaska, Prof. Georgeon said today: "There is not the slightest doubt that grain can be matured almost anywhere in Alaska. I have this year obtained samples of perfectly ripe barley, oats, wheat and rye from several points in the interior as far north as Eagle. These grains were grown and matured this year. With one exception they were volunteer products from seed accidentally scattered and grown wild. If grains will grow and mature without culture, it stands to reason that they will grow and improve with culture."

"I also grew flax at Sitka the first year. It attained a height of more than three feet, matured seed and produced a fibre of excellent quality. There is no doubt that flax can be made a successful crop in the coast region of Alaska."

My instructions the first year were to examine the coast region and reserve lands for experiment stations at suitable places. With this end in view we started a station at Kenai, on the Kenai peninsula in Cook Inlet. We made a reservation of 320 acres there, some of which has since been cleared and has matured grain successfully."

WILL GO TO PRISON.

Youth Prefers Imprisonment to Refunding Stolen Money.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The case of Morris Aaronburg, the youth who has confessed that he stole \$837 from Mrs. Margaret Beck, which has puzzled the police from the first, still staggers the officials although the boy has declared his guilt.

It is the first case in police records here where a man or boy has confessed to having stolen money and has stood ready to take all the punishment which could be given for the offense without making restitution and trying to escape the full penalty.

The police have figured it out that if Aaronburg goes to prison for the maximum term of five years without returning the stolen money he will come out financially as if he had been at work all the time on a salary of about \$1800 a year. All evidence is taken as indicating that Aaronburg has the money safely concealed and intends to go to prison without revealing its hiding place. He will probably be sentenced today.

PLENTY OF RECRUITS.

Now Arriving at the Presidio at the Rate of Two Hundred and Fifty a Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Recruits are arriving at the Presidio from various enlistment points throughout the country at the rate of about 250 a week. There are at present over 400 at the barracks. Many of these will probably be held here awaiting orders from Washington, for it is reported that the gaps in the army of the Philippines and China are filled.

Twelve insane soldiers now at the general hospital will be sent to the government asylum at Washington this week to make room for the insane that are en route from the Philippines.

DISASTROUS FREIGHT WRECK.

Two Killed and Four Seriously Injured on Southern Pacific.

OGDEN, Dec. 11.—A disastrous freight wreck occurred on the Southern Pacific one mile west of Fenton station near Wells, Nev., at noon today, a helper engine crashing into a double header freight.

The dead are: Timothy Kennedy, a brakeman; Duncan, fireman. The seriously injured are: Fred C. Stokes, of Ogden, engineer; Brandish, brakeman; C. G. Sadler, engineer; Oliver, fireman.

KILLED BY HIS MISTRESS

Jealous Woman Poured Carbolic Acid Into Mouth of Sleeping Man.

BUFFALO, Dec. 11.—George Harmon, a stationary engineer employed by the Union Dry Dock Company, staggered from a hallway on South Division street

and fell to the sidewalk in a dying condition resulting from carbolic acid burns. He was taken to an accident hospital, where he died a few minutes later.

It was learned by the police that Harmon had been in the room of Mrs. Maggie Culp. The woman left the building through a rear door and the detective force of the city has been unable to find her.

The police were at first inclined to believe that Harmon had committed suicide, but after an investigation state that they believe that in a passion of jealous rage the woman poured the acid into the mouth and over the face of Harmon, whom they assume was sleeping upon a bed in her room. It is stated that Mrs. Culp had made threats to kill Harmon, who she knew contemplated marriage to another woman.

ANOTHER TREATY RUMOR.

Balfour Is Reported to Have Said That England Would Permit Canal's Fortification.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

It is reported that Arthur J. Balfour, government leader in the house of commons, gave a pledge to a United States senator last summer that Great Britain would accept the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with the Davis amendment, and it has been a powerful aid to those who advocated amending the treaty. The report is indirect contradiction of information given out at the English foreign office.

Friends of the treaty who want it ratified in its original form state positively that they know Great Britain will very likely return the treaty to the United States unaccepted if it is amended. Secretary Hay's earnestness in pressing for the ratification in its original form is regarded as evidence that he does not think Great Britain will accept the amended treaty.

LAURIER WILL GO.

Canadian Premier to Attend the Inauguration Ceremonies of the New Australian Commonwealth.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—It is stated here by the Herald, which is generally supposed to be in the confidence of the government, that a change has been made in the plans with respect to the ceremonies inaugurating the Australian commonwealth which renders it almost certain that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will go to Australia after all.

It is now settled that the Duke of York will open the newly federated parliament on May 1 and that all the pomp and pageantry arranged for the duke's visit will take place about that time. This will permit the premier to leave Canada early in April and arrive in Sydney by the appointed date.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Fate of Dawson Miners Who Sought New Fields in the Tanana Country.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 11.—News is brought by the steamer Danube of winter tragedies of the northern trails. The last victims of the stampedes in search for gold at the Rainbow's Top are Harry Canby and another Dawson miner who left the Klondike capital but a short time ago to join the rush to the recently found diggings in the Tanana country.

The two miners were frozen to death on the trail between Circle City and Tanana. The news comes in a dispatch from Dawson under date of November 30th.

SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—A letter from Mark Twain written from London to Mrs. James Farria, of Sacramento, and wishing to the organization all success, was read as a feature of the reception of the Missouri Society of California last night. Attorney-General Ford made the address of the evening.

SLOAN BARRED OFF.

Famous Jockey Will Not Be Permitted to Ride at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—T. H. Williams, Jr., president of the California Jockey Club, has received official confirmation of the report that Jockey Sloan will be refused a license by the English Jockey Club and in conformity thereto has decided that Sloan shall not be permitted to ride at Oakland.

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