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Roberts Expects Severe Struggle When Next He Meets the Boers.

WILL REST AT BLOEMFONTEIN

Meanwhile News of Hard Fighting in North Natal May Be Expected at Any Time—Warren's Forces, Now at Durban, Have Been Ordered to Join Buller.

LONDON, March 15.—At precisely 1:30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, a Union Jack, especially made for this purpose by Lady Roberts, was hoisted over the presidency at Bloemfontein, amid the acclamations of the commander-in-chief's battalions, in which, curiously enough, the Orange Free State burghers appear to have joined with remarkable heartiness.

The opposition to the entry of the British troops into the capital was insignificant. The troops were occupying a few high places in the hills about the place, but a few shells drove them out at 1 o'clock in the morning. Newspaper correspondents entering the town, found Mr. Frazer and others who guided them to where Lord Roberts stood on the top of a hill waiting for them. As spokesman, Mr. Frazer asked protection for life and property and surrendered the keys. Lord Roberts, accompanied by his staff, rode at the head of a cavalcade a mile along to the Presidency, receiving an ovation throughout the route, culminating in a remarkable demonstration at the market square.

Reaching the government buildings, Lord Roberts took possession of the city in the name of the Queen and then repaired to the Presidency, where the ceremony of hoisting the Union Jack ended forever, according to universal opinion here, the Boer government of the Free State. During his progress through the town, Roberts stopped and ordered the instant replacement of goods which were being looted from the artillery barracks by Kaffirs, thus giving the populace an earnest assurance of the treatment they might expect from the victors.

President Steyn fled to Kroonstadt without replying to Lord Roberts' demand for his surrender, and the Commander-in-Chief remarked afterwards, during the course of conversation while breakfasting at the farm of President Steyn's brother, that the ex-President had become a nonentity. The British troops, with the exception of those necessary to police the town, remain outside. Bloemfontein is now regarded as a sort of half-way house and base of operations for the advance on Pretoria. The military authorities here expect a period of comparative quiet while Lord Roberts is establishing railroad connection with Noorvalds Pont and Bethulie, relieving the men and horses and giving them the necessary rest to fit them for the severe struggles which are believed to be inevitable.

It seems likely that the news of fighting may next come from Natal. General Warren's division, which had reached Durban, has been ordered to join General Buller, indicating that the outflanking movement through the neck of Zululand is about to commence. It is reported at Bloemfontein that General Joubert is at Brandfort, but other reports locate him at Biggersberg.

English Colonists Pleasied. The text of the correspondence between the two Presidents and Lord Salisbury has been read with the liveliest feeling of satisfaction by the English in South Africa, where it is interpreted as a clear intimation that the war must go on until the Dutch Republics are ready to surrender unconditionally. The inference to be drawn from Pretoria dispatches is that the appeal of the two Presidents was designed to draw from the British

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government a reply which would convince the Dutch that there was nothing before them except a desperate resistance to a war of conquest.

The action of the United States State Department has caused much surprise here, especially as it is misunderstood by the public in the absence of the text of the correspondence between the two governments. The European governments are credited with acting more cautiously in waiting for the publication of Lord Salisbury's reply, before deciding whether there was any occasion for offering their services as peacemakers.

Signed With a Gold Pen.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—At 12:46 o'clock this afternoon the President affixed his signature to the financial bill, thus making it a law of the land. Representative Overstreet, who had the bill in charge, arrived at the White House about five minutes before that time, and was shown into the cabinet-room, where he was joined by the President, who, after inquiring if the bill had been compared with care, affixed his signature to it. At the same time he recalled to those who stood by the fact that many of the important financial bills which had been passed by Congress had been approved on the 14th of the month. He spoke of the Sherman act, the resumption act and now the bill which was before him. In signing the bill, the President used a new gold pen and holder, which Overstreet had brought with him for the purpose.

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INDIANAPOLIS, March 14.—The Sentinel tomorrow will say:

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Patrick Egan's Views.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Patrick Egan, ex-minister to Chile, and ex-president of the Irish National Federation, has written a letter, in which he says: "I think I know the Irish people as a whole and in detail at home and abroad, as well as any other living man, and I can say conscientiously that outside of the immediate place-holders and hangers-on of the British government, the Orange Fraternity, the landlords and castle shopkeepers, and a mere handful of the society people, known as 'Cawstle Cawtholics,' making a grand total of not over 15 per cent of the entire population, there are none in Ireland who want Victoria as their Queen, or who have any other feeling for her than one of

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NEW YORK, March 15.—Montagu White confirms the rumor that the Boers will utterly destroy Johannesburg if forced to do so. Pretoria could not be defended, he says, if Johannesburg were permitted to remain.

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