

ALL INTEREST IN MAFEKING

Forces Now Converging Toward That Point Are Supposed to Have a Double Responsibility.

TO ADVANCE ON PRETORIA

British Prisoners at Pretoria Will Be in Danger From Roberts' Fire—All Danger of Intervention Is Now Believed to Be Past.

London, March 19.—Neither the advance by way of Fourteen Streams nor Colonel Plumer's movement has yet resulted in bringing news of Mafeking's relief. From Bloemfontein and Natal there are apparently no serious developments, and public interest remains centered in Colonel Baden-Powell's force. However, it appears likely that the converging of the troops toward Mafeking indicates a much more serious purpose than merely its relief. Judging from Lord Methuen's presence at Warrentown and the capture of the near-by passage of the Vaal at Fourteen Streams, keen observers believe Lord Roberts meditates an advance in force on Pretoria by way of Rustenberg. This might start either from Fourteen Streams or Klensdorf and would probably coincide with an advance by way of Bloemfontein and Natal. Thus Lord Methuen may be given the chance to redeem his reputation as has General Gatacre.

Commandant Olivier has accomplished another feat in his retreat from Northern Cape Colony, evacuating Roucheville and going towards Kroonstadt, where President Steyn is.

Pretoria Prisoners Moved.
New York, March 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The British officers now in Pretoria have been removed from the prison where Winston Churchill left them, to new quarters in the outskirts of the town under Daspoort ridge. The reasons for this change are not stated, but it is evident that General Roberts' army will have to expose a number of British prisoners to exceptional danger when Pretoria is invested.

No Danger of Intervention.
New York, March 19.—Great Britain's declaration that she will not tolerate the intervention of any power effectively prevents Europe from attempting to end the hostilities in progress in South Africa.

This statement was made last night in Washington by a well-informed diplomat, who had carefully followed international events transpiring in the Old World. "The European horizon," he continued, "is remarkably clear for England. Had intervention been contemplated action would have been taken when British prestige had suffered such a severe blow by the reverses of General Buller before Ladysmith; of General Gatacre at Stormberg, and General Methuen at the Modder river. The fact that Russia did not at that moment interfere shows conclusively, I believe, the truthfulness of the peace sentiments entertained by the Czar, which he endeavored to have incorporated into international law by the conference held at The Hague. I think it may be set down as absolutely correct that Russia does not propose to take advantage of Great Britain's present preoccupation in South Africa."

"It is true that the loan just made to Persia will increase her influence with the people. That loan, however, is not due to the South African war. Negotiations for its subscription were begun before the war commenced. Great Britain knew of it, but did not try to prevent Persia from obtaining the money from Russia. It is untrue that Russia has been massing troops on the frontier of Afghanistan. Those reports were proba-

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bly put in circulation by persons desirous of distracting attention in England from events occurring in South Africa.

"It is to be expected that the Presidents of the South African Republics will endeavor to secure peace through diplomatic means. They probably fully understand by now that there is no prospect of a second Majuba Hill and that if peace comes before their governments are wiped out, it must be achieved by diplomatic negotiations. Just how this is possible, however, in view of Great Britain's positive declaration, I cannot say. The note from the United States enabled Lord Salisbury to play a strong card at the right time. His declaration has done much to clear the atmosphere for Great Britain and has shown the world the intention of the British government to destroy the two Republics.

"Undoubtedly the governments of Europe have discussed the prospect of compensation, but there is no talk of concerted action at present. It seems to me that had the decision been at all serious, action would have been inaugurated by the other powers when the English troops were in such a desperate plight in South Africa. The Boers now seem demoralized; the English have an immediate force with which to conquer them and it is hardly probable that the rebels sustained some weeks ago by the British troops will be repeated."

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Celebrated In South Africa.

CAPE TOWN, March 19.—St. Patrick's day was celebrated with extraordinary enthusiasm throughout South Africa. In a message to Irishmen of Cape Town, the Queen said:

"I have always felt confident that the spirit, courage and allegiance which have distinguished the Irish soldiers in the face of the enemy would not be spared by their brethren in the Colony in support of the authority of my government."

On the initiative of Lord Roberts, a newspaper has been started at Bloemfontein for the edification of the troops. Rudyard Kipling contributed to the inaugural edition the following lines:

O Terrence, dear, and did you hear
The news that's goin' round?
The shamrock's Erin's badge by law
Where'er her sons are found.
From Bloemfontein to Ballybank,
'Tis ordered by the Queen,
We've won our right in open fight,
The wearing of the green.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I could not even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drugstore; every bottle guaranteed.

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QUEEN VICTORIA TICKLED IRELAND

Her Action Regarding the Shamrock Was One of Wisdom—Ends Bitterness of Years.

NEW YORK, March 19.—T. P. O'Connor, M. P., in the London Daily Mail, writes:

"I am asked to state my views with regard to the momentous announcements as to the proposal by the Queen of the wearing of the shamrock by Irish soldiers and as to Her Majesty's visit to Ireland.

"As to the wearing of the shamrock, it is a tribute to Irish nationality which will be greatly appreciated. The symbolical things of life are all apparently in themselves small things. The shamrock materially is a small plant, but the wearing of it means to an Irishman centuries of sacred memories and country's wrongs resisted, hopes maintained. The sanction of the wearing of it by the Irish soldier, then, is a concession—I had almost called it a tremendous concession—to Irish sentiment by the British throne, which must have vast consequences.

"But, speaking assuredly in no spirit of carping objection, but as an illustration and a lesson, may I point out that the conduct of English ministers toward this small question is a very remarkable and significant example of the slowness and dullness of wit, the want of imagination, insight and sympathy which have characterized all relations between England and Ireland? While the Scotch soldier could wear the thistle without interference, while the Welsh soldier could wear the leek, the Irish soldier year after year was sent by some stupid officer to prison because he wore the emblem of his nationality.

"And when an Irish member, session after session, called attention to the fact in the House of Commons, he was howled at by many English members, and received either an abrupt or positive answer from the minister. And now, after all the bitterness of these years; after the imprisonment and the snubs and all the rest, the trouble is ended by order of the highest and greatest figure in the realm. I will not say, as can be said about so many other concessions to Irish feeling, 'Too late, too late,' but assuredly the concession has not come too soon.

"And now as to the visit of the Queen to Ireland, I find this act a touching and, if I may use the word, a state-manlike and eloquent proof, added to the many others, that the present sovereign is one of the wisest that ever ruled these lands."

Spitting Blood



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