

ROBERTS HAS MUCH TO DO

Winter Will Soon Be Upon the Transvaal and Troops and Horses Must Be Equipped.

THE BOERS ARE STRENGTHENED

Roberts' Advance Will Be Along a Broad Front—Boers Captured a Number of Britishers Near Lady Smith—Interview With Kruger.

LONDON, March 29.—Conjecture as to Lord Roberts' advance from Bloemfontein is the topic of the day and is likely to continue so if the British commander-in-chief in South Africa conceals his movements as carefully as he has done in the past. April 2d is set by various critics as the probable date of the departure of the main army from Bloemfontein. It is pointed out that there will then be over a week's hard marching before Kroonstadt is reached, though there seems no certainty that Kroonstadt will entirely occupy Roberts' attention. The advance, when it does occur, will probably be made by parallel columns along a broad front.

The movements of the cavalry force and part of the infantry towards Glen can scarcely be construed as an actual advance although they undoubtedly point to the imminence of such a step. But only a small part of General Gatacre's forces have yet arrived at Bloemfontein and until that movement is completed, it is not likely Roberts will start for Pretoria.

The latest news from Bloemfontein, contained in a dispatch published in the second edition of the Times and dated Wednesday, again dwells upon the necessity for not making a premature advance. This correspondent, who on several occasions seemed to be chosen as the mouthpiece of Roberts, cables:

"It should be clearly understood that the present halt in the vicinity of Bloemfontein is absolutely necessary as a military precaution. It should be borne in mind that we are about to enter on a new phase of the operations, with the main communication through a recently occupied hostile country and that the recent successes necessitated a great expenditure of horse power. Here and in Natal we shall move on the commencement of the South African winter and must be prepared to face effects of the first frost upon such animals as may be affected with horse sickness. It would be suicide to push troops forward until they are equipped to meet the exposure of winter. Horses, clothing and food we must have."

The correspondent adds that the Boer forces have been re-equipped, and he says he is fully convinced that 15,000 foreign troops have been landed to aid the republics.

Clements at Fauresmith.

LONDON, March 29.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 28:

"General Clements occupied Fauresmith today without opposition. One nine-pounder and one Martini-Maxim were discovered in a prospecting shaft of a mine, where a large quantity of ammunition was buried.

"Arms are being surrendered gradually and the inhabitants are settling down.

"Colonel Pilcher visited Ladybrand on March 26. On leaving the town he was attacked by a party of the enemy and one of his force was wounded and five are missing.

"During the skirmish north of the Modder river on March 25, five men were wounded. Three are reported to be missing. Captain Sloan Stanley, of the Sixteenth lancers, and five men of that regiment were taken prisoners."

Duke of Norfolk's Patriotism.

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Interview With Kruger.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The World publishes a long interview with President Kruger, under date of Pretoria, February 7, President Kruger said:

"I sent a message to the World saying that the losses in a war would stagger humanity." The British laughed at me and said they would only take a month to conquer us. Did those 650 dead at Spion Kop and those hundreds who were killed in other battles please the British? Are they laughing now? When you came through London did you see much laughing?"

The correspondent told him of the scenes in front of the London war bulletin boards, the weeping relatives and the sorrowing friends. Mr. Kruger went on:

"Yes, that is only one side of the picture. Here we have the same scenes, only our casualties are not so great. Every home in South Africa has been desolated and the war has only begun. Wait until the war is ended and those who will suffer on account of it will be numbered by the hundreds of thousands. Did Chamberlain and Milner and the capitalists who were back of them think of those things before they drove us to the wall? Are the tears of widows and orphans to pay for the gold fields?"

"Tell me Americans that I appreciate their expressions of sympathy, and that I will inform my burghers of it. I am greatly pleased to hear that committees have been formed to raise funds for our Red Cross. We need medicines and supplies for our wounded—not so much for our own wounded, but for the many poor British soldiers who come into our hands. It makes my heart bleed to see that they suffer, we cannot help them as much as we would like to do, because

the British authorities will not let us bring medicine or supplies for our local Red Cross through Delagoa bay."

President Kruger said that the Boers looked for no assistance from any nation. He declared that the Boers would not destroy the mines in any event. He said that before the war he believed that the United States would offer to act as arbitrator of the differences between the two countries, and that he was perfectly content to accept the decision that would have been made, but Great Britain refused to arbitrate.

Bryan at Salem.

SALEM, March 29.—One of the largest crowds assembled in Salem for many years greeted Col. W. J. Bryan yesterday afternoon. They came from the surrounding country for many miles, the half of Polk county's population being reckoned among the number. The arrangements were well carried out.

Mrs. Hattie Parish Hinges opened the meeting in Marion square with one of her charming songs and Hon. John A. Jeffrey neatly introduced the distinguished guest, who spoke for nearly two hours.

There was not much enthusiasm. The people were considerably disappointed. From the published reports they had expected that his voice was like the trumpet of doom and could be heard to the extreme confines of the grounds, but they found it difficult to hear at any great distance. Then they were grievously disappointed in Mr. Bryan's appearance, which has so much deteriorated since he was here in 1895 and 1897. Those who had not personally heard him before were sorely disappointed in another way: They came to hear a statesman and they found only a talking machine, a sort of graphophone with only one sheet to play from. He had poor success in holding his crowd, which kept leaving him all the time. His followers here are not enthusiastic about the result.

PETITION FILED WITH ROOT

Asks that Troops Remain in Coeur d'Alene District—Signed By 1500 People—Steunenberg on the Stand

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Coeur d'Alene investigation opened today with no outward evidence of the exciting events of yesterday. Steunenberg was again on the stand, with Lentz conducting the cross examination.

The evidence was on unimportant details until Governor Steunenberg was questioned as to a recent petition from the Coeur d'Alene district, asking the secretary of war to retain the federal troops there. This petition has not yet been presented to the federal authorities and the committee went into executive session to determine what to do with the document.

The committee decided in executive session to file the petition from the Coeur d'Alene with the secretary of the war, and in the meantime it will not be made public. It is understood to be an extensive document, bearing about 1500 names, and states in substance that while people at a distance may regard the policy adopted by the governor and military authorities as harsh, yet that the signers fully uphold the policy adopted, and consider it necessary to overcome the lawlessness and disorder which, it is stated, has existed for some time. It requests the secretary of war to continue the guard of troops in the Coeur d'Alene district.

Steunenberg's examination was resumed at the opening session, developing little additional, and at noon the committee adjourned until 2 o'clock.

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