

IS IN PURSUIT

British Cavalry After the Boer Army.

Republics Make Peace Overtures.

Terms Not Considered Satisfactory in London—Kruger Delivers a Sermon in Bloemfontein.

LONDON, March 9.—(Friday, 4:15 a. m.)—The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever, except that, while in retreat, they twice repulsed General French's cavalry with rifle fire. As no report has been made of the capture of prisoners, the enemy probably got away with their entire force. General French is still following them, and keeping between them and Bloemfontein.

The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in possession of the railroad crossings. Military critics comment on the discouraging news from Mafeking. Colonel Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help, otherwise he would not allow the correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison. The re-adjustment of some higher commands is taking place. General White is to go to Stormberg to take supreme command of General Gatacre's division and the tenth division now in progress of formation, which will be under the immediate command of General Hunter, Sir George White's chief of staff.

The Daily News makes the following announcement:

"It was rumored in London yesterday, and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct, that the two republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day. Unfortunately the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of their leading to any result. Terms, which might have been gladly accepted before the war, in order to avert it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed."

AT LADYSMITH.
Ladysmith, March 8.—The Boers are entrenching at Biggersberg. Scouts report that all Natal Dutch farmers have fled from the surrounding country.

NOT DISCOURAGED.

Pretoria, March 8.—Secretary of State Reitz has issued a war bulletin, saying the Boers are not discouraged by the reverses and will fight to the death. General Dewet is now in command of the Boers north of the Modder river. President Kruger has gone to Bloemfontein, presumably to settle the differences between the Transvaalers and the Free States.

A special dispatch from Bloemfontein says that President Kruger, addressing a crowd of people, said:

"Although God is testing our people, my personal opinion is that the limit of the test is nearly reached. If the people are sustained by faith in the time of adversity, God will soon turn the tide in our favor. If we have strong faith in God, he will surely deliver us. The God of deliverance of olden times is the same God now."

The speech of the venerable president brought tears to the eyes of men and women alike.

Fighting is proceeding at Mafeking. All outside forts, except one, have been taken by the Boers.

WAS A SUCCESS.

Bloemfontein, March 7.—Lord Roberts' movement today again surprised, outwitted and out-maneuvered the Boers, who fled almost without firing a shot. The plan of battle was as follows: General Colville's division extended along the north bank; General Tucker held the center reserve, and the Guards brigade had the center advance; General Kelly-Kenny's division was ordered to make a huge flanking movement on the Boers' left, following General French who was instructed to swing around the rear. Every movement was admirably executed and entirely successful. When last seen General French was pursuing the enemy vigorously. It is estimated the Boers number 14,000, all of whom are now in flight.

DENIED BY HARRISON.

The Ex-President Will Not Be a Candidate for Office.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8.—The News this afternoon says:

It is stated by intimate friends of General Harrison that he is chagrined that his name should be so freely chagrined in the newspapers of the country, in connection with the public questions now under consideration. His friends say he has not the slightest desire to re-enter politics. A gentleman who is near the former president used this statement today:

You may say that, if Harrison had any thought of re-entering politics, which he has not, he would not make his re-appearance by criticizing the administration.

THEATRE FRANCAIS BURNED.

Paris, March 8.—The famous Theatre Francais has been destroyed by fire.

The fire broke out about noon, but was not discovered immediately, and the theatre was burning furiously before the fire brigade got to work. Even then the appliances were quite inadequate to cope with the conflagration, and by 1:30 p. m. the entire building was a roaring furnace. The dense column of smoke rising from the fire attracted crowds from all parts of Paris, the Theatre Francais being regarded as a national institution. The theatre, which is the home of the Comedie Francais, was only reopened a fortnight ago, after having been renovated for the exposition through expected to visit Paris during the year.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Tacoma, Wash., March 8.—About 10 o'clock this morning, Frank Sprague shot and killed Mrs. Guy T. Gale, and then killed himself, at Gale's logging camp, about seven miles from Tacoma. Sprague arrived here Sunday from Cross Fort, Penn., where it is claimed, he met Mrs. Gale and was a suitor for her hand before she married Gale last November. This morning Sprague went to the Gale house. Gale was in the woods at the time, but went to the house on an errand, and was informed by Mrs. Gale that Sprague was inside. Mrs. Gale re-entered the house and was at once shot by Sprague. The victim staggered out of the house and died in her husband's arms. Sprague then shot himself.

RILEY AND MULLENS.

Lewiston, Me., March 8.—Martin Riley and Joe Mullens are scheduled to meet in a 15-round bout before the Maine Athletic Club tonight. The fight, no doubt, will be a spirited one, as the New England light-weight championship rests on the outcome of this battle.

THE FISH PACK.

Tacoma, March 8.—The state fish commissioner's forthcoming annual report will show that the salmon pack of Washington, last year, was 1,032,100 cases of salmon, valued at \$4,500,000, and the out put of fresh, salted and smoked fish brings the total value up to \$5,130,000.

MANY DEATHS.

New York, March 8.—Dr. Tracey, registrar of vital statistics of the Health department, says that there has been a large increase in the number of deaths from grippe and pneumonia in the last week as compared with the same week of 1899.

AMERICAN EXHIBITION.

New York, March 8.—The Society of American Artists opened their 22d annual exhibition at the Fine Art building today. It will continue open until Friday.

VISITED THE CITY

OFFICERS OF SALEM F. M. COMPANY INSPECT BUILDING SITE.

Manager Theo. B. Wilcox Refused to Divulge the Company's Plans—Will Probably Rebuild.

Theo. B. Wilcox, of Portland, manager of the Salem Flouring Mills Company, accompanied by M. W. Hunt, representative for Nordyke & Marmon Company, flour mill builders, of Indianapolis, Indiana, were in the city yesterday between trains, returning to Portland on the Shasta express last evening. When seen by a Statesman reporter, Mr. Wilcox refused to discuss the company's plans and declined to state positively whether or not the company would eventually replace the old mill. He said as manager of the corporation he had come to Salem for the purpose of looking over the field, ascertaining the need for the replacement of the mill and the probable cost of doing so. The company will now figure on the expense of a new mill and will doubtless reach a final conclusion in the matter within a very few days.

While in Salem, Mr. Wilcox visited the company's property on Mill creek, took measurements of the same and gathered other information pertaining to the mill company's business interests and its possessions in the Capital City. It will probably be definitely known within a very few days whether or not a new mill will be built at this point, but the appearances would indicate an intention on the part of the company of so doing.

TO REFORM SCHOOL.

Eugene Guard:
Hiram Copeland, aged about 31 years, today appeared at the sheriff's office and said he wanted to go to the State Reform school, as he could not be good in Eugene. It will be remembered that some time since sentence upon him was passed during good behavior. He will probably be taken below tomorrow.

A BIG MAJORITY.—Will H. Parry, well and pleasantly known throughout the Willamette valley as a newspaper man of marked ability, was last Tuesday elected councilman-at-large in the city of Seattle by the second largest vote received by any candidate on the ticket. His majority was 850 greater than that of the mayor. He has been city comptroller for the past four years. Mr. Parry was city editor of the Daily Statesman in the latter part of 1888, just before going to Seattle.

STATE TAXES.—Benton county yesterday made its second payment on account of the state taxes for the year 1899, amounting to \$4650. The first payment of \$2500 was made several weeks ago. No other county has thus far paid state taxes for 1899.

A TARIFF BILL

Puerto Rican Measure in the Senate

Southern Member's Generous Words.

Attitude of the President Explained by a Member of the Cabinet—No Change Occurred.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The formal discussion of the Puerto Rican tariff and civil government bill began in the senate today, and continued uninterruptedly for four and a half hours. The principal speakers were Foraker, in charge of the measure, and Pettus, democrat, who spoke against the bill. Pettus congratulated the president on the position he had taken in his last annual message, favoring free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico.

"No sordid politician's fingers had been put in the ink of that message," he said. "The president was honest and sincere when he distinctly advised free trade between the United States and the island of Puerto Rico. Though he may desire a re-election, he was a brave soldier, and is an able and generous man."

M'KINLEY'S POSITION.

Washington, March 8.—A member of the cabinet tonight gave out the following authoritative statement:

"There has been wide misapprehension of the attitude of the president, of the action of congress, and of their relations to each other. The criticism and concern which have come from well-meaning quarters are due, almost entirely to a misunderstanding of the real facts."

"The attempt to represent that there has been a disagreement between the president and congress is wholly unfounded. There have been no essential differences between them. The recommendation of the president and the house bill in their purpose and effect amount to the same thing. The president, in his annual message on December 4th, urged that the customs duties on the trade between Puerto Rico and the United States be removed."

"What the president proposed was that the United States should offer the largest and most generous measure of help to the distressed and suffering island, and he has never wavered an instant in the object he sought."

"The partisans who sought to put the president and congress in the hole have, perhaps, unconsciously, dug a pit for themselves. They will find that they have taken a position which will expose them from carrying out the policy that we have proposed for the disposition of the Philippines. It is enough for the present to say that our contention that the constitution does not by its own force extend over the new possessions without legislative action, is in harmony with the general tenor of judicial action from the acquisition of Louisiana down to the present time."

IN CONGRESS.

Washington, March 8.—The house unscathed Gaston A. Robbins, democrat from the Fourth district in Alabama, and seated in his stead William F. Aldrich, the republican, who has three times been a contestant from the same district, on the ground of fraud, and who is now given his seat for the third time by a republican house. The vote was strictly a party one.

A new rule was brought in to set aside the day sessions on the second and fourth Fridays each month for pension legislation. The rule limits the debate on each bill to ten minutes on a side, but this provision was withdrawn upon the assurance of Richardson, the minority leader, that his side of the house would not indulge in filibustering.

The house committee on marine and fisheries today, by a vote of 10 to 3, ordered the shipping subsidy bill reported. Grosvenor summed up the results by saying the committee had agreed to amendments in the senate bill, also to a few other new amendments. On the final vote all republican members favored the bill as amended, and all democrats opposed it except Chandler, who did not vote. The Stevens anti-trust amendments were agreed to.

FEARING BUBONIC PLAGUE.

THE SURGEON GENERAL SAYS THE DISEASE EXISTS.

That a Japanese Vessel at Port Townsend Quarantine Has a Case—In San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Surgeon-General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, upon being shown the dispatch stating that it was denied that members of the crew of Japanese steamer Nanyo Maru, which has been detained at Diamond Point, Washington, were suffering from the plague, said that facts are, that the steamer arrived at Port Townsend, quarantine, January 30th, having had two cases of sickness on board en route. There was one death at quarantine, and it was found to have resulted from bubonic plague. There were also a number of cases of berri-berri. The steamer has been thoroughly disinfected and released. The passengers and crew who

have been held in quarantine will be released, but those who have been in the hospital will still be held.

Surgeon Gassoway, in charge at San Francisco, has reported to General Wyman the glands from the suspected case of plague there were submitted to the local health authorities, and an examination is being made. He described the quarantine regulations in force there, and says the situation thus far is apparently well in hand. The antecedents of the suspected case have not as yet been ascertained.

The surgeon-general states that a quantity of anti-pest serum, which he has recently imported from the Pasteur Institute in Paris, is already in the hands of the marine hospital officers at San Francisco. He has sent an additional quantity for use in this emergency.

SOVEREIGN TALKS.

Washington, March 8.—James R. Sovereign continued his testimony in the Coeur d'Alene case today. Owing to Representative Lentz's absence in New York, Representative Slayden, of Texas, directed the examination, and the cross-examination was participated in by all the members of the committee. Mr. Sovereign testified that the Miners' Union was not responsible for the publications written by him, which had been introduced as evidence. The cross-examination took Mr. Sovereign over the exciting events attending the blowing up of the Bunker Hill concentrators, and the witness was made to recite in minute details the circumstances of the affair. In the main, this was an elaboration of the direct testimony previously given. He said the masks worn by the men were ordinary cloth with holes cut out for the eyes.

AN OIL TRUST.

Columbus, O., March 8.—A special to the Dispatch from Toledo, says: The English petroleum syndicate of London, the foreign branch of the Standard Oil Company, is reliably reported to have closed a gigantic deal in the Ohio oil field. The company absorbs the Cudaly combination of Chicago, and the Manhattan Oil Co. The consideration is understood to be \$10,000,000.

LARGE FARM SOLD.—As referee in the partition case of the Walling heirs, J. R. Shepard, of Zena, yesterday sold to Wm. M. Toner and F. W. Peaslee the Walling farm of 394 acres in Spring valley for \$7,000.

TOOK TWENTY DOLLARS FROM PURSE.

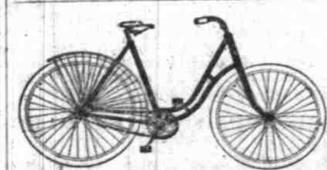
Residence of Rev. H. A. Ketchum Was Burglarized on Tuesday Evening—Secured Some Money.

Some time Tuesday night the residence of Rev. H. A. Ketchum, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at the corner of State and Church streets, was entered by burglars.

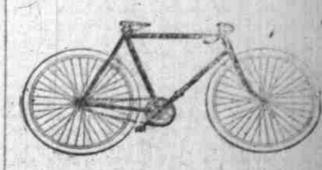
The burglar was a very considerate individual and even in his criminal work evidenced good training, evidently being opposed to taking everything his victim might possess for he took only \$20 out of a purse containing \$30, leaving the remaining \$10 and the purse in the room. A finely engraved pen knife which had been presented Dr. Ketchum by members of his congregation, and a splendid magnifying glass and case were also taken, while a valuable gold watch in the same room was left undisturbed.

How the thief gained admission to the house, is a mystery to the family, which is especially careful at all times to see that the home is securely barred to such intruders. The fact that not a window nor a door had been forced, confirms the supposition that the burglar entered the house during the evening and secreted himself in the building until the family had retired when he executed his work without fear of molestation. The unwelcome visitor left the building through a door which was unbolted from the inside.

Today is the 37th Anniversary of the Battle Between the Merrimac and the Monitor.



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