

# HALF THE CAMPAIGN OVER

## Lord Roberts Occupies Bloemfontein, Capital of the Orange Free State.

### More Heavy Fighting Is Expected--Many Citizens of the Captured Capital Greet the British Troops With Enthusiasm.

LONDON, March 15.—(Thursday, 4:30 a. m.)—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder River February 9th. He entered Bloemfontein on March 13th. Thus, in a little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of General Cronje's force and hoisted the flag in the capital of the free State. All this has been accomplished with comparatively trifling losses.

It is small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the newspapers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence, as being now one of the shadows of history.

It is not doubted that there may be heavy fighting, but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for a victory over all difficulties. His grim reference to the "late" President Steyn is understood as to show that there shall be no ambiguity as to the position assumed toward the republics.

The fact that Mr. Fraser, late chairman of the Free State and leader of the opposition to Steyn, came with a deputation to surrender the keys, is regarded as extremely significant of a considerable difference of opinion among the Free Staters regarding the war.

It is said that President Kruger hates Fraser on account of his sympathy with the Uitlanders. The demonstrations of the Bloemfontein inhabitants are also regarded as a good augury for the future of British supremacy.

It is interesting, in connection with the rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to learn that the Russian military attaché with the Boers, who was captured by the British, sent the following telegram to the czar:

"I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action and the endurance of the British infantry. I need say no more."

The British continue pressing their advance on the Orange river.

#### ROBERTS' REPORT.

LONDON, March 14.—Following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office, announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"Bloemfontein, March 13, 8 p. m.—By the help of God, and by the bravery of Her Majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State. Mr. Fraser, a member of the late executive government, the mayor, the secretary of the late governor, the landroest and other officials met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices."

"The enemy has withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seems quiet. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

"The above dispatch, though dated Tuesday, did not reach the war office until 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before 9 o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraph not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening."

#### FROM KRUGER.

New York, March 14.—A dispatch from President Kruger to the Evening Journal, dated Pretoria, March 13th, at 8 p. m., via Berlin, says:

"The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our line of defense on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than we expected. The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all others, are united. There are no differences. God help us."

#### THE BITTER END.

Pretoria, March 12.—Lord Salisbury's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn cause bitter disappointment, and State Secretary Reitz says it means that the war will be fought to the bitter end.

#### IN NATAL.

Ladysmith, March 14.—The Boers have been located in several strong positions near the junction of Drakensberg and Biggersberg ranges. They have heavy guns in position on Pongweni kop, at Hlatikula, and in the Ompoti mountains, as well as at Gibson's farm, near Cundyleugh pass. General Hunter now commands the division. Both men and horses of the relief column are completely recovered and now in the pink of condition.

#### KIPLING COMPLAINS.

New York, March 14.—The first word from Rudyard Kipling, since he went to South Africa, will be printed in this week's issue of Harper's Weekly. Kipling cables a long account of disloyalty, which he calls the "sin of witchcraft." The burden of his complaint is that the British civil authorities in Cape Town wink at semi-responsible acts and to quote his own words "the government will take care it does not pay any one to be loyal."

#### A BOER REPORT.

Pretoria, Tuesday.—Commander Delarey's report of the fight at Abraham's Kraal Saturday, says:

"The British were estimated to number 40,000 men. Their first assault was repulsed. Only two Boers were wounded. The second assault was made on the hills to the left of our position. These hills were of great strategic importance. Appreciating this, I and 300 men defended the position from 9 in the morning until sundown. The burghers fought like heroes and three times repulsed masses of the British who kept relieving their tired men. Every attempt to storm was defeated. At sundown there was not fifty yards

between us. The British lost heavily. No accurate returns of our losses are available."

#### JAMESON WAS SICK.

New York, March 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Dr. Jameson was down with enteric fever and critically ill when Ladysmith was relieved. A private dispatch received here by a prominent South African states that he has rallied and is likely to recover. Dr. Jameson was anxious to have a military command in the campaign, but as the leader of the raid he was excluded from the service for political reasons, and was not welcomed when he arrived at Ladysmith a few days before the investment of the town. His opportunity came. When the garrison was fever-stricken, he reverted to medical practice, and did ten men's work in caring for the fever patients and wounded soldiers.

#### DISLIKE THE QUEEN.

An Irishman's Opinion of the Feelings of His Countrymen.

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 cannot conscientiously say 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 'Cawtle 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 the coldest indifference, if not actual hatred."

#### MUTE WITNESSES.

Accused Klondike Murderer Had Blood on His Clothing.

Seattle, March 14.—Human hairs, blood stains and hidden money have been found by a Pinkerton detective about the possessions of O'Brien, the prisoner held by the mounted police on suspicion of the murder of Refle, Clayton and Olsen, Klondikers on their way out from Dawson.

C. P. Stone, on arrival at Skagway from Dawson, tells of discoveries which he regards as most important. A round indentation on the Yukon sled owned by O'Brien attracted the attention of the detective. The wood indicated that the sled had been repaired, but the Pinkerton man, on examining more closely, found a plug, which he forced out, revealing a cavity in which were three \$100 Canadian bills. Next he found blood stains and human hairs clinging to the framework of the sled, mute evidence, perhaps, of a terrible tragedy enacted on the Dawson trail. Two \$50 Canadian bills were found secreted in the ring plate of O'Brien's revolver.

#### SULZER'S INQUIRY.

Washington, March 14.—In the meeting of the house committee on military affairs today, Sulzer called up his resolution directing the secretary of war to inform the house what fortifications Great Britain is erecting along the northern frontier of the United States, especially at Puget sound and in the Northwest border country. An amendment was made striking out the reference of Great Britain and making it refer "to any foreign power." A motion to postpone consideration of the matter for a week prevailed in a party vote of six to five, and the resolution went over without action.

#### A DEMONSTRATION.

Naval Squadron to Go China as a Warning to Russia.

New York, March 14.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says: The German Ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, had a long conference with Acting Secretary of State Hill, in which the latter was presumably informed that a demonstration in China might be expected from Russia shortly. The chief of the bureau of navigation, Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, sought Secretary of State Hay and found him at the Hay residence, after which the navy department announced that a Chinese squadron will be established and that Rear-Admiral Kempff, now commandant at the Mare Island Navy Yard, will be sent to Manila to take this squadron for cruising the Chinese and Japanese coasts; also that Rear-Admiral Remey, in charge of the Asiatic station, will maintain the naval base at Manila.

#### THE RACE TRACK.

Boise, Idaho, March 14.—The state republican central committee today de-

ceded to hold the state convention, to select delegates to the national convention, at Lewiston, on May 8th, and the state nominating convention at Boise on July 17th.

#### WAS A FAILURE.

Last Year's Peace Conference Is Not Yet Ratified.

Washington, March 14.—In diplomatic circles here an unpleasant suggestion been thrown out to the effect that The Hague conference has resulted in a complete failure, and that even the limited program agreed upon is never to be perfected. The basis for this belief is the fact that, up to this moment, it is not known officially that a single one of the powers represented in the conference has ratified the three conventions prepared there.

#### THE CANAL BILL.

New York, March 14.—The commercial organizations of Greater New York held a conference at the New York Produce Exchange today. The chief topics discussed were the bills that the State Canal Committee submitted, and the means of carrying out the recommendations of that committee for the improvement of the canals.

#### WASHINGTON'S DEAD.

Olympia, Wash., March 14.—Adjutant General Fox has telegraphed from San Francisco, that he had started for Olympia with nine bodies of unclaimed soldiers belonging to the First Washington volunteers. The funeral will be held in Olympia Sunday March 18th.

#### THE HOLLAND BOAT.

Washington, March 14.—A large congressional party, including members of the senate and house committees on naval affairs, today witnessed the performance of the Holland submarine torpedo boat.

#### FAVORS ASTORIA.

Washington, March 14.—The ways and means committee today ordered a favorable report on the bill to extend to Astoria, Oregon, the privilege of immediate transportation on dutiable goods.

#### BLOCKADE RAISED.

Vancouver, B. C., March 14.—The blockade on the Canadian Pacific since last Saturday was raised today. Over 400 Japanese arrived today on the steamer Glenogle from Yokohama.

#### HELD A CAUCUS.

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#### PREPARED FOR SPRING TRADE.

E. M. Croisan, the Reliable Implement Dealer, Has a Complete Stock of Standard Machinery.

#### PENSIONS APPROVED.

Washington, March 14.—The house committee on pensions today ordered bills reported, granting pensions to the widow of Colonel Stotsenberg, of the First Nebraska regiment, killed in the Philippines, at \$40 per month; to the widow of Captain Allan-Capron, killed in Cuba, at \$30 per month, and to the widow of Captain Allan Capron Sr., at \$25 per month. The distinction in the rate in the Capron cases is due to the property owned by Mrs. Capron Sr.

#### TRIBUTE TO BRAVERY.

New South Wales Honors the Irish Troops Fighting in Africa.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 14.—The government has proclaimed St. Patrick's Day a public holiday, as a tribute to the bravery of the Irish soldiers in South Africa.

#### SURRENDERED HIMSELF.

Goldendale, Wash., March 14.—Geo. R. A. Ferris, a Klickitat farmer, surrendered himself today to the sheriff, stating that on Monday afternoon at his farm in the Goodnoe hills, he shot and killed a man by the name of Wurrell, in self-defense. Wurrell, an unmarried man from Missouri, had the Ferris farm rented.

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## THE BICYCLE TAX

### ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN LEVIED BY MARION COUNTY COURT.

The delightful weather of the past week has brought out bicycles in countless numbers. Wheelmen yesterday abandoned the cement pavements for the more agreeable streets which are thoroughly dry and even dusty—an unusual condition to exist in Oregon in the middle of March. The wheel trade is opening up good and sales promise to surpass those of last season. With the advent of good wheel weather, the attention of cyclists is naturally directed to bicycle paths and prospective jaunts into the country. The Marion county court has made the annual levy of \$1.25 per wheel but the sheriff is not yet prepared to receive the taxes. Last year the sheriff was allowed to retain 25 cents as his fee on each wheel, placing \$1 in the bicycle fund. In levying the tax this year, the county court decreed that the sheriff should receive only 15 cents commission on each wheel and is obliged to furnish his own tags, receipts and books.

The construction of new bicycle paths and the completion of those begun last year, will be undertaken as soon as the weather conditions will permit and when there are available funds with which to carry on the work. There has always been more or less talk in Marion county of testing the constitutionality of the act creating the tax, but thus far there has been no resistance offered to the operation of the law, and it is not at all probable that the opposition thereto will assume tangible form this season. The general utility and apparent convenience of cycle paths is too apparent to warrant a revolutionary course on his part. Consequently it may be expected that when the tax books have been placed in readiness, the response in the payment of this tax will be as general as it was last year.

#### IS A BUSY FACTORY.

The Kurtz Box-Making Institution a Scene of Bustling Activity--Will Supply All Demands.

A Statesman reporter yesterday happened in at the Kurtz Box Factory on Trade street and a very busy place he found it to be. The plant has been in operation for a number of weeks and Mr. Kurtz expects to be able to supply all demands for boxes.

A great quantity of lumber has been delivered at the factory and will be converted into boxes of all kinds and shapes. Mr. Kurtz is now ready to take orders for strawberry boxes in any quantity and at very reasonable prices. Orders will be received for all kinds of boxes and in any quantity.

#### LEFT THE CITY.

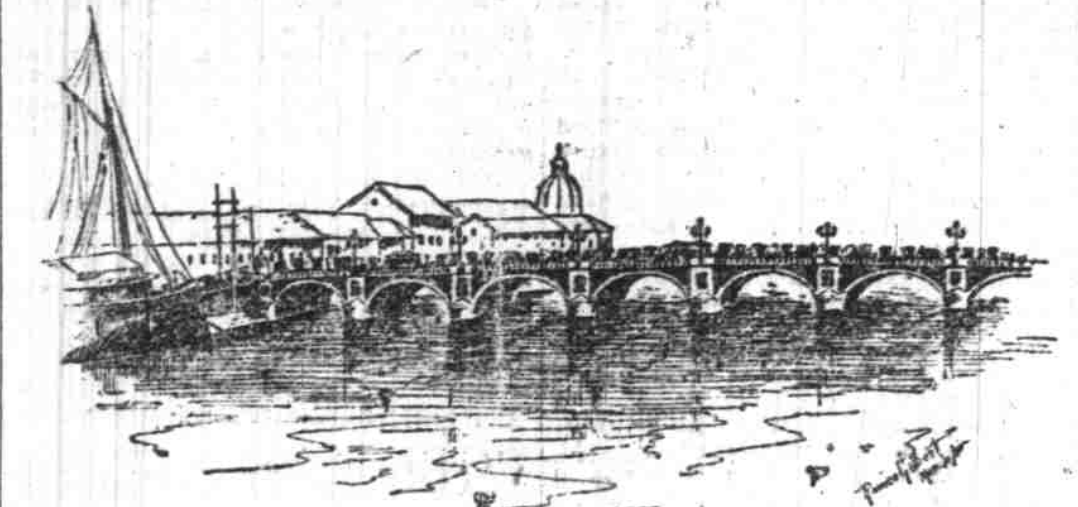
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Bridge of Spain, Crossing Pasay River at Manila. (From "Our New Possessions.")



Remains of the Castilla. (From "Our New Possessions.")

was a highly educated, jovial Irishman, who had taken honors once upon a time at Dublin college. When I knew him he was on his last legs, drifting from one city to another and picking up a meager livelihood doing whatever hack work came to his hand. In the course of these wanderings he landed in St. Louis, and somehow or other secured the job of getting up an advertising booklet for a big manufacturing concern. (The idea of the head of the house was to begin with a glowing description of the establishment and follow it up with some matter of a general character which would be sufficiently interesting to induce people to preserve the pamphlet. The major, drunk or sober, was a ready, graceful writer, and the descriptive work was play for him, but as he happened to be living in a lodging-house, with no reference library at his command, the miscellaneous matter was a puzzle. When he finally turned in the copy the manufacturer was dissatisfied. "I want this booklet to wind up with a short, crisp compilation of facts," he said, "that will make a chap keep it for further reference. Call 'em 'Things Worth Remembering,' or something like that."

"The major was feverishly anxious to get the pay for his work, and in desperation he rushed back to his den, grabbed pen and ink, and proceeded to compile a remarkable collection of 'Things Worth Remembering.' I still recall a few. They ran about like this:

"The largest wienerwurst factory in the world is in Leipzig. The daily output is 6-2-3 miles."

"Crush hats were invented in 1642 by a monk named Albertus."

"In 1730 the British parliament abolished the tax on glass eyes."

"Devised ham was first made in Persia during the sixteenth century."

"Parasols were introduced in China during the Shan dynasty, B. C. 400."

"These 'Nuggets of Knowledge,' as he called them, certainly had a weird surface resemblance to the real thing, and the manufacturer was highly pleased. He said he found a great deal of information among them that he had never encountered in any similar collection, which, by the way, was perfectly true, and when he drew the check he made it \$50 bigger than he had originally intended. The major grabbed the money and lit for the West, to get under cover before the storm, but, strange to say, it never broke. Although the pamphlet was scattered broadcast all through the Middle States, the only really vicious kick that developed was from a man in Iowa, who had lost \$50 betting that gum shoes were invented by Sir Isaac Newton in 1706. He said he got his data from 'Nuggets of Knowledge,' and wanted to be reimbursed.—New Orleans Times-Democrat."

#### ON THE PUERTO RICAN MEASURE.

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## TEMPERANCE WORKERS HELD COUNTY CONVENTION IN SALEM YESTERDAY--SHORT PLATFORM ADOPTED.

### (From Daily, March 13th.)

The Marion County Prohibition party held its county convention in the W. C. T. U. rooms in this city yesterday. About thirty delegates were in attendance and a very harmonious meeting was the result. A full county ticket was named and a very brief platform was adopted. Barring a slight controversy between E. O. Miller, agent for the Voice of Chicago, and Rev. G. W. Grannis, of Salem, editor of the Oregon Searchlight, as to the respective claims of their temperance publications to the patronage and support of the temperance people of Marion county, the convention was a very formal affair and its proceedings merely of a formal character.

The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by Chairman Oliver Jory of South Salem, and J. H. Batty, of Rosedale, was made temporary secretary. The convention was not comprised of regularly appointed delegates inasmuch as the party does not maintain an organization throughout the various precincts of the county. Pledge cards were distributed among the company assembled and all signing the same were considered delegates.

Upon motion, committees were named as follows:

On platform and resolutions.—Rev. L. H. Peterson, of Brooks; Rev. W. R. Winans, Rosedale; H. N. Goode, Salem; C. W. Dieckman, Salem; Otto DuFusion.

On nominations.—P. L. Kenady, Woodburn; A. D. Leach, Salem; Jno. Illig, Hubbard; E. Presnell, Highland; E. Brayles.

On order of business.—J. H. Batty, Rosedale; C. W. Dieckman, Salem; J. P. Kyle, —; H. S. Jory, Salem; Mr. Frazier.

Mrs. E. M. Vandevort was constituted a committee of one to solicit subscriptions for the Oregon Searchlight, and upon motion the county central committee was authorized to fill any vacancies that might occur on the county ticket.

Adjournment was taken until 1 o'clock the ladies in the meantime serving lunch to the delegates.

Upon reassembling in the afternoon, the committee on permanent organization recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent and the report was adopted.

The committee on platform submitted the following report which was adopted:

"Whereas the manufacture of and the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, produce more criminals, wrecks more homes and is the means of ruining more lives than any other existing evil; and believing the best way of dealing with this cause of crime, is by means of the ballot, be it

Resolved, that we the representatives of the Prohibition sentiment in Marion county, Oregon, in convention assembled in Salem, Oregon, March 14, 1900, do hereby affirm our allegiance to the national and state prohibition party; and declaring the abolition of the liquor evil the most important issue before the American people today, hereby invite all sympathizers to vote the Prohibition ticket."

The following report from the committee on nominations, was also adopted:

Representatives.—Fred P. Hurst, Astoria; J. R. Landon, Woodburn; L. H. Peterson, Brooks; J. H. Batty, Rosedale; Mat Judge, Silverton.

County Judge.—Oliver Jory, Salem. Sheriff.—S. B. Crocker, Astoria. Commissioner.—Mat Small, Silverton. Clerk.—L. E. Gardner, Salem. Recorder.—B. G. Frazier, Salem. Treasurer.—John Illig, Hubbard. Assessor.—J. A. Taylor, Salem. School Superintendent.—A. J. Garland, Salem.

Officers of the county organization, were elected as follows: Chairman, Oliver Jory, of South Salem, (re-elected); secretary, Mr. Reed, Salem; treasurer, David Bowerman, Salem. These officers conduct the business of the party for the county as the organization does not have sufficient representation in many of the precincts to require precinct committees.

Messrs. Taylor, Kenady and Dieckman were named as a committee to solicit subscriptions for campaign expenses.

Short addresses along temperance lines were made by Oliver Jory, Mrs. Lucia Faxon Addition, national organizer for the W. C. T. U., Mrs. E. M. Vandevort, Rev. G. W. Grannis, E. O. Miller and others.

In addressing the convention E. O. Miller, the field agent, said that at the last election, the Prohibition party had a full ticket in only eight of the counties of the state while this year there would be twenty-three counties so represented. Every indication, said the speaker, pointed to a splendid temperance vote at the June election. The number of members enrolled in the various clubs in points throughout the state at the present time are from two to five times greater than was the vote polled by the Prohibition party two years ago, remarked Mr. Miller, from which he concluded that the temperance cause in this state was enjoying a most substantial growth. Mr. Miller claims that the prospects of the Prohibitionists polling a large vote this year were never better. He argued that many republicans had been set adrift by the attitude of the administration, especially on the canteen question; while numerous populists and democrats had become dissatisfied with fusion and would seek another party, and thought many would probably join the ranks of the prohibitionists.

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