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## ANXIETY IN ENGLAND.

### Lord Roberts' Casualty List Forebodes Heavy Losses.

#### GEN. BARTON BEFORE LADYSMITH

His Brigade Reaches the Hills Commanding the Town and Its Relief Appears to Be One of the Events of the Immediate Future—Fight British to Standstill.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Lord Roberts' list of 40 killed and wounded officers, including two generals, in the engagements up to Sunday evening, causes anxiety, especially as in the officers' list neither the losses of the Welsh and Essex regiments nor those of the mounted infantry are included. This is about the number that fell at Colenso, where the noncommissioned officers and men brought the total losses to 800. It is considered strange that when sending his casualties Lord Roberts gave no information as to the result of the fighting. If he has sent such a report the office is withholding it. Moreover, nothing is known as to what took place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The absence of details from Lord Roberts' dispatch, contrasted with his rather full



MAJOR GENERAL G. BARTON.

narratives during the first part of his operations, produces uneasiness among military observers. All the comment in the morning newspapers is threaded with the disturbing suggestion that despite the hard fighting General Cronje has been able to beat off his pursuers, has escaped and is being reinforced by rail from Ladysmith and by forces on foot and horseback from northern Cape Colony, as well as the late beleaguers of Kimberley.

#### Receives Credence.

As the correspondents with Lord Roberts are silent the telegrams from Boer sources receive some countenance. The latter aver that General Cronje, while the British were endeavoring to surround him between Paardeberg and Koodoorsand, received reinforcements under Dewet, and that together the Boer commanders fought the British to a standstill.

However all this may be, public opinion here will not be reassured until the war office gives out explicit statements of successes which, of course, would clear away the gathering doubts respecting the unimpeded success of Lord Roberts' forward movement. No one doubts his ultimate success, but there is a fear of temporary disappointment and that a lot of hard fighting is yet ahead of the British.

The latest report regarding General Buller was that an agent of the De Beers company had received a cablegram from Cape Town which must have passed the censor, to the effect that General Barton's fusilier brigade had reached the hills commanding Ladysmith. The early relief of the beleaguered garrison is thought inevitable.

#### Reports from Boer Sources.

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Feb. 21: "Boer papers dated Feb. 19, report that General Dewet 'won a brilliant victory over the British troops at Modder River. General Dutoit reports being defeated by the British cavalry column which got into Kimberley. He retreated to Riverton 16 miles north of Kimberley, with all his guns lost and seven men killed. According to the same papers General Cronje succeeded in getting through a message to Koffyfontein with the news that he is holding all his positions and that the Boer cordon is around Kimberley again. The Boers expect a general engagement on the Tugela. All is quiet in Ladysmith." The Times has the following from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Feb. 21: "According to a Boer account General Dewet claims to have captured in an attack on the rear guard of General French's column 180 wagons of provisions and ammunition, 2,800 oxen and 58 men."

Winston Churchill, in a dispatch from Chieveley, dated Feb. 20, says he still expects fierce fighting before Ladysmith is relieved, and he again urges the imperative necessity of "pouring a continual stream of men, guns and supplies into the Cape." Meanwhile he sees many "encouraging signs that the Boers are wearying of the struggle."

#### CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED.

Roberts Sends Report of Four Officers Wounded and One Killed. LONDON, Feb. 22.—The following dispatch has been received at the war office, from Lord Roberts: PAARDEBERG, Feb. 20.—Between Feb. 16 and Feb. 18, Major General Knox

was wounded, Major General Hector MacDonald severely wounded and Lieutenant Colonel Aldworth killed. In the Highland brigade, 16 officers were wounded, including Major Maxwell of the Black Watch, brother of Lord Farnham, and Lieutenant Ackers Douglas of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

#### ROBINSON IS NAMED.

Sioux City Jurist Nominated to Position on Board of Control. DES MOINES, Feb. 22.—Governor Shaw sent to the senate the name of Gifford S. Robinson of Sioux City to be member of the board of control to succeed ex-Governor Larrabee. Mr. Robinson retired after 12 years on the state supreme bench two months ago. His nomination was referred in the senate to a special committee, which promptly reported in favor of confirmation.

The house committee on appropriations voted to abandon the industrial home for the blind at Knoxville. It is understood that the Hayward bill providing for compulsory education will be reported favorably by the senate committee on schools soon. There are two bills before the senate committee, one by Hayward and one backed by the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs. The latter contains far more stringent measures than the former, which has resulted in Hayward's bill meeting with favor.

#### Innocent Man Sent to Prison.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 22.—W. A. Daggett of Albia was arrested two years ago by United States Marshal Wray, charged with violating liquor laws. He avowed his innocence, but was sentenced to one year and has just been liberated. Meanwhile Wray had been superseded by W. T. Richards and his inquiries resulted yesterday in the arrest of William Levan of Albia on the charge of perjury. Richards says he has no doubt of Daggett's innocence, as he was in another part of the country.

#### New Iowa Road Preparing to Build.

DES MOINES, Feb. 22.—The Des Moines, Iowa Falls and Northern railroad, incorporated three months ago, has raised a large sum of money and is actively preparing for building it in the spring from this city 85 miles north to Iowa Falls to connect with the Illinois Central. There is a general belief in business and railroad circles that the company is a branch of the Illinois Central.

#### Boy Gets Heavy Sentence.

DES MOINES, Feb. 22.—John Wood, a 17-year-old boy, was yesterday sentenced to six years in the Fort Madison penitentiary. He broke into Lundy's general store in Altoona, Ia., a few miles east of here, and stole \$15 worth of merchandise. Wood perjured himself on the stand, and that was one of the reasons for the severe sentence of one so young.

#### Threshers' Association Election.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 22.—An election of permanent officers of the Northwest Iowa Threshers' association resulted in the choice of the following: James Winter of Gilmore, president; J. H. Rolfe, treasurer, and W. B. Wier of Gilmore, secretary. The association will hold its next meeting in Rutland, March 1.

#### Held For Murder.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 22.—In the preliminary trial of Leslie Eastburn at Bloomfield yesterday the defendant was held to the grand jury without bail. Eastburn is the man who is charged with murdering Jasper N. Sutton of Bloomfield because the latter objected to the marriage of his daughter to Eastburn.

#### Smallpox Scare at Fort Dodge.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 22.—Four well defined cases of smallpox of varioloid type have been discovered by health physicians in the eastern part of this city. Strict quarantine will be enforced and all school children will be required to show a certificate of vaccination before being permitted to attend school.

#### Starch Plant to Buck Trust.

SIoux CITY, Feb. 22.—In anticipation of a consolidation between the United States Starch company and National Starch Manufacturing companies, business men here are preparing for the immediate incorporation of an independent concern to establish a plant here.

#### TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley of "gold cure" fame died suddenly at his winter home near Los Angeles Wednesday. The house of commons Wednesday rejected by 232 to 136 votes the second reading of the Irish evicted tenants' bill. The senate committee on foreign relations Wednesday ordered a favorable report on the treaty of reciprocity with France.

William Jennings Bryan addressed an audience of about 5,000 people at Jacksonville, Fla., Wednesday night. The meeting was held in the open air. Representative Lentz Wednesday introduced in the house a bill to provide for the public distribution of a United States map to all schools in the United States.

The receipts of the American board of foreign missions for the first five months of the fiscal year shows an increase of donations of \$25,261; of legacies, \$21,202. Jesse Wiley, a former assignee of the Spaulding & Pepper company, bicycle manufacturer, was arrested in Boston Wednesday, charged with the embezzlement of \$1,000.

Brigadier General George M. Randall, commanding the department of Alaska, will leave at once for Fort St. Michael, Alaska, to take command of the new military department.

The Ohio house Wednesday by a vote of 49 to 42 refused to indefinitely postpone the McKenzie bill providing for the submission of all street railway franchises to a vote of the people.

## CAUCUS ON PORTO RICO

### House Republicans Will Hold a Conference Saturday.

#### WANT A LINEUP ON MEASURE.

Bromwell, the First Republican to Talk Against the Bill, Opposes It on the Ground of Policy—Senate Still at Work on Hawaiian Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—For the first time in the debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill the voice of a Republican was raised yesterday against the measure. Bromwell (O.) spoke against the bill. He opposed it on the ground of policy and not constitutionality. His hostility was not so absolute but that he announced his intention of voting for it if the substitute failed. The other speakers were Ray (N. Y.) and Long (Kan.) for the bill and Henry (Tex.) against it. The Republicans have decided to hold a caucus or conference on the bill Saturday night. Although there are said to be between 20 and 30 Republicans who are hostile to the measure the Republican leaders who are canvassing the situation say that not more than four or five will cast their votes against it. They also say several Democrats will support it. The only Democrat who is outspoken in his advocacy of the bill is Davey (La.). He represents one of the largest cane sugar districts in the south. Some others, including Meyer and Broussard (La.), Devries (Cal.), Davis and Sparkman (Fla.) are in the doubtful column, but the Democratic whip says that only Davey and Sibley (Pa.) will vote for it. Wilson (Silver Rep., Ia.) is also said to be inclined to vote for the bill. Some of the Republican opponents of the bill, who dislike to go on record against their party, believe that the way out of the dilemma in which they find themselves is to vote to recommit the measure. On account of the pressure for time the debate hereafter will begin at 11 o'clock.

#### To Call Up Quay Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—An effort is to be made to get the question involving the seating of former Senator Quay of Pennsylvania formally before the senate for consideration. Penrose gave notice that he would call up the case today. As it is a privileged question, he may be able to secure a vote on the taking up of the case for consideration and further develop the Quay strength in the senate, at least approximately. During the greater part of the session the Hawaiian government bill was under consideration. But little progress was made.

#### WELCOME ON THE STAND.

Clark's Manager the Only Witness Before the Senate Committee. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—John B. Wellcome, Senator Clark's manager in his senatorial contest, was the only witness before the senate committee in the Clark case yesterday. His testimony was at no time startling. Mr. Wellcome placed his expenditures for the senatorial campaign at not to exceed \$25,000, and at the request of the committee produced his bank book and old checks to substantiate this statement. These documents were taken in hand by a subcommittee and were not made public. He said he suspected Mr. Daly of supplying the money used in the Whiteside exposure. He also said he had concluded the Montana supreme court was prejudiced against him and this was the reason why he had not gone on the stand in his disbarment trial. At the conclusion of the day's sitting it was understood Senator Clark's son, C. W. Clark, would go on the stand.

#### Final Expedition in Luzon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—According to information received at the war department from Manila, with the end of the present expedition of General Bates into the two provinces at the extreme southern part of the island of Luzon, military operations in the Philippines close. Afterward, it is said, there is nothing to do but to undertake to maintain order through a police system. Attention is now being given to that subject and steps are being taken to form a thoroughly mobile lightly armed gendarmerie, something on the order of the Canadian mounted police, to cover the islands at all points and conserve the energies of the regular troops.

#### Fear for W. M. Isham's Safety.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Friends and relatives of W. M. Isham of Anamosa, Ia., believe he has been dealt with foully in Chicago. He left Dandlay, O., on Feb. 5 for his home in Iowa, via Chicago, and has not been heard of since his arrival here. Communications from Anamosa to the police state that he was expected home the next day and that he had a considerable amount of money on his person. He is more than 50 years old and is said to be a man of good habits.

#### MICHIGAN CLUB BANQUET.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York the Guest of Honor. DETROIT, Feb. 22.—Several striking ovations were given last night by the leaders of the Republican party in Michigan to the stars who appeared before them on the occasion of the 15th annual banquet of the Michigan club, but the enthusiastic reception accorded to Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, lieutenant governor of New York, far outshone all other features of the occasion. Introduced as the probable candidate of the great pivotal state of New York for vice president of the United States, Mr. Woodruff stood mute before a long con-

tinued storm of applause, such as would have easily upset the equanimity of a less sturdily poised person than the brilliant and aggressive young New Yorker. Major General Shafter, Governors Nash of Ohio, Shaw of Iowa and Pingree of Michigan all received welcomes second only to that of Mr. Woodruff.

#### Simplifies Kentucky Contest.

FRANKFORD, Feb. 22.—The contests over the state officers are very much simplified by an agreement entered into between the attorneys for the Republicans and the Democrats, representing both sides and straightening out the legal tangle over the multiplicity of injunction suits for the title to the governorship. The agreement is there shall be a speedy trial in the courts on an agreed case involving all of the issues, the first hearing to be before Judge Emmett Field at Louisville.

#### Passenger Train Telescoped.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Passenger train No. 5 of the Baltimore and Ohio road was telescoped by a milk train at Edgemoor, Ind., 21 miles from here. Michael Kelly, engineer on the milk train, James Baghitt, fireman, and the steward of the dining car were seriously hurt. Conductor John Emmert of the milk train was struck on the head and became insane. None of the passengers were hurt.

#### "SAPHO" IN POLICE COURT.

Olga Nethersole Charged With Offending Public Decency. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—On a warrant charging her with offending public decency, Olga Nethersole, the actress, was arrested yesterday and made to appear in the Center street police court. She was paroled in the custody of her counsel and the case set for hearing tomorrow. The arrest is the culmination of the attack upon and denunciation of "Sapho," Clyde Fitch's play, now being produced by Miss Nethersole at Wallack's theater. The play is a stage adaptation of Alphonse Daudet's novel "Sapho."

The attack seemed to come from all directions, the play being denounced by pulpit and press. With Miss Nethersole were arrested upon the same charge Hamilton Revelle, her leading actor, and Marcus Mayer, her manager.

The complaint sets forth that the play is the portrayal of a life of a lewd and dissolute woman in a way to offend public decency. District Attorney Gardner, in his request that a warrant be issued, alleges that in "a dramatic performance, entitled Sapho, indecent postures, indecent suggestive language against good morals and indecent conduct have been portrayed before public audiences."

#### CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR.

Clash Between Costa Rica and Nicaragua Is Probable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A serious condition of affairs exists in Central America, as is shown by the following telegram received by the secretary of state from Mr. Merry, United States minister to Costa Rica: "Revolutionary invasion expected from Nicaragua. Martial law declared. Troops moving to the frontier."

Owing to the large commercial and political interests of the United States in the two countries named, and especially in connection with the proposed construction of the Nicaraguan canal by this country, the reported revolutionary movement on the part of the inhabitants of one country against the other is viewed with considerable apprehension, as it practically amounts to a war between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, both of which are probably more intimately associated in the general policy of the United States than any of the other countries of the American continent.

#### Kansas Buries Soldier.

CLAY CENTER, Kan., Feb. 22.—The body of Charles E. Pratt of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers was buried with military honors yesterday. Pratt was a member of company M and was the first American volunteer killed in the Philippines. He was killed in Manila Feb. 5, 1899. All business houses were closed from 1 to 3 o'clock to do honor to him who gave his life for his country. Lieutenant Colonel Little of the Twentieth Kansas gave an eloquent and impressive address at the Methodist Episcopal church. A band, playing the "Dead March," headed a long funeral procession to Greenwood cemetery, where he was laid beside his father and mother. He was 27 years old.

#### Victims in Mourning.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 22.—With flags at half-mast, the city mourns the loss of 40 per cent of her volunteers in the first South African contingent. The legislature adjourned yesterday as a tribute to the dead. The flag on the United States consulate is among those at half-mast.

#### Cronje in a Tight Place.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 22.—A special correspondent of the Cape Argus says: "General Cronje is surrounded at Paardeberg drift, but is offering a stubborn resistance. The British are shelling the Boers vigorously and expect to capture the whole force."

#### Meat Bill Adopted.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—The reichstag committee yesterday adopted the amended bill for the inspection of cattle for slaughter and the inspection of meat, including the more stringent penal provisions advised by the sub-committee.

#### Gomper's Returns Home.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Mexico from Havana was Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor.

## REPORT ON MACRUM.

### State Department Sends Answer to House Resolution.

#### SECRETARY HAY MAKES REPLY.

Says Late Consul Said Nothing to Department Before or After Returning Home About Opening of Mail by British Censor—No Secret Alliance With England.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The answer of the state department to the house resolution calling for information regarding certain charges made by late Consul Macrum, was transmitted to the house yesterday by the president. It is signed by Secretary Hay and, after citing the resolution, says: "The only instance of complaint in respect to the transit of the mails for Lorenzo Marquez and Pretoria, was in November last, when a temporary stoppage of the mails occurred at Cape Town, against which Mr. Macrum and the consul at Lorenzo Marquez protested. Arrangements were made for the prompt delivery of the consular mails to the United States consul general at Cape Town, by whom the mail for Mr. Hollis and Mr. Macrum was forwarded to Lorenzo Marquez. The delay lasted but a few days, and has not recurred so far as the department is advised."

"After that time the department's mail for Lorenzo Marquez and Pretoria was sent by a neutral route, which, it appears was known and open to Mr. Macrum and Mr. Hollis as early as November 16 last. No obstacle, therefore, is here known to have existed since then to Macrum's unimpeded correspondence with the department of state. At no time while at his post did Macrum report to the department of any instance of violation by opening or otherwise of his official mail by the British censor at Durban. Neither has he so reported since he left Pretoria, although having the amplest opportunity to do so by mail while on the way home and in person when he reported to the department upon his return."

"Answering the second part of the aforesaid resolution, the undersigned, secretary of state, has the honor to say that there is no truth in the charge that a secret alliance exists between the republic of the United States and the empire of Great Britain; that no form of secret alliance is possible under the constitution of the United States, inasmuch as treaties require the advice and consent of the senate, and finally, that no secret alliance, convention, arrangement or understanding exists between the United States and any other nation."

#### "JOHN HAY."

#### Victory for Curtis.

ATLANTON, Kan., Feb. 22.—The fight between Congressman Charles Curtis and Congressman-at-Large W. J. Bailey for supremacy in the First Kansas district resulted in a victory for Curtis. In the selection of delegates to the county conventions Curtis carried Atchison, Jackson and Brown counties and is now sure of six more votes than enough to nominate.

#### Plans for Military College.

MASON CITY, Ia., Feb. 22.—The committee of the Sons of Veterans having in charge the plans for the founding of a national military college have made such progress in the work of securing subscriptions that the location of the college will be selected at the meeting of the commandery-in-chief, in Syracuse, N. Y., next September.

#### Fred Beckman President.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 22.—The county commissioners of Nebraska elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: President, Fred Beckman of Lancaster county; vice president, H. W. Winters of Madison county; treasurer, Thomas Hector of Douglas county; secretary, Joseph Roberts of Dodge.

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