

HELP FOR KIMBERLEY

Lord Roberts Cables That French Reaches Besieged City.

ALL CHEERFUL AND WELL IN THE TOWN

English General is Scouring the Country North of the Place.

BOERS RETREAT BEFORE KELLY-KENNY

Advices from Pretoria of a Victory by the Federals Near Jacobsdal.

COLONEL HENRY DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED

Earlier Dispatches from Roberts Tell of Operations of the British Troops While Advancing Upon Kimberley.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—9:51 a. m.—The War office announces that General French reached Kimberley Thursday evening.

Following is Lord Roberts' message to the War office.

"JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16.—2 a. m.—French, with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley this evening, Thursday."

LONDON, Feb. 16.—7:44 p. m.—The War office makes public a dispatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts in yesterday's issue.

"JACOBSDAL, Feb. 15.—The following from General French was received this morning:

"I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley, from Alexanderfontein to Othmanfontein, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured the enemy's laager and store supplies and supplies of ammunition. Casualties about twenty of all ranks wounded. Kimberley cheerful and well."

LONDON, Feb. 16.—11:55 p. m.—The War office has just issued the following from Lord Roberts:

"JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16.—7:45 p. m.—Much gratified on arrival here to find admirable hospital arrangements made by the German ambulance corps under Drs. Kaestner and Hildebrand, who, with their staff, have shown the greatest kindness to our wounded, as they have to the Boer wounded. Some of our wounded have been here since December. Some were brought in yesterday."

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Commercial Cable company at 2 o'clock this afternoon sent out the following notice: "We are advised that telegrams can now be accepted for Kimberley, South Africa, a sender's risk and not exceeding twelve words."

Boers Retreating.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Feb. 16.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Roberts reports the Magersfontein trenches clear of Boers. French is scouring the country north of Kimberley. A large force of Boers is retreating toward Blomfontein with Kelly-Kenny's division in pursuit.

OUTSIDE JACOBSDAL, Orange Free State, Thursday, Feb. 16.—Jacobsdal is now in possession of the British. Yesterday a small cavalry patrol entered the place and found it full of wounded, including several British from Rensburg. The place was occupied by only a small force, which fell back before the patrol, after a series of small skirmishes. A battery of artillery shelled the environs and drove out the last of the Boers.

Early this morning a large force of Boers from Colesberg, with ten guns, attacked a convoy of 200 wagons at the Riet river, shelling vigorously and doing damage. But strong reinforcements have been sent here, and it is hoped they will bring in the whole convoy in safety.

General French's division seized three drifts on the Modder river. At the third drift the Boers were firing strongly on the British. French then advanced and drove them off. Today he moved rapidly in the direction of Kimberley.

The Boers have left Alexanderfontein, which the British now occupy.

General Roberts is in excellent health and spirits. The hardship and rapid marching appear to agree with the whole army, who are in splendid spirits under the leadership of "Bobs."

Reports from Boer Sources.

PRETORIA, Feb. 16.—The Transvaal government has made public the following official dispatch: "Yesterday at Rondeveldt, in the neighborhood of Jacobsdal, the federal troops were engaged in a severe fight with 2,000 British, who were trying to reach Kimberley. Commandant Hertzog continued the engagement until this morning, the federal casualties being five wounded. After another two hours of hard fighting it is reported that the British retired, leaving Colonel Henry dangerously wounded. Colonel Henry, with his servant, was taken to Jacobsdal."

PRETORIA, Feb. 16.—An official dispatch from Colesberg says that fighting was resumed on Tuesday, February 13, and that the British had sixty killed and wounded and lost eight guns. The federal forces had no casualties during the fight.

Earlier Report from Roberts.

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Opinions of the Experts.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Feb. 16.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—The Leader expert thinks the Boers have entirely abandoned Kimberley and Modder river points. He says: "It is scarcely likely the Boers will waste many men by further opposition to Gatacre and Clements. We don't think they will hold on long in any part of Cape Colony. But what will be the effect on Ladysmith? Will the Boers be able to reach Ladysmith while their own land and families have fallen or are about to fall under the care of the advancing British?"

The Post expert says: "The course of events in the neighborhood of Kimberley is such that it may be necessary to wait a day or two until the completion of the first act of the drama. The interest now settles in the attempt of the Boers to make good their retreat. Cronje has evidently been to retreat, and that at a time when, if it succeeds, will take him across the Vaal river."

Confidence at Ladysmith.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LADYSMITH, Feb. 16.—(Herald—Special Telegram.)—The severity of the siege has become remarkably relaxed and the Boers are giving us a very quiet time. "Clements" has been making a bold sign. But whether or not it really indicates weakness on the Boer side, we are as confident as ever of ultimate relief.

Two Companies Missing.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Times has the following dispatch from Arundel, dated Wednesday: "Two companies of the Wiltshire, who were on outpost duty, failed to join the force before the retirement from Rensburg and their absence not being noticed on the parade they were eventually cut off."

Boers Rebuild Tents.

MAPEKING, Feb. 15.—The Boers have rebuilt the two forts demolished by the British.

CHARGES AGAINST TRADER

Politics Believed to Be Mixed in Statement Against T. J. O'Connor.

CLAIMS HE IS DEFRAUDING THE INDIANS

Mercer Asks that Some of the Surplus Bears at Yorkston Be Given a Home in Riverview Park.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram)—Charges, supported by affidavits, have been filed with the commissioner of Indian affairs against T. J. O'Connor, licensed trader at Winnabago agency in Thurston county. The charges are signed by Thomas Ashford, jr. It is specified in them that "it is a common practice for C. J. O'Connor, manager for T. J. O'Connor, to have in his possession and use of official documents as blank receipts in triplicate and official blank checks, such as are used in paying money to Indians through the Indian agent's office; that C. J. O'Connor has blank official receipts signed and stamped official checks endorsed in blank by Indians, in some cases many months before money is received at the Indian agent's office to pay said Indians."

It is claimed that C. J. O'Connor, acting for T. J. O'Connor, by the use of the official receipts and checks secures practical assignment from Indians entitled to receive some of the money coming to Indians from leasing of their lands, and in many cases after assignments have been secured goods are sold to the Indians at exorbitant prices, and in some instances accounts are stuffed and padded with articles which the Indians never receive, and in this way they are defrauded out of money coming to them from Indian agents. The practice charged and complained of in this article is not confined to the interior department and today Senator Allen and Congressman Robinson together called upon the commissioner of Indian affairs and laid the matter before him and demanded an investigation of the charges.

The charges were made in the first instance to Congressman Robinson, it being a matter pertaining to his district. Commissioner Jones said to Congressman Robinson, when the matter was presented to him, that such practices, if true, would not be tolerated by the department, and that a special agent would proceed at once to the Winnabago agency for the purpose of investigating the charges.

Politics Probably a Factor.

It is believed that politics are playing no small part in these charges, as Tom Ashford, who was former trader under Captain Beck's administration, presented his resignation by the Indian office when Captain Mercer succeeded Beck as agent. O'Connor was at the time of his appointment a gold democrat, but it is understood he has been acting with the republicans since he became trader. This has increased the animosity of the republicans in Thurston county and they seek to bring about O'Connor's removal.

Senator Thurston today introduced a bill to effect the settlement of a long-standing disagreement between Otago and Missouri Indians and settlers on reservation lands in Cage county. The measure would have been put in the form of an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, but the outspoken opposition of senators of that state and Jones of Arkansas to any new legislation on the bill deferred the measure from inviting opposition to the bill. Judge Vandevanter of the interior department holds that the bill is not new legislation, but only a correction of former legislation, and should properly belong to the Indian appropriation bill.

A recent telegram published in eastern newspapers stated that the bears in Yellowstone park were becoming so numerous that some thing should be done to weed them out, as they were doing much damage to the game. Mr. H. C. McChesney, who has been in England, but with the growth of American commerce, the canal will come to be most useful to the United States. The outcry against the treaty has little real cause. The treaty is not a mighty thing, but the right in the world by international authority. The coming American navy will be powerful and amply able to hold its own against that of any power, able fully to protect the American coast and American possessions in the Pacific ocean, and the future of the United States to regard the neutralization of the great interoceanic waterway as perilous to American interests. Everything that promotes the world's commerce makes for the enduring peace of the world.

McChesney is Unpopular.

Opposition to Dr. McChesney's confirmation as an Indian agent at Rosebud agency is not alone confined to members of the South Dakota delegation in congress, but representatives of the Sioux tribes are writing to senators asking that his nomination be rejected. It is not believed that the opposition will be pressed, although the South Dakota delegation resent the fact that they were not consulted when McChesney's name was sent to the senate.

Senators Allen, Bever and Heifield left tonight for Lincoln to be present at the meeting of the national executive committee of the people's party, which meets there Monday.

Senator and Mrs. Thurston leave for Nebraska tomorrow. Senator Thurston will deliver an address at York, Pa., tomorrow night on "New Destiny of the Republic," and will then go immediately west. He expects to be in Omaha on Wednesday, returning to the capital at the end of the week.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Emilio F. Cabada, now at Fort Wingate, is relieved from duty in the Department of Santiago and Puerto Principe and ordered to Denver for instructions.

Dr. Edward Romage hospital corpsman at Fort Niobrara, has been transferred to Angel Island, Cal., for duty with the hospital corps school of instruction.

MILWAUKEE MAKING A GOOD FIGHT

Contest for Location of Democratic Convention Opens at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The contest for the honor of entertaining the democratic national convention of 1900 is beginning to assume practical shape by the arrival in Washington of representatives of the cities offering their hospitality. The committee will meet at the Raleigh hotel on Washington's birthday, and the headquarters of most of the delegations will be there. The city of Milwaukee, which intends to make a strong bid for the convention, already has several of its representatives on the ground, in the person of ex-Governor Peck and his cousin, Mayor David S. Rose of Milwaukee. National Committeeman Wall and Congressman Somers, Monday about 100 men from Milwaukee will arrive. The Milwaukee people believe their principal competitor will be Kansas City.

Announcement to Her Polygamists.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The house committee on election of president and vice-president today submitted a report in favor of a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment disqualifying polygamists for election as senators or representatives in campaigns and prohibiting polygamy and polygamous associations between the sexes.

The report says this amendment to the constitution is designed to remove all doubtful construction of the law and to effectually provide a means of extirpating the evils of polygamy by making it unlawful in any place.

CASTELLANE'S TURN TO PLAY

Today's News the French Count's Hat and Raises Him the Limit.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Feb. 16.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—When a correspondent communicated the last throes of the duel between Castellane and Kelly-Kenny, the Parisian came too late for Kelly to die at 7 o'clock this morning. Kelly was tried and convicted for the murder of an old man at Charlton, this state, in November, 1886. It was afterwards learned that Kelly was a murderer and that the real murderer was his wife.

Substantial proofs of the innocence of Kelly were established over a year and a half ago. The governor was made known of the facts in the case, but was unable to get the pardon, owing to the law regarding life prisoners. The legislature had passed the senate a few days before and was immediately taken to the governor after the house had approved it. Governor Shaw signed the pardon and mailed it last evening. The pardon came too late for Kelly to die at 7 o'clock this morning. Kelly was tried and convicted for the murder of an old man at Charlton, this state, in November, 1886. It was afterwards learned that Kelly was a murderer and that the real murderer was his wife.

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