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PAYHOMAGE TO QUEEN

Millions Gather in British Capital to Pay Tribute to Their Late Sovereign.

HAPPY ENDING TO LIFE THAT WAS USEFUL

King Edward Expresses Himself as Pleased with Universal American Sympathy.

LONDON CEASES BUSINESS FOR ENTIRE DAY

Mourning Was General, but By No Means of Ostentatious Character.

VICTORIA'S BODY LIES IN ALBERT CHAPEL

Several Noteworthy Incidents Attend the Funeral Ceremonies, Which, However, Pass Off in the Main According to Program.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—"It has been a great relief," spoke Mr. Balfour, in his eulogy before the House of Commons, "and it has been a happy ending."

All London and thousands from the remote villages of the kingdom paid their final homage to the late queen today in her capital, and as assuredly, as Mr. Balfour said, the end of her reign, which was now passed in history, was happy. Deep solemnity filled all hearts.

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All business ceased, even the drinking houses closed, and the day was a day of mourning.

The newspapers suspended publication and life in London, like the rest of the empire, turned from its customary channels and was focused upon three miles of West End streets, where the coffin containing the body which was now resting in the Albert chapel, was being taken to the funeral.

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Hundreds Taken to Hospitals. The city tonight has somewhat of a holiday air, thousands of persons parading the streets, viewing the royal cortege in restaurants and saloons are doing a tremendous business.

The hospitals cared for 1,300 persons who were injured in the crowd. Of this number, however, only sixty were seriously hurt, including several policemen and soldiers, and a number of women suffering from broken limbs.

Queen's Body at Albert Chapel. Tonight the queen's body lies in the Albert chapel at Windsor, guarded faithfully, awaiting the last rites. Within the castle is brilliantly lighted. King Edward and Queen Alexandra, Emperor William and the princes and their suites dined magnificently this evening. Three kings and heads of principalities, with special representatives, left Windsor this evening after luncheon at the castle. Their departure was somewhat interfered with by the enormous proportions of the crowds gathered around the Windsor station and in many cases the royal personages were literally bundled into the special trains awaiting them. It was at Windsor that the only hitch in the elaborate program of the day occurred, and this was added to, rather than detracted from, the dramatic and pathetic interest. The first and most striking was the utter intractability of the horses attached to the gun carriage bearing the coffin. The alarm and confusion of the king and emperor, who had hurried up to ascertain the cause of delay in the procession leaving Windsor station, was patent upon their countenances. The horses struggled in the traces and the coffin was almost thrown from the gun carriage. Lord Roberts asked the king for permission to take out the horses and substitute for them jacks who had come from Portsmouth as a guard of honor. This suggestion was quickly sanctioned and the last time Victoria's body was borne before her subjects it was by her royal "handymen" who at an opportune moment saved the situation. Tonight the king sent a message of thanks to Prince Henry of Battenberg for the services of the sailors of his command.

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WHY GABRIEL SHOOTS SELF

Mystery is Involved with Secretion of Papers and Peculiar Telephone Arrangement.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Gabriel Le Roux, ex-prefect of the Rhone department, killed himself at his home here Wednesday night. Le Roux, though only 46 years old, had held many important public posts. Several months ago he was removed from the position of prefect of the Rhone, but was offered a small government position in Paris. He accepted this, but, according to his friends, he felt the humiliation keenly and was constantly bewailing his ruined career. When he shot himself Wednesday his friends attributed the act to profound melancholia, resulting from official dejection, which inference was supported by the absence of financial or domestic difficulties.

A new interpretation of the act is now given by unfriendly critics and newspapers of the opposite political faith. It is recalled that a week or so ago a strange discovery was made in the building occupied by the prefecture. The chief of the departmental police, Meyer, had discovered a small apartment in the building which he had under his coat, and returned home.

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BOERS FULL OF HOPE

South Afrikaners Still Confident of Ultimate Victory Over England.

NOT YET READY TO TALK OF PEACE

Commissioners Sent to Dewet Branded as Traitors and Execution of One Justified.

PLENTY SUPPLIES CAPTURED OF ENEMY

Dumdum Bullets with the Woolwich Arsenal Mark Now Used by Burgheers.

IMMENSE COST OF WAR TO GREAT BRITAIN

Estimated Sum Spent by the British in Conducting the Campaign to Date Placed at \$800,000,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(Charles D. Pierce, consul general of the Orange Free State and trustee and treasurer for the Boer relief fund, today gave out a statement to the effect that the Boers are not yet ready to negotiate with England for peace, but are determined to continue the fighting until the general situation is strong enough in their favor to make diplomatic steps certain.

The three pretended peace commissioners sent to Dewet by the British were spies and traitors. They interfered with the burghers. One, an Englishman, was properly shot and it is known that one other, Andrea West, was a burgher of the Orange Free State and subject to the laws of the republic, in which President Steyn is regarded by the fighting burghers as chief executive, while British sovereignty is not recognized by them. President Steyn is with the Boers and has little doubt that these burghers were tried under the laws of the Orange Free State and lawfully executed.

The Boer forces in the South African Republic and the Orange Free State, including the invaders of Cape Colony, number over 25,000 men, strong, liberty-loving patriots. Born hunters and trained marksmen, they are admirably fitted by long training to carry on the guerrilla warfare which has so severely crippled the British army.

Supplies Captured from Enemy. "They have so far succeeded in obtaining by capture a large portion of their supplies from the British. General Christian Dewet, that greatest cavalry leader of modern times, in one week has captured \$225,000 in gold and 120,000 khaki uniforms—enough to last the army four years. He has also captured over 100,000 horses and 6,000 prisoners. He and his forces alone have inflicted on the British losses of over \$25,000,000.

The Boers are very mobile and have advanced to within two days' march of 100 miles of Capetown. Most of the burghers have two horses—many of them three—enabling them to make rapid marches and quick retreats. The British march wearily about the country with wagons, drawn by oxen, loaded down with camp equipment and loot. The Boers have abundance of provisions, guns and ammunition and when short of these important implements it is only necessary to capture an outpost or provision train and help themselves. In the beginning of the war the Boers were very short of food, using plain bullets, but many of them now use Lee-Metford rifles, using a dumdum bullet, all of which have been captured from the British and bear the arrow mark of Woolwich.

From the foregoing it can be readily understood why the Boers are so confident of their indefinite, regardless of the number of British troops sent against them.

Boer Losses in Dead Small. "The Boer total losses in killed and dying from wounds in battle have not exceeded 1,500, but the loss in property and the impoverishment of the people has been very great. Thousands of women and children are left in a state of destitution and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth will be required to render them effective aid.

The war has cost Great Britain \$800,000,000 in gold, a sum twice greater than the entire value of the British Empire, the highest bidder, and over 100,000 of its troops have been rendered hors de combat. During the last one or two months the British have been compelled to rest almost entirely on the defensive. The war is costing Great Britain at the present time over \$1,000,000 a day to support the troops in the field and the Boer prisoners at St. Helena island and other points.

The failure of the British arms to open the Kimberley and Johannesburg mines has deprived British resources of the interest on securities listed at \$50,000,000 and has reduced the output of diamonds and gold \$24,000,000 and has added \$800,000,000 to the taxation of Great Britain and Ireland. These tremendous sums subtracted from British resources have resulted in the impairment of the values of many kinds of securities dealt in by London stock brokers and are the superinducing causes of numerous bankruptcies in British financial circles."

VORACIOUS FOR DIAMONDS

Americans So Greedy for Gems that They Put Up the Price Fifty Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—It is a voracious appetite of Americans and not the regulation of the De Beers output by Cecil Rhodes that, according to Mr. Woolf, leading partner of the biggest London wholesale diamond firm, is responsible for sending up these gems 50 per cent. Mr. Woolf said: "Everything has gone up in our trade, emeralds ten times as much as diamonds, owing to the smallness of the supply. Pearls, too, are very dear. Americans buy up three-fourths of the diamonds. Americans buy the very finest diamonds and will pay any price for them. The syndicate has got the cream. There are only six members and there never was such a monopoly as this. Roughly speaking, I should say they have made about \$19,000,000 in one year between them."

IMPORTANT CHANGES AT COURT

Disagreeable Relations Between King Edward and His Sister, Princess Beatrice.

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PIETY OR POLITICS

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