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BOER ARMY ON THE RUN

Roberts Reports That the Enemy Is in Full Retreat.

CASUALTIES OF ENGLISH FIFTY.

Burgers Forsook Position Near Osonstein—British Flying Column From Zululand Invades Transvaal for the First Time Since the War Commenced.

LONDON, March 8.—The war office has just posted the following advices from Lord Roberts:

"POPULAR GROVE, March 7.—We had a very successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat.

"The position which they occupy is extremely strong and cunningly arranged, with a second line of intrenchments which would have caused us heavy loss had a direct attack been made.

"The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and horse artillery horses are much done up.

"The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well, and General French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy.

"Our casualties are about 50. I regret to say that Lieutenant Koswick was killed and Lieutenant Bailey was severely wounded, both of the Twelfth Lancers. Lieutenant de Orespigny of the Second Life Guards was severely wounded. Remaining casualties will be telegraphed tomorrow.

"Generals Dewet and Delarey commanded the Boer forces."

British Advance Fifteen Miles.

LONDON, March 8.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Osonstein and in the evening from Poplar Grove, 15 miles eastward. By an application of the elementary principle of strategy, the Boer positions 15 miles long across his path have been emptied and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion, consequent on hasty withdrawal. Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry of the deadly ingenuity of the Boer trenches in front of him. He marched out infantry, estimated from the commands named at 30,000 men, and sent 10,000 horse men and horse artillery in a wide sweep around the Boer left, whereupon the Boer center and right became untenable. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

The correspondents differ as to the enemy's strength. The Daily Mail's representative thinks the Boers number something more than 4,000. The Daily News' man estimates them at 10,000. As these figures come from observers at headquarters it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 immediately available, as the Guards brigade reached him from Lord Methuen Tuesday. Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local forces at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to appreciate the mobility of Lord Roberts' corps, which was able to strike so swiftly in this affair that the enemy had to abandon a gun, much forage and a large quantity of camp equipment.

The Standard cautions Englishmen against "rising to a height of serene contentment which the actual position does not justify," and thus measures the situation: "A large number of the Boers are still in the field. They have a wide range of country over which they can operate. Although their morale is somewhat damaged, it would be too much to say that they will not stand again. Indeed what we want them to do is to stand again, for it is only in a real standup fight that we can inflict those losses which would eventually lead the defeated to sue for peace. Lord Roberts has gained a success, but it must not be regarded as a signal victory until we know what damage has been inflicted and what prisoners have been taken."

The Dutch risings in the northwestern districts of Cape Colony are the only cloud visible in the sky of British prospects.

Cronje Will Be Sent to St. Helena.

The military authorities have decided that General Cronje and the other Boer prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war. Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathurst, colonel of a militia regiment at the front, to command the escort to St. Helena, which was last month placed in cable communication with Cape Town and London. It is also asserted that the cabinet has resolved to neither propose nor entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

A dispatch to the Times from Osonstein, dated March 6, says: "A commando of 3,000 Boers has offered to surrender, but on impossible terms. General Cronje's losses were greater than he admitted. Sixty bodies of Boers have been found in one grave."

British Invade Transvaal.

LONDON, March 8.—A special dispatch from Durban says a flying column of British troops from Zululand has entered the Transvaal and has been daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers. The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts and artillery, all commanded by Major Prendergast. The column first crossed the border on Feb. 26. It now occupies an entrenched position on Catasa hill, nine miles within the Transvaal.

Kruger Returns to Pretoria.

GLENCOE, March 8.—President Kruger returned to Pretoria. His address to the burghers has fired them with fresh enthusiasm to continue the fight for independence and to bring the war to a successful issue.

RETREAT DUE TO A MISTAKE

Commandant, Through Error, Abandoned Key to the Boer Position.

BOER CAMP, BIGGERSBERG, March 8.—The federals have fallen back on the Biggersberg chain that crosses Natal south of Dundee. The retreat from Ladysmith was due to the mistake of a certain commandant in ordering his men to retire from the key of the position without any reason for the move. On the receipt of bad news from the Milder river Wednesday it was resolved to send the wagons back to Biggersberg, and soon long strings of wagons lined the roads.

"When the last train had left Elandslaagte a workman's train followed, carefully blowing up every bridge and culvert between Ladysmith and Glencoe, and when this had been done, setting fire to the Elandslaagte collieries. Thus the British with Natal's southernmost collieries in their hands are unable to draw supplies therefrom.

"It is impossible as yet to give the burgher casualties owing to the disorganization of the ambulance and the circumstances of the retreat."

RETAIL STORES BURN UP.

Fire in Philadelphia Causes Loss of Almost a Million.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—A fire entailing an estimated loss of over \$900,000 occurred in the retail dry goods district. The conflagration originated in the engine room of Shoneman Bros.' dry goods and millinery store at Eighth and Arch streets, and it was leveled. The loss is placed at \$300,000.

Marks Bros.' dry goods store adjoining was partly damaged by smoke and water and their storehouse was completely gutted, entailing an estimated loss of \$300,000.

The flames spread to the six-story building on Cherry street, occupied by Myerhoff Bros., manufacturers of women's and children's clothing, and the Philadelphia Electrical Equipment company. Nothing was left of this place but the walls. The loss is placed at \$200,000.

Several smaller buildings were more or less seriously damaged.

FLOODS IN NORTHERN OHIO.

Swollen Rivers Inundate Lower Portions of Several Towns.

CELVELAND, March 8.—Telegrams from various points in northern Ohio indicate that great damage is being done by floods.

At Fremont the Sandusky river has overflowed its banks and submerged the lower part of the town. Cellars of business houses are filled with water and many factories have been compelled to close down.

At Warren the Mahoning river has reached the danger point and the lower part of the town is flooded. Much damage has resulted at Massillon, owing to the Tuscarawas river overflowing its banks.

The Grand river at Painesville is out of its banks and a serious flood is feared. The quarries and the village pumping station at Berea are covered with water, entailing heavy losses.

SUBSTITUTE BY TRIPLETT.

Resolution to Provide State Guard Under Democratic Governor of Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, March 8.—In the senate Senator Triplett offered a substitute for his resolution to provide for a committee to investigate the removal of munitions of war from the arsenal at London. The substitute proposes to appropriate \$100,000 for the immediate equipment of the state guard under Democratic Governor Beckham and Adjutant General Castleman and for the purpose of recovering military property of the state now in alleged unlawful possession of Republican Governor Taylor.

Pension for Queen Lil.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate committee on foreign relations authorized the reporting of an amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill appropriating \$20,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani and providing for an annual donation of \$10,000 to her as long as she may live.

At the Mercy of a Mob.

PASELHURST, Ga., March 8.—Four negroes have been captured by a mob of 100 men at the home of Dan Mims, near here. They are supposed to have been implicated in the killing of Mims and his child. The sheriff, with a large posse, has gone to attempt their rescue.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Patsy and James McMahon, charged with murdering Jacob Lovensheimer, were arrested Wednesday at Marietta, O.

The statement of the London board of trade for the month of February shows increases of \$2,085,799 in imports and \$3,837,400 in exports.

The anxiety in regard to the overdue French line steamer Panillac, which sailed from New York Feb. 5, for Havre, is increasing.

Captain Silas W. Terry, late in command of the Iowa, has been assigned to succeed Admiral McCormick, as commandant of the Washington navy yard.

George W. Drake, the famous mountain detective, together with a man named Ford, were shot to death Wednesday night near Torrent, Ky., by William St. John.

The remains of 66 soldiers, who died in Cuba, were buried at Arlington cemetery Wednesday with military honors. The bodies of about 500 soldiers who died in Cuba, now rest in this historic spot.

WHEELER WANTS SEAT

Says He Resigned From Army Before Congress Met.

THINKS HE SHOULD BE SWORN IN

General Lands at San Francisco and Talks of Conditions in Guam and the Philippines—Says War Is Over Except for Guerrilla Bands.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—General Joseph Wheeler and party, who have been in quarantine since their arrival from the Philippines on the transport Warren last Monday, were permitted to land last night. When seen by an Associated Press reporter, General Wheeler said that his health was excellent and that his trip to the Philippines had, if anything, benefited him physically.

As to the situation in the Philippines and Guam, he said: "All is very satisfactory in both places. The war is over except for the guerrilla bands that ambush our troops and do a little damage. Just before I left I heard of a case in which an American soldier was killed and several wounded. This condition of things will not last long, I think.

"I was much pleased with the Filipinos. They are intelligent, courteous and kind. They are not disposed to revolution and violence, but the false representations made to them regarding Americans very naturally aroused them and led them to believe that resistance to our rule was the only possible escape from impending evil.

"I found that when they learned the real character and the purposes of the Americans they seemed well reconciled to our government and I firmly believe that after the establishment of a good and wise civil administration of affairs an era of great prosperity will bless the people of the archipelago."

After a brief stay in this city General Wheeler will go to Washington to take his seat in congress.

"I have a letter saying that an effort will be made to keep me from taking my seat," said the general, "but I do not see why such an effort should succeed. I shall go to Washington, having resigned from the army, and with a proper certificate of election, and expect to be sworn in. It will be noted that my resignation from the army was handed in before congress met."

MOURN DEATH OF HARMER.

His Colleagues of the House Shocked at His Demise.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The death of Representative Harmer of Pennsylvania, the "Father of the House," cast a deep gloom over the proceedings yesterday and the house adjourned out of respect to his memory. Although he was known to be in feeble health, his death came as a shock to his colleagues, by whom he was universally beloved.

He was the oldest member of the house, both in length of service and in continuous service. As such, it was his duty to swear in the incoming speaker at the opening of each congress. His only appearance in the house this session was when he made a special trip from Philadelphia at the opening of the session in December to administer the oath to Speaker Henderson. His death makes General Henry Bingham of Pennsylvania the "Father of the House." He began his service in the Forty-sixth congress and has served continuously for 30 years.

Lodge Talks on Philippine Question.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate seldom accords to any of its members a greater compliment than it gave yesterday to Lodge (Mass.). The announcement that he would deliver a speech on the Philippine question drew to the senate every senator now in the city and to the galleries an unusually large number of auditors. Throughout the delivery of the speech, despite the fact that it consumed three hours, the Massachusetts senator was given close attention. Soon after Mr. Lodge had concluded the senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Harmer (Pa.).

Food Distribution in Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The acting secretary of war has received a communication from General Davis on the subject of food distribution and relief of the destitute in Porto Rico. It was the intention of General Davis, as recently stated to the department, to discontinue the free distribution of food about the first of this month, but the industrial conditions existing in certain portions of the island rendered it absolutely necessary to continue to feed the starving inhabitants for some time longer. The military governor therefore has requested a shipment of 500 tons of rice, codfish and bacon, in addition to the 500 tons asked for about three weeks ago.

Bill for Relief of Settlers.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Senator Quarles yesterday reported Senator Thurston's bill for the relief of settlers on the Otoe and Missouri reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, with an amendment extending the time in which settlement may be made on the part of delinquents to one year, instead of 90 days.

Measles Plague Report.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 8.—Dr. Foster, in charge of the quarantine, daily denies the rumor in circulation that the bubonic plague and not beri beri afflicted the crew of the Japanese steamer Nanyo Maru, which has been detained at Diamond Point station. The story is a fake, said to have originated in Victoria.

LEGISLATORS AT CHEROKEE

Members of Iowa House and Senate Visit New Hospital for the Insane.

CHEROKEE, Ia., March 8.—The special train carrying 230 members of the legislature, their wives and others especially invited to accompany them, reached Cherokee at 12:30, where carriages were in readiness for the accommodation of the excursionists. After coffee was served the party drove out to the new insane hospital, where they spent some time inspecting it.

After the party returned they were sumptuously banqueted at the Lewis hotel. After-dinner speeches were made by Speaker Bowen, Senators Cheshire, Harriman, Junkin, Eaton, Titus, Blanchard, Hubbard, Ball, Representatives Byers, Temple, Eaton, Theophilus, Carter, John Cowmie of the board of control, Dr. Hoyt and Dr. Hill of the insane hospitals and Hon. Lafe Young for the press. The concluding hours were spent in a social way, the train leaving for Des Moines at 5:30.

Prominent Physician Arrested.

DES MOINES, March 8.—Dr. J. W. Adams, an old and prominent practitioner of this city, was arrested at noon charged with murder in the second degree. Mrs. N. Wright filed the information, which charges the doctor with the murder of her daughter Dollie, Mrs. Wolford, wife of Charles Wolford. A few days after an alleged abortion was performed Mrs. Wolford died.

Iowa Unitarians Meet.

STOUC CITY, March 8.—Delegates to the number of 400 or 500 are in attendance here at the semiannual meeting of the Iowa association of Unitarian and other independent churches, which opened with a banquet last evening and will continue tomorrow.

Death of C. W. Rand.

BURLINGTON, Ia., March 8.—C. W. Rand, a wealthy capitalist of Burlington, died at Riverside, Cal., last night, where he went for his health. Mr. Rand was prominently identified with the lumber business of the Mississippi valley.

Governor Shaw's Father is Dead.

MORRISVILLE, Vt., March 8.—Boardman Shaw, father of Governor Shaw of Iowa, died at his home here, aged 84 years.

SOVEREIGN TELLS OF RIOTS

Evident Action in Blowing Up Mine Buildings Was Preconcerted.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—When James R. Sovereign, former grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, reported his testimony yesterday at the Comer d'Alone investigation before the house committee on military affairs Representative Lutz asked him if there was any law, written or unwritten, requiring members of a labor organization to conceal the names of criminals. Mr. Sovereign answered in the negative.

Speaking of the general conditions in the mining country while the men were imprisoned Mr. Sovereign said he had seen mothers weeping for their sons, wives for their husbands and sisters for their brothers, denouncing the military officers for the "reign of bread and water" and describing it as a repetition of the horrors of Andersonville.

The members of the committee cross-examined Mr. Sovereign at considerable length. Representative Hull again took him over the assembling of miners on the morning the mill was blown up. The witness said it was evident there was some preconcerted action. At Mr. Hull's request Mr. Sovereign read an article in the paper edited by him as to "Banker Hill Destroyed; 1,000 Determined Men Wreak Vengeance on the Scab Mine."

The article said that half of the 1,000 men were masked and armed with Winchester rifles and described the awe-inspiring scenes as 3,000 pounds of dynamite were placed under the mine concentrator, one of the largest in the world, and it was completely wrecked after three terrific explosions.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The bubonic plague increases at Calcutta, there having been 411 deaths from the disease there last week.

Judge Jesse J. Phillips of the Illinois supreme court is rapidly improving and is now thought to be out of danger.

Of the total production of Bessemer rails in 1899 Pennsylvania made 1,241,397 tons and other states made 1,015,969 tons.

The Eleventh Ohio district Republican congressional convention has nominated by acclamation George W. Steele to succeed himself.

Dr. John Friederich, 55 years old, founder, publisher and editor of the American-Swiss Gazette of New York, died Wednesday.

It is reliably reported that recent inundations in the department of Magdalena, Peru, have caused losses to property estimated at \$300,000.

Four thousand employes of the National Tube works at McKeesport, Pa., were Wednesday notified of a 10 per cent advance in wages.

The southwestern passenger bureau has authorized a rate of one fare plus \$2 for the Transmississippi commercial congress, which meets in Houston April 17 to 21.

A fraud order was issued Wednesday by the postoffice department against L. D. Bass, the Union Teachers' agencies of America and the bureau of civil service instruction.

The 1,000 employes of the Jersey City sugar house of the American Sugar Refining company, who are now laid off, were told that they would not be needed for an indefinite period.

The coal miners employed at the Hickory Coal company's mines at Sharon, Pa., have been granted an increase in wages of five cents per ton, after a three days' strike.

DEATH LIST IS SEVENTY

Conservative Estimate of Those Killed at Fire Creek.

TWENTY-NINE BODIES TAKEN OUT

Thirty-Six Are Still Believed to Be Entombed in the Mine—Work of Removing the Bodies Continues—Cause of Explosion Not Determined.

FIRE CREEK, W. Va., March 8.—The rescuing parties continued working hard at Red Ash mine today in removing debris and securing the bodies of the victims of the explosion. The scenes of distress among those hunting their missing friends are still as appalling as yesterday. The work at the mine continues night and day and it is still impossible to give the exact number of the victims or to identify the bodies that have been recovered. The most conservative estimates of those connected with the mine place the killed at 62 and there are others who insist that the number of victims will be found to reach 60. A report from the rescuers at the mine says that 34 victims had been rescued, 29 being dead and five seriously injured. While the surviving miners and others estimate that there are at least 39 miners still entombed, General Manager Howell says there are only 36 still in the mine. The estimate of the latter would indicate that there were 70 killed and five injured and it is conceded that all of those still in the mine are dead.

Mayas Houted by Mexicans.

OAXACA, Mex., March 8.—News has reached here of another hard fight between a force of about 300 Maya Indians and 1,000 government troops. The battle took place near the town of Aguapala. Colonel Fernando Gonzales, who is a member of President Diaz' personal staff, was in command of the government forces which made the attack on the Indians. The Mayas were strongly entrenched, but were driven from their position by the terrible fire which was poured in upon them from an advantageous position. Thirty-seven Indians were killed and a large number wounded. Three soldiers were killed. Over 300 guns, which were thrown away by the Indians in their flight before the government troops, were afterward picked up by the latter.

Hans and Bacon For the Philippines.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Thirty-two refrigerator cars—700,000 pounds—of ham and bacon, cured under government formula, with a view to preservation in tropical climates, bound for the American soldier in the Philippines, left Chicago on the Alton railroad last night and will go direct to San Francisco, where it will be transferred from the refrigerators to a waiting transport and thence to Manila. After the hams were smoked and cured in the usual manner they were placed in a white muslin sack. Then a thin coating of oil hulls was placed around the ham and another sack of white drilling was drawn over all. Then the ham was packed in salt.

Delong Wins Championship.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 8.—Scores of women were in the big crowd which saw Mrs. Shattuck of Minneapolis, champion woman trap shot of the world, shoot with C. E. Delong, the Arkansas champion, after Delong had just defeated Captain A. H. Bogardus, who held the world's championship for 17 years. Mrs. Shattuck shattered 16 out of 20 single targets to Delong's 17. The ten paces event resulted in 11 for Mrs. Shattuck and 13 for Delong. Mrs. Shattuck killed 16 out of her 20 live birds. Delong scored 10 dead pigeons and won the triangular contest.

Clements Is Found Guilty.

CALEDONIA, Minn., March 8.—The jury brought in a verdict of guilty of grand larceny in the first degree, as charged in the indictment in the trial of Clements, the LaCrosse man on trial for complicity in wrecking the Fillmore county bank. Clements claimed to have severed his connection with the bank some time before the failure, but his partner, Todd, testified that the books had been altered to make out such a case in order to keep \$40,000 worth of property from their creditors.

Engine Goes Through a Bridge.

PITTSBURG, March 8.—The locomotive hauling the Chicago fast freight west on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad crashed through the steel bridge spanning Robinson street, Allegheny, and dragged the tender and one car with it. Fireman A. K. Miller of Bolivar, Pa., and brakeman George Dewald of Pitcairn, Pa., were killed outright and Conductor James F. Martin of Pitcairn dangerously injured.

One Hundred Deaths From Smallpox.

JACKSON, Miss., March 8.—An official report made to the Hinds county board of supervisors yesterday reveals an appalling state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood, in the southern part of the county. The community is literally honeycombed with smallpox of the most virulent and loathsome form, and during the past six weeks nearly 100 deaths have occurred.

Pure Food Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The third annual session of the pure food and drug congress began here yesterday. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson delivered the main address of the day, saying the question to be taken up by the food congress is one of common honesty and that the man who sells an article different from what it purports to be is a common thief.

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