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BLOEMFONTEIN FALLS.

Lord Roberts Makes a State Entry Into Orange Capital.

BOERS RETREAT TO THE NORTH.

Remove Free State Capital to Kroonstadt—Boers Are Said to Have Abandoned All Hope of Making Peace—Will Destroy Johannesburg.

LONDON, March 15.—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder river on Feb. 9. He entered Bloemfontein March 13. Thus, in little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of General Cronje's forces and the hoisting of the British 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 London. All the newspapers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence and as being now one of the shadows of history.

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

The British continue pressing their advance on the Orange river. The Boers still hold Bethalie bridge, on the north side of the stream, but their trenches are dominated by the British artillery. Heavy firing is in progress and there has been some skirmishing. Lord Kitchener seems to be very successful in reducing the extent of the Dutch rising.

Mafeking can scarcely hold out much longer. The news of Colonel Plumer's approach has given substance to the rumors of its relief, but those best informed are inclined to think the relief is more likely to be accomplished by Colonel Peckham's column from Kimberley.

Judging from the lack of news, everything is quiet in Natal, while from Henschel comes the statement that the total collapse of the insurgent colonists is imminent.

General Cronje, according to a Cape Town special, sails for St. Helena, March 16, accompanied by all the Paardeberg prisoners.

Fall of Bloemfontein.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday evening, says: "We surprised and outflanked the enemy with irresistible force over night. General French held the enemy north and south of Bloemfontein, while Lord Roberts dispatched a prisoner on parole threatening to bombard unless the city surrendered. The townspeople became alarmed. President Steyn and the chief members of the executive council fled and proclaimed Kroonstadt to be the capital. Steyn fled to Windberg. At least only 3,000 fighting men remained, and in the morning many finding themselves so weakened broke their guns. Others fled. The remnant still shelled General French at dawn, but the opposition soon collapsed. Eight locomotives and much rolling stock were captured. The Boer organization is collapsing and the breach between the Free States and Transvaal is widening. Major General Pretorius has been appointed military governor of Bloemfontein."

Fight to the Finish.

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Pretoria, dated March 12: "Lord Salisbury reply has been received and a Boer refutation of the British contention is under consideration. It will deny that any annexation has been made and it will declare that the occupation of British territory was purely strategic. It will express the determination of the two republics to fight to the finish."

Boers Flee to the North.

LONDON, March 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bloemfontein, dated March 13, says: "Bloemfontein surrendered at 10 today. It was occupied at noon. President Steyn, with a majority of the fighting burghers, has fled northward."

"General French was within five miles of the place at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. He sent a summons into the town, threatening to bombard unless it surrendered by 4 a. m. Tuesday. A white flag was hoisted Tuesday morning and a deputation of the town council, with Mayor Kellner, came out to meet Lord Roberts at Spitzkop, five miles south of the town, making a formal surrender of the place."

"Lord Roberts made a state entry at noon. He received a tremendous ovation. After visiting the public buildings, he went to the official residence of the president, followed by a cheering crowd, who waved the British flag and sang the British national anthem. They were in a condition of frenzied excitement."

"On Monday afternoon, previous to the surrender, there had been a little sniping and shelling, but the enemy then retired."

"Lord Roberts has his headquarters at the president's house, and there are many of the British wounded in the building. The railway is not injured."

Dispatch Sent by Lord Roberts.

LONDON, March 15.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office, announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, March 15.—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 night by Mr. Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State. Mr. Fraser, member of the late executive government, the mayor, the secretary of the late government, the landrost and other officials met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices. The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seems quiet. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

Boers Will Destroy Johannesburg.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Montagu White confirms the rumor that the Boers will utterly destroy Johannesburg if forced to do so. Pretoria could not be defended, he says, if Johannesburg were permitted to remain. The loss involved would be at least \$150,000,000 and of course the setback and paralysis of Johannesburg's industries would be infinitely greater. "I hope, therefore, that something may be done to satisfy the legitimate aspirations of both belligerents before such a catastrophe to civilization happens. But the Boers will sacrifice Johannesburg and its beautiful buildings and modern adjuncts to civilization if they are forced to do it. Then it will be a fight to the last drop of blood for the possession of Pretoria."

Fischer and Wolmarans Sailed.

LOURENÇO MARQUEZ, March 15.—Mr. Fischer, the Orange Free State secretary, and Mr. Wolmarans of the Transvaal executive council sailed for Europe yesterday by the German steamer Kaiser.

VOTES TO WELCOME QUEEN.

Corporation of Dublin Will Present an Address During Her Visit.

DUBLIN, March 15.—At a meeting of the corporation the lord mayor moved that an address be presented to the queen welcoming her to Ireland. His speech was frequently interrupted by the occupants of the public gallery. Alderman Meade, in the midst of hostile demonstrations from the gallery, seconded the motion. Timothy Harrington, M. P., protested against the resolution.

After repeated scenes and uproar, during which the lord mayor threatened to clear the gallery, an amendment was moved to the proposed address, but the lord mayor ruled the amendment out of order.

A division on the lord mayor's amendment was taken amidst much excitement, the occupants of the gallery groaning at every one supporting the motion and cheering its opponents vigorously.

The resolution was carried by a majority of eight.

Omit Cards of Fraternal Societies.

TOPEKA, March 15.—Rev. Sheldon yesterday omitted from the Topeka Capital all the usual cards of the fraternal societies, and when at the daily conference with the special correspondents he was asked why he had taken this action he remarked that he was not prepared to say. He declared, however, that he is a friend of life insurance, which is a feature of fraternal societies. He said also that he did not indorse the sentiment or principle of all the articles he puts in the paper or consents to be used.

Meeting Without Result.

CHICAGO, March 15.—The meeting between passenger agents of the western roads and representatives of the Canadian Pacific, called for the purpose of settling differences over transcontinental rates, came to an end without result. The Canadian Pacific refused all propositions for a settlement submitted by the western roads, including one to arbitrate the differences.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

A conflagration at Carbondale, Ill., destroyed five business houses with a loss of \$50,000 Wednesday.

Rates of fire insurance have been advanced about \$1,000,000 by the Chicago Underwriters' association.

The Joliet Limestone company went into the hands of a receiver Wednesday. The liabilities are estimated at \$400,000.

Herman Detmerman, one of the best known German editors in the country, died at Columbus, O., Wednesday, aged 58 years.

Clarence A. Webster, the well known newspaper artist and writer, died Wednesday at his Alameda home, of Bright's disease.

Nokomis, Ill., was swept by fire Wednesday. Loss estimated at \$50,000. The fire originated in Hukill's dry goods store, sweeping everything in the block.

Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, widely known as "the mother of women's clubs," and a writer and educator of note, died at Kalamazoo, Mich., Wednesday, aged 86.

Mrs. Mary Foote Beecher Perkins died Wednesday at Hartford. Mrs. Perkins was a sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Dr. Samuel Pennington, president of the Newark City National bank and who was the oldest living graduate of Princeton college, died Wednesday at his home in Newark, N. J., aged 94.

The building occupied by C. B. Cones & Son, manufacturers of clothing, at Indianapolis, burned to the ground Wednesday, causing a loss of \$150,000, 85 per cent of which is covered by insurance.

H. A. Shay of Marysville, Mon., 57 years of age, committed suicide Wednesday at his room in a hotel at El Paso by shooting himself through the forehead. Dependancy due to ill health was the cause.

The Democratic congressional convention at Elmhurst, Ill., resulted in a split and the nomination of two candidates, Joseph B. Crowley, the representative of the district, and Andrew J. Hunter, former congressman-at-large.

NEW PORTO RICO BILL.

Republican Senators Reach a Partial Agreement.

WILL NOT FORCE TARIFF ISSUE.

Appropriation Measure to Be Passed at Once and Bill for Civil Government Will Then Be Taken Up and Disposed Of. Committee to Determine Tariff.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Republican senators in caucus yesterday reached a partial agreement on Porto Rico legislation. The house bill appropriating \$2,000,000 is to be taken up and passed immediately. The bill for a civil government of the island is to be taken up and disposed of as soon as possible and the tariff bill is to be delayed for the present, while a committee of seven senators may be selected by Chairman Allison to try to compromise differences on the revenue bill and secure a measure which Republican senators generally can support. This partial agreement was reached after a caucus lasting from 2 o'clock until 5:30.

TWO VIEWS ON COLONIES.

Teller Says Constitution Does Not Follow Flag, Turner That It Does.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Two arguments were presented to the senate yesterday, in which almost antipodal positions were taken by the two senators. Teller in a brief speech maintained that the constitution could not extend over territory acquired by the United States, while Turner elaborately contended that the constitution embraced the acquired territory the very moment the United States took possession of it.

Teller held that this government could make the outlying territory into states or could hold it as colonies as it saw fit, while Turner maintained that the United States could not hold colonies or dependencies. Aside from the constitutional questions the two senators were in practical agreement. Both were opposed to the pending bill and both objected to any of the insular territory becoming a part of the United States or any of its inhabitants citizens of the United States.

Many Topics in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The District of Columbia appropriation bill was taken up in the house yesterday and under the latitude allowed Adamson argued in favor of the Nicaragua canal. Cowherd discussed the Philippine question. Howard questioned relating to the Philippines and the "open door" policy in the orient. Rucker the advisability of electing senators by the people and Bonnell replied to Cowherd, saying that military glory and commercial greed were as repugnant to him as to the gentlemen from Missouri.

HULL AND LENTZ HAVE TILT.

Spirited Exchanges Between Members of the House Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Feeling ran high at the Comer d'Alene investigation before the house committee on military affairs yesterday and there were several spirited exchanges between Chairman Hull and Representative Lentz. George Cornell was on the stand relating his experience during imprisonment, which differed only in detail from those of other witnesses. One of his recitals was as to an old soldier, who because of brutality of the negro soldiers toward him took his Grand Army button from his coat and with tears in his eyes threw it away. Cornell said he made a memorandum of the affair, but the book was taken from him and he saw it afterward in the possession of Bartlett Sinclair, the governor's representative during the troubles.

Mr. Sinclair, who was present, arose and declared there was no such soldier as had been described.

Mr. Lentz protested against statements not under oath. He also gave notice that he would call on Mr. Sinclair to produce all his books, to locate this alleged soldier entry. Chairman Hull here interposed to remind Mr. Lentz that he was not the entire committee and was not in a position individually to order the production of books.

Enraged Norwegian Runs Amuck.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—In a paroxysm of inexplicable rage or possible insanity, Olof Palleasen, a Norwegian, stabbed and killed his wife, Josephine, murdered little Julia Hengesbach, the 3-year-old daughter of Charles F. Hengesbach, a mail carrier, and murdered and assaulted the child's mother, Mary Hengesbach, in front of his home, 1121 Twenty-fourth street. Mrs. Hengesbach now lies near the verge of death in the Columbia hospital, with seven stab wounds in her body, inflicted by the infuriated Norwegian. Palleasen narrowly escaped being stoned to death at the hands of a crowd of citizens.

Financial Bill Now a Law.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The president affixed his signature to the financial bill, thus making it a law of the land. Overstreet (Ind.), who had the bill in charge, arrived at the white house at noon and was shown into the cabinet room, where he was joined by the president, who after inquiring if the bill had been compiled with care affixed his signature to it.

Tanner Reaches New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 15.—Governor Tanner of Illinois arrived here yesterday. The governor was taken at once to a hotel. Mrs. Tanner said his condition was such that he could not leave his room.

SHELDON'S PAPER TODAY.

Features of Third Issue of His Religious Daily.

TOPEKA, March 15.—In the Capital this morning an editorial by Mr. Sheldon leads the first page. It is set in larger type than that used in the body of the paper and with a border. It is headed "The Union of Christendom" and urges a compact of the Christian forces of the world for the destruction of the saloon and the preservation of the Sabbath.

A notable first page article is by Dr. Weistek of Cedar Rapids, Ia., attacking Bohemian societies, under the headlines: "They Teach Suicide—Societies Organized to Kill—Religious Belief—Work of the Bohemian Press and Fraternal Orders—Remarkable Growth of Suicide."

Mr. Sheldon writes an introductory note, stating that the author of the article was once an infidel, but was converted to Christianity through the death of his friends.

An article denouncing Mormonism and polygamy, by Richard Wake of Salt Lake City, is given prominence on the first page.

A plea for equal suffrage by Mrs. Anna L. Diggs is a feature of the contributors' page.

A telegram from Kansas City announcing the suicide of J. S. Puffer, son of ex-United States Senator Puffer, is run with an editorial note extending the Capital's sympathy to the bereaved family.

ROOT TALKS TO PLANTERS.

Says American Government Intends to Fulfill Every Obligation.

HAVANA, March 15.—Elihu Root, the United States secretary of war, addressing the members of the Planters' association yesterday, said he understood that distrust existed as to the carrying out of the joint resolution of the United States congress. He declared that the American government intended to fulfill every obligation and said the Cuban should believe and act accordingly.

The editor of El Dia, at Calbarrien, was recently attacked by a crowd of sponge fishers, who attempted to lynch him on account of an article which appeared in his paper in favor of a recent decree regarding sponge fishing.

To Open Colville Reservation.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—It is understood that the north half of Colville Indian reservation will be thrown open for settlement about May 1. The district contains rich agricultural, timber and mineral lands, and boomers are already gathering to rush across the line. The district comprises 1,500,000 acres of land. Timber has been cruised and agricultural lands inspected, making quick settlement certain. The ceded mineral portion of the district is known to contain immense bodies of low grade ores.

Jury Reports a Disagreement.

BUFFALO, March 15.—After being out 33½ hours, the jury in the case of the alleged dock rioters, George Skinner, George Frye and John O'Brien, reported a disagreement. The rioting alleged was in connection with the trouble which culminated in the shooting of William Kennedy during the grain shovellers' strike last summer.

To Manage St. Joe Team.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 15.—Belden Hill, manager of the Cedar Rapids baseball team for the three past seasons, yesterday accepted the terms of President Van Brunt of the St. Joseph team of the Western league and goes at once to take charge of the team. He will sign several new players.

Davenport Canning Plant Destroyed.

DAVENPORT, Ia., March 15.—The plant of Davenport Canning company was totally destroyed by fire late last night. The plant began the manufacture of tin cans the first of the year and was newly fitted throughout. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Kentucky Suspect Released.

FRANKFORT, March 15.—Gabriel Taul, arrested in connection with the Goebel murder, will be released today. The detectives say that there is nothing in the charge against him.

Alaskan Steamer Wrecked.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—The steamer Excelsior arrived yesterday with Captain Snow, crew and passengers of the Pacific Whaling company's steamer Wolcott, which was wrecked on the night of Jan. 31, near Karluk, Alaska. All were confined three days on the beach at the foot of a glacier, in the snow and rain without shelter on account of the unusually high tides, but on the fourth day managed to get away in the ship's boats to Oak bay. The Wolcott is a total loss.

To Increase Capital Stock.

ST. PAUL, March 15.—The Gulf and Manitoba Railway company has filed notice with the state railroad commission that it desires to increase its capital stock from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, in order to extend its line of railroad from Duluth through Minnesota and Iowa to Kansas City, 700 miles. The purpose of the new administration seems to be to run the Gulf and Manitoba to Kansas City and connect with the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad.

Burlington Flyer Leaves the Rails.

OTTUMWA, March 15.—The Chicago-Denver flyer, train No. 1, on the Burlington road met with an accident last night, 25 miles west of here. According to reports the engine of the train and the trucks of the first car were derailed. No person was injured.

Taft Cattle Commission.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Judge Taft, president of the new Philippine commission, has notified his fellow commissioners that the commission will convene in this city March 27.

NEW BOARD IS NAMED.

Gov. Poynter Appoints Omaha Fire and Police Commission.

INSTALLATION TO BE RESISTED.

W. S. Poppleton, W. J. Braatch, Dr. Peabody and H. C. Miller Are Selected—Intervention in Their Names Will Be Made in the Supreme Court.

LINCOLN, March 15.—Governor Poynter last evening appointed W. S. Poppleton, H. C. Miller, J. H. Peabody and W. J. Braatch as fire and police commissioners for the city of Omaha. The action comes as a continuation of a long and bitter controversy for the control of the police and fire departments of that city. Under a law enacted by the legislature in 1897 the governor was given control of fire and police commissions in cities of the first class.

A year ago on an appeal for local self government, the supreme court declared the law unconstitutional and vested control in the mayor and city council. A case to test the law a second time has recently been brought before the supreme court, and pending a decision Governor Poynter yesterday made the appointments. Entry of the new commission, it is said, will be resisted.

It is understood that intervention in the name of these appointees will be made in the pending suit in the supreme court.

Maximum Freight Rate Case.

OMAHA, March 15.—In the United States court yesterday before Judge Munger the injunction case against the state board of transportation was called for argument. The case is an attempt of the plaintiffs in the maximum rate case to secure an injunction to restrain the state board of transportation from enforcing freight rates without first applying to the United States circuit court for an order modifying the injunction issued in the original case.

Arrested for Embezzling.

SUPERIOR, Neb., March 15.—United States Marshal Moore of Palmyra arrested Adolph Ehrhart here yesterday on the charge of embezzling \$50 from a letter belonging to Matilda Ehrhart. The crime is said by the complainant to have been committed at Medicine Lodge, Kan. Ehrhart has been taken to Grand Island.

German Farmer Shoots Himself.

WARNOO, Neb., March 15.—Frank Hinkel, a German farmer, about 65 years of age, who accidentally shot and killed himself Monday while trying to kill a rabbit, was interred at Weston yesterday.

FAILURE OF HAGUE TREATY.

Not One of Powers Represented in Conference Has Ratified the Conventions.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—In diplomatic circles here an unpleasant suggestion has been thrown out to the effect that The Hague conference has resulted in complete failure, and that even the limited program agreed upon is never to be perfected.

The basis for this view 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 treaties themselves require that each of the participants in the conference shall be notified whenever the other parties ratify the conventions. Up to this time no such notice has reached this country.

So far as the United States government is concerned, only one of the three treaties has been ratified by the senate, and even in that case the formalities have not been carried to completion. It is probable, however, that the appearance in Washington of the newly appointed Dutch minister, bringing with him the official copies of the conventions, may result in further action by the United States upon them.

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