

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS.

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## PARLEYING FOR PEACE

### Boer and Briton Once More In Correspondence.

#### ROBERTS' ADVANCE IS DELAYED.

Probable That No Very Important Action Will Occur During Next Three Weeks. Foreign Office Receives a Message, but Its Contents Are Kept Secret.

LONDON, March 22.—Several telegrams have passed between President Kruger and the British government in addition to the Salisbury-Kruger correspondence already published. The foreign office received a dispatch from Pretoria yesterday. The contents of these communications cannot yet be obtained. So far as the military situation is concerned there is practically no change. Lord Roberts is quietly making preparations for the next move. As necessary to a beginning, Generals Gatacre and Brabant are swiftly moving from point to point in the southern districts of the Free State, dispersing or accepting the surrender of any remaining Boers, thus ensuring the safety of Lord Roberts' communications before starting toward Pretoria.

A correspondent of the Daily News at Springfontein, describing these movements, says: "General Gatacre is sweeping through the country like a cyclone with flying columns in all directions. His swiftness and strategy have proved of inestimable value to Lord Roberts." The rebuilding of the railroad bridge at Norval's Pont will take two months. Two temporary bridges will be completed in about 10 days. Meanwhile supplies are transported by an aerial tramway across the gap. These works necessarily delay the providing of supplies for the advance.

Lord Methuen's movements north of Kimberley are believed to be a prelude to the gathering of a column of 20,000 with Kimberley as a base to strike eastward from Fourteen Streams into the Transvaal.

The long and anxiously awaited news of the relief of Mafeking has not yet been received. Mr. Schreiner has granted the request of the mayor of Cape Town that a public holiday be proclaimed throughout the colony on the relief of Mafeking.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria, dated March 19, says: "President Kruger returned from Kroonstadt yesterday. He says the fight in the Free State will be desperate. I am informed that the Transvaal government has taken no resolution to destroy mines or property as a last resort."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing March 21, says: "I have just arrived from Bloemfontein, where I learned that no further movement is probable for three weeks, as negotiations are proceeding. I failed to ascertain the nature of the negotiations or whether Sir Alfred Milner's departure from Cape Town is connected with them, but I should not be surprised if the war collapsed quickly."

The correspondent of the Times at Lourenzo Marquez telegraphing Tuesday says: "It is reported from Pretoria that a scheme has been raised for the amalgamation of the Transvaal and the Free State. Kruger will become president of the federated states and Steyn commandant general of the Boer army. The flag will be the same as that of the Transvaal, with an additional orange color."

A dispatch to the Standard from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday, says: "Four thousand Transvaalers from Colesburg trekked on Saturday and Sunday into the northeast, going by way of the Basutoland border. They will probably be caught at one of the passes."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Morning Post says: "On the best authority I learn that the real objective of the Fischer-Wolmarans deputation is Russia. Cecil Rhodes sailed for England yesterday."

#### Eliminate English Histories.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Histories of England were dropped from the lists of supplementary reading for the public schools at a meeting of the board of education last night. Books were adopted for all grades at a cost of thousands of dollars, but none of the histories will contain a mention of England except as an incident in connection with the war of independence. For three months Trustee John T. Keating, who is the national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has been fighting the use of histories of England, which, he declared, was prejudiced in favor of England.

#### Urge Ratification of French Treaty.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The executive committee of the National Business League met today and formulated plans in which the committee hopes business men throughout the country will join to secure a ratification of the French reciprocity treaty. John W. Ela and James Deering were appointed a committee to frame a memorial to congress, asking immediate and favorable action on the treaty. The league will also make an effort to secure the co-operation of the press all over the country.

#### Fears of Another Strike at Pana.

PANA, Ills., March 22.—Another strike is threatened in this city at the coal mines. The mining scale of 40 cents per ton expires April 1. At the Springfield convention a few weeks ago the mining scale for this district was set at 49 cents per ton. Already several manufacturing firms of the city are stocking up with coal and preparing for the occasion.

## FALL THREE STORIES.

### Thirty Men Injured by the Falling of a Freight Elevator.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Thirty persons were injured by the falling of a freight elevator in the rear of the building at 126 Market street, where the victims were employed by the Blakely Printing company. It is thought none of the victims will die, although several of them were badly hurt. Following are the most seriously injured: George Hale, Albert Christian, Joseph Hoffman, Albert Seifert, Ernest Heine, James Delaney, Walter Hartwig, Patrick Foley, Edward Levi, James Thomas, George Weikes, John Rambo, George Hall, Edward Laville, Edward Wolf, Edward King, Louis Stanton, George Compton.

The men had worked all night in the printing shop and had crowded into the elevator at the top floor. The big elevator moved slowly down the shaft till the third floor was reached. Then, according to Harry Olson, who had taken hold of the rope which set the machine going, something snapped and an instant later the lift, filled with its mass of victims, crashed into the basement. The accident was caused by the breaking of the engine in the basement.

## SAVES SIX LIVES.

### Heroic Rescue of a Family From a Burning Flat in New York.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Six lives were saved by the gallant work of a young colored man during a fire at a flat house in West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street. The man's name is M. S. Anderson. He detected the fire while on his way to work. The flames had gained considerable headway and in a window of the second floor stood a man named Nelson with his six little children hovering around him, their escape having been cut off by the flames. With two passers-by Anderson ran into the burning floor. With his two companions holding his legs, Anderson swung head downward and swaying his body backward and forward managed to reach the children as they were held up to him by the father. All were taken out safely in this manner.

## Southerners Cheer Dewey.

SAVANNAH, March 22.—Fifty thousand persons on the streets here yesterday gave Admiral Dewey an enthusiastic welcome to Savannah. The admiral had recovered from his indisposition sufficiently for him to take part in the military parade and as he rode through the streets with Mrs. Dewey at his side, ringing cheers rent the air. Military companies were present from many southern cities and nearly 4,000 men were in line. An admiral's salute was fired by the Chatham artillery from brass pieces presented the organization by President George Washington. The climax of the occasion occurred at the banquet at the De Soto hotel last night, where the admiral was presented with a beautiful vase on behalf of the city of Savannah by Hon. F. G. Dubine.

## Denote an Independent Action.

LONDON, March 22.—At a meeting of the Irish members of the house of parliament yesterday, John Redmond presiding, it was agreed that the Irish commoners should not be allowed hereafter to pair with either Liberals or Unionists. This action is a recurrence to the independent attitude of the Irish party under Parnell's leadership, and is calculated greatly to increase the fighting influence of the organization in parliament.

## Roberts Talks to Naval Brigade.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 21.—Lord Roberts, while inspecting the naval brigade on the plain outside the town in the presence of many of the townspeople, addressed the men, thanking them for the excellent work they had done in the course of the campaign. He wished good luck to those who were about to rejoin their ship and expressed the hope that the others would be present at the entry into Pretoria.

## Shot by Unknown Assassin.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Robert W. Gilchrist, proprietor of a barbershop at 1754 Twenty-second street, was shot and instantly killed while preparing to shave a patron in his shop last night. The assassin came to the door of the shop, opened it about half way, took a slow aim with a rifle and fired, hitting Gilchrist in the temple. He escaped before the witnesses of the crime could recover from their astonishment and give pursuit.

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Professor Henry Cohn of the chair of German at the Northwestern university at Chicago, died Wednesday of apoplexy.

Sydney, capital of New South Wales, and Adelaide, capital of South Australia, have been declared infected with the bubonic plague.

A petition was filed Wednesday in the district court at St. Paul asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Twin City Jockey club.

As a result of the recent increase in wages granted the Massillon miners the Massillon District Coal Operators' association has decided to raise the price of coal 25 cents per ton.

J. A. Orcutt, a well known old trapper near Rhinelander, Wis., was found dead at his house just at the edge of town, where he lived alone. He was shot through the head.

The house committee on public lands Wednesday directed a favorable report on a bill allowing a single woman who locates a homestead entry on unplatted lands to complete the entry after her marriage.

Smallpox has broken out in the Great Northern grading camps near Fort Benton, Mont., where about 1,300 men are at work. Thirty cases have been already reported and it is feared that it will be impossible to check the disease.

## DEBATE ON LOUD BILL.

### House Members Become Heated Over Its Provisions.

#### M'PHURSON AND LENTZ IN A TILT.

### Ohio Representative Charged With Being Attorney for Lobby Fighting the Measure—Senate Passes Resolution for Inquiry on Cape Nome Grants.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—During the debate in the house yesterday on the Loud bill relating to second class mail matter there was a sharp exchange between McPherson (Rep., Ia.) and Lentz (Dem., O.) over a charge made by the former that the latter was the attorney for the lobby which is fighting the bill, otherwise the debate was without incident. Both the friends and opponents of the measure express the belief that the vote today will be close. Loud has agreed to accept two amendments, one to increase the number of sample copies which newspapers can send out at second class rates from 500 to 2,000 and the other to limit the provision requiring newspapers to separate their mail to those in excess of 5,000 circulation. These are all the concessions he will make. He says the debate has strengthened the bill and he believes it will pass. The speakers were Brownwell (O.), Griggs (Ga.), McPherson (Ia.), Burke (Tex.), Bingham (Pa.), Heatwole (Minn.) and Latimer (S. C.) in favor of the bill and Moon (Tenn.), Lentz (O.), Vandiver (Mo.), Snodgrass (Tenn.), Cochran (Mo.) and Neville (Neb.) against it.

#### Inquiry on Cape Nome Grants.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Upon the authority of the governor of Alaska Turner (Wash.) made the statement in the senate yesterday that concessions for gold mining in the bed of the sea, near Cape Nome, Alaska, had been granted by the secretary of war and upon that statement he based a resolution of inquiry. Senator Turner said if such a grant had been made it was "a shame, a reproach and a scandal." The resolution was agreed to. In a few minutes and without discussion the additional urgent deficiency bill was passed with one or two other measures of importance. Allison gave notice that he would call up today the conference report on the Porto Rican appropriation bill.

#### Beveridge Will Wait.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Post says: "On account of earnest efforts being made by Republican senators to reach an agreement on Porto Rico which all senators can consistently support, Senator Beveridge will not for the present urge his amendment for free trade for that island, but will postpone his speech until such agreement as the Republican senators are able to make is reached. The senator desires it understood that he has not abandoned his position and that he will vote to sustain the principle enunciated in the president's message."

#### Bill for St. Louis Exposition.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representative Lane (Ia.) yesterday introduced a bill providing for an exposition at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana territory. The bill provides for a government building to cost \$400,000, and also for the expenditure of \$5,000,000 by the government, when the exposition authorities have raised \$10,000,000. Provision is made also for the creation of a commission and for other features giving the exposition a national and international scope.

#### To Pass Porto Rico Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The friends of the Porto Rico tariff bill in the senate are more confident than ever that they will be able to pass the measure. It is claimed that the quiet work which the harmony committee has been doing is having effect and that the opponents of the tariff are not so determined as they were a short time ago. The argument is being made that this being a Republican measure, it ought not to be defeated by Republican votes.

#### Prosecution Rests Its Case.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—By a vote of 9 to 4, the Coner d'Alene investigating committee decided not to call Mr. Sinclair as a witness for the prosecution. Mr. Sulzer thereupon announced that the prosecution would rest its case. This cleared the way for the opening of the defense, but as the hour was late the committee adjourned until today, when it is expected that Governor Steunenburg will be called.

#### Osman Pasha, the Hero of Plevna, Dies.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch from Constantinople announces the death of Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna, and the greatest Turkish soldier of recent times. He was 68 years old. His defense of Plevna against an overwhelming Russian force in 1877 gave Osman enormous prestige. By the intrenchments he caused to be thrown up he arrested for four months the advance of the Russians. In three pitched battles he overcame the finest troops of the czar's armies.

#### Two Women Try Suicide.

ELKHART, Ind., March 22.—Stella Harrington, married, and Lyda Jordan, unmarried, young women of this city, took morphine last night with suicidal intent, Miss Jordan leaving a note proclaiming her love for Mrs. Harrington's husband. Mrs. Harrington will not give any reason for her own attempt at self destruction.

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#### Jeffries to Meet Three.

CHICAGO, March 22.—James J. Jeffries, through his managers, contracted to meet three men in one night in Chicago April 5. The champion's three opponents have not been definitely selected, but it is practically settled that Jack McCormick and Ed Dunkhorst will be two of them. Jim Barnes has been mentioned as the other. Jeffries will leave California at once and prepare here for the bouts.

#### Reinforcements for Torres.

MONTEREY, March 22.—The Ninth regiment of infantry, stationed in this city, has received orders to proceed immediately to the scene of the Yaqui Indian war and join the forces of General Torres in the campaign that is now being waged against the rebels. It is probable that permission will be asked of the United States government by President Diaz for this regiment to pass through the United States.

#### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Democrats of Alaska have called a convention for May 28, to name delegates to the national convention.

The Metropolitan Railroad company of New York formally took control of the Third Avenue road Wednesday.

A reunion of federal veterans was held Wednesday at Dublin, Tex., the occasion being the visit of General Albert D. Shaw, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

Another big colony of settlers from Kansas, Missouri and Iowa passed through St. Paul Wednesday en route to Laramie, Minn. and other points in North Dakota.

John and Joseph Chasmer, brothers, were struck by a train on the Wisconsin Central, Wednesday, while crossing the track in a buggy near Cadott, Wis. Both were instantly killed.

The Merchants and Manufacturers' association of Baltimore Wednesday adopted, without a dissenting vote, resolutions strongly condemning the Porto Rico tariff bill and favoring the Nicaragua canal.

The secretary of the navy has granted ship building concerns engaged in the construction of about 40 torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats an extension of one year's time for the completion of their contracts.

Arrangements have been made to send an additional detachment of medical officers to San Francisco with a view to their transportation to Manila for the relief of a similar number of medical officers in the Philippines.

The gold statue of "The American Girl," which is to be exhibited at the Paris exposition, was successfully cast in New York, Wednesday. Miss Maude Adams, the actress, was the model and Mrs. Bessie Potter Youniss was the sculptor.

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