

CZAR SENDS TROOPS

Boer Leaders Assert that Fifteen Thousand Russians Are at Kroonstad.

STARTLING NEWS FROM BLOEMFONTEIN

London Times Correspondent Corroborates Dispatches to World and Bee.

CONVINCED FOREIGN TROOPS ARE THERE

Has Been Heretofore Regarded as the Mouthpiece of Roberts.

RUSSIA PLANS TO INCREASE ITS NAVY

Why London Critics Have Been Premature in Prophecying an Immediate Forward Movement—A "Military Precaution."

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) BLOEMFONTEIN, March 29.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Boer leaders are disseminating reports of foreign assistance arriving in the Transvaal. Boers returning from Coleberg are persuaded that 15,000 Russians have arrived at Kroonstad and are advancing on Bloemfontein. Kruger boasts to them his intention of retaking Bloemfontein within a week. Meanwhile it appears probable the enemy's force advancing southeast has been reinforced by commandoes which trekked north by Kromsdrif and Ladysburg to Winburg. Grootbuis is reported captured. He is said to have been discovered wounded in a farmhouse by a patrol of mounted infantry. A number of captured Free State soldiers near Nervalopont, presumably from the Bloemfontein. The enemy is undoubtedly concentrating at Kroonstad, probably for a fight.

LONDON, March 30.—This is a Boer report from Natal that a Russian soldier of fortune, Colonel John Gordon, with 1000 men, is operating close to the British outposts on the western border. The Russian government, according to a dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg, is considering a demand for a large increase in the Russian navy.

LONDON TIMES MAN HEARS IT

He Stands Close to Roberts—Convicted that Fifteen Thousand Foreign Troops Have Landed.

LONDON, March 29.—The latest news from Bloemfontein, contained in a dispatch published in the second edition of the Times and dated Wednesday, March 28, states that the necessity for not making a premature advance. This correspondent, who on several occasions seemed to have been chosen as the mouthpiece of Lord Roberts, cables: "It should be clearly understood that the present halt in the vicinity of Bloemfontein is absolutely necessary as a military precaution. It should also be borne in mind that we are about to enter upon a new phase of the operations with the main communications through a recently occupied hostile country and that the recent successes necessitated a great expenditure of horse power. Here and in Natal we shall move on the commencement of the South African winter and must be prepared to face the effects of the first frost upon such animals as may be affected with horse sickness. It would be suicidal to push troops forward till they are equipped to meet the exposure of winter. Horses, clothing and food we must have."

The correspondent adds that the Boer forces have been re-equipped, and he says he is fully convinced that 15,000 foreign troops have landed to aid the republic. From this the inference might be drawn that the London critics have been premature in prophecying an immediate advance at Kimberley and Zamboni. The best based conjecture is well nigh worthless as to when Lord Roberts contemplates moving. A deputation of Dutch church ministers had an audience with Premier Schreiner at Capetown today. The ministers urged the separation of the sick and well boer prisoners and asked that the sick be sent to St. Helena.

Mr. Schreiner replied that he had no power in such matters, but would use his influence to the best of his power. He made strong representations to the imperial government against sending any of the prisoners to St. Helena, but without success.

It is reported that the prison transports will sail for St. Helena at the end of this week.

TRYING TO STIR UP GERMANY

Russian Press Arguing that Fatherland's Interests Lie with France Against England.

BERLIN, March 29.—The efforts of influential Russian newspapers to show that Germany's interests lie with Russia and France against England are attracting some attention here. A correspondent in London writes in an article by Prince Trubetsky, showing that the Franco-Russian alliance does not now have a threatening character, but England is threatening the peace of the world and that Germany may find it expedient to ally itself with an ally in order to enable it to withstand British pressure.

ZOLA ON THE SITUATION

Eminent Novelist Says that France Has No Better Chance to War with England.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, March 29.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—In an interview with the Paris correspondent of the Morning Leader Zola ridiculed the likelihood of a war between England and France. He said: "The rumor is an absurdity and the reality would be a catastrophe. France does not and has never desired war. She showed that over Fashoda and a hundred other incidents. Warfare outside may be used to produce a change of ministry, but believe me, France will never again voluntarily promote war. Can you see the true state of affairs? The French people must have some subject of excitement and England at present seems a little inflated and perhaps a little overbearing, but such effervescence in France is not the good sense of the country."

Zola criticized the Boer war, saying that the sight of a great and splendid power turning all its forces against a little people who were not doing much but must move not only France but the whole world.

Convoys Talk at Cork. CORK, March 29.—The duke of Connaught, commander of the forces in Ireland, who has completed his tour of military inspection, was entertained today by the sheriffs of

ROBERTS TO ENGAGE THEM

Sends a Force to Meet Boer Army North of Bloemfontein.

BOERS CONCENTRATING IN FORCE

Their Strength Indicates More Than an Observation Corps—Methuen's Frustrated Expedition Called Off by Roberts.

LONDON, March 30.—The Boers are concentrating in force about fifteen miles north of Bloemfontein, in the region of Gien and Lord Roberts is sending forward troops to engage them.

The Seventh infantry division and part of General French's cavalry have been sent up to join the Fourteenth brigade under Lord Roberts in the region of Gien and Lord Roberts is sending forward troops to engage them.

It does not seem probable the Boers will give battle in the fairly open country north of Gien, still their evident strength indicates more than a corps of observation. In small affairs the Boers are daring and aggressive in all parts of the field of war.

The Johannesburg police, esteemed to be the Boers' best command, are raiding the country near Bloemfontein, harassing the farmers who have given up their arms to the British and carrying off cattle.

The Boers have reoccupied Campbell and are in strength near Taung and Barkly West. They shelled the British camp at Warriston Wednesday night, but were driven off by British troops who were ordered back.

DUKE OF NORFOLK RESIGNS

He Was Postmaster General of England and Is Going to the Front.

LONDON, March 29.—11:30 p. m.—The Duke of Norfolk has resigned to go to the front.

The inaudibility of Mr. Balfour's reply to the question respecting the duke of Norfolk's resignation led to many conflicting reports concerning the matter during the afternoon, but this evening Balfour told a correspondent of the Associated Press that he had replied that the duke of Norfolk had resigned, but at present he was unable to announce the name of his successor.

HARRISON FAVORS THE BOERS

Does Not Deny Writing a Friendly Letter to Secretary Hay on the Subject.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—A special report from Washington, in an afternoon paper today says that General Harrison has expressed some pretty blunt views on the Boer question and has written a friendly personal letter to Secretary Hay on the subject. Either in this letter or in some other communication he is reported to have said he "hoped the Boers would find some place on the green earth where they would have a right to live unmolested by the British. They have more than once sacrificed their land and their homes and moved to new places, and I don't see why the British should be allowed to do the same thing."

LEYS DEMANDS EXPLANATION

Declares Egypt Will Perforate Neutrality if Guns Landed England Are Not Returned.

BRUSSELS, March 29.—Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, has drawn the attention of the Egyptian and Turkish governments to the fact that the British government in the House of Commons, has admitted that six Maxim guns were loaned to the Egyptian army for use in the Transvaal war and has demanded explanation that unless the guns are immediately returned the Transvaal will consider the Egyptian government has abandoned neutrality and is lending openly its assistance to Great Britain.

GLADSTONE AGAINST BOERS

Son of Great Leader Endorses Position of the British Cabinet.

LONDON, March 29.—Speaking at a breakfast of the liberal agents at Nottingham today, Herbert Gladstone, son of the late William E. Gladstone, and member of Parliament for West Leeds, declared that nearly all the liberals had agreed in regard to the Transvaal war, which will be a lesson to that it was the duty of the government to make a recurrence of the war impossible and to show the world that British power in South Africa was predominant and that the British flag must wave over the whole of South Africa.

AGUINALDO AT MANILA BELL

Inaugural Chief Said to Visit the Metropolitan in Disguise When He Chooses.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 29.—A Times special from Tacoma, Wash., says: "Captain Conradi of the transport Garonne, who arrived last night from Manila, reports that Aguinaldo, according to reports current there, is able to visit Manila in disguise almost as often as he wishes. How this is accomplished no one seems to know, but it is known positively that he attended a grand masquerade ball at Manila on New Year's night and has been seen there several times since. He is heard from occasionally as being first in one place and then in another.

KAISER WANTS THE TRADE

Commerce with America Will Not Be Lost if He Can Prevent It.

BERLIN, March 29.—Emperor William, in a recent conversation with Ambassador White, ranging over various topics, mentioned the rapidly growing commerce between Germany and the United States. He said: "I hope, your majesty, that this great trade will not be allowed to be destroyed." His majesty replied: "No, certainly not; but if my government could prevent it."

QUIET FUNERAL FOR JOUBERT

Interment to Be at His Farm and Without Military Honor by His Request.

DEVELOP WESTERN COUNTRY

Burlington Extension Into Big Horn Basin Will Be Important Factor.

RICH COAL DEPOSITS IN THAT LOCALITY

Large Irrigation Ditches Do Much to Attract Settlers to that Region—Road is Completed.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

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SENATE FOR A TARIFF

Test Vote on an Amendment to Porto Rico Bill Shows This.

PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE PRESAGED

Thirty-Three Senators Vote for the Tariff, Sixteen Against.

ALLEN AND THURSTON AMONG THE ABSENT

Neither Present When Ballot is Taken and Votes Not Paired.

SOME CHANGES MADE IN THE MEASURE

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TALLOW DICK IN THE TOOLS

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WORK OF SCHOOLS IN CUBA

One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Children in Attendance—English to Be Taught.

LA DISCUSSION SCORES A SCOOP

First to Announce Birth of a Daughter to Mrs. Wood.

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Result of the Test Vote. Pottus then moved to strike out the provision in section 2 providing for a duty of 15 per cent of the Dingley law rates on products of Porto Rico imported into this country. The motion of Pottus was defeated, 15 to 23, as follows: For—Jones (Ark.), Kenney, Lindsay, Jones (Mont.), Clark (Mont.), Clay, Cockrell, Hamilton, Harris, Wellington—16. Against—Hawley, Keim, Kyle, Chandler, McKim, McKim, Perkins, Quaker, Foster, Scott, Smith, Shoup, Wetmore—33.

The following pairs were announced, the last named being opposed to the amendment: Martin-Jones of Nevada, Daniel-Peterson, McLaurin-Pritchard, Hoar-McHenry, Tallarough-Mason, Turner-Aldrich, Rawlins-Wellcott, McKinstry, Caffery-Burrows, Pettigrew-Platt of Connecticut, Simon-Dewey, Chilton-Elliots, Heitfeld-Platt of New York, Butler-Beveridge.

Allen and Thurston Absent. No announcement of pairs was made of the following senators, who were absent from the chamber when their names were called: Allen, Davis, McCumber, Mallory, Nelson, Proctor, Stewart, Thurston, Tillman and Vest.

The next committee amendment was that which provided that the Spanish or native inhabitants of Porto Rico and their children should be citizens of Porto Rico and as such entitled to the protection of the United States. Morgan maintained that the people of Porto Rico were citizens of the United States and as such entitled to the right and immunities prescribed by the constitution. The amendment, he said, was "a vain and empty declaration."

It became evident that the amendment could not be disposed of today and it was passed over until tomorrow.

Morgan offered an amendment to the section of the bill which proposes to redeem the Porto Rican silver coins in United States money, giving 60 cents of American money for the Porto Rican peso. The amendment proposed to pay 100 cents for the peso.

No vote was taken on the amendment.

Before the vote was taken on the amendment to strike out the 15 per cent tariff