

KRUGER ARRIVES TOO LATE

Delay of the Gelderland Spoils Plans for Demonstration at Marseilles.

ENTHUSIASM IS RAPIDLY DYING OUT

Reception of the Boer President When He Lands Likely to Be Rather Tame and Perfunctory in Nature.

MARSEILLES, Nov. 21.—2 p. m.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland, having on board President Kruger of the South African Republic, is reported to be off Toulon. The reception of Mr. Kruger is likely to be postponed until to-morrow.

MARSEILLES, Nov. 21.—In spite of a heavy rain which prevailed all night and during the forenoon today, the streets of Marseilles were filled from an early hour by great crowds of people intent on extending a welcome to Paul Kruger, president of the South African Republic. At 11:30 a. m. the steamer Gelderland, carrying the noted voyager, not having been sighted, the committee having the details of the reception in charge announced an adjournment until 2 o'clock p. m. Early in the day Dr. Leyds and Messrs. Fischer and Wessels and the other Boer delegates boarded the launch of the captain of the port, with the purpose of meeting and boarding the Gelderland outside the harbor. The sea proved too rough, however, to permit of their carrying out their intention, and they were obliged to return.

The scene at the dock was very picturesque. Every coil of baggage was occupied by sightseers. The landing stage was gaily decorated with the Transvaal and Free State colors, the French tri-color and shields bearing the blue cross of the arms of Marseilles.

Decorations Very Few. A red carpet covered the ground, forming a bright splash of color at the quay. Decorations elsewhere in the city were practically non-existent, only a few flags being visible along the route which Mr. Kruger will traverse in going from the quay to the hotel.

Senator Pauliat, the president, and other members of the Paris and Marseilles reception committee assembled at the landing stage during the forenoon, and behind them, drawn up in a long line, were delegations of various patriotic societies, with embroidered silk standards.

The Sainte Marie lighthouse at the end of the breakwater serves as a viewpoint for a large gathering of spectators, as the Gelderland will be first seen from there. Numbers of small boats were flitting about the inner harbor filled with spectators. Some of the boats were decorated with little Boer and French flags, but none of the steamers at the dock was dressed with bunting.

Rain, which had ceased for a time, began falling again at 11:30, whereupon, in view of the fact that the president would not arrive until late this afternoon or tomorrow, the Boer committee announced that it would disperse until 2 o'clock; the delegations from the societies fired their standards and marched off, and the crowds elsewhere were thinning rapidly.

The Gelderland cannot reach Marseilles before 6 o'clock this evening.

A blunder in the calculations of the time the Gelderland would require between Port Said and Marseilles resulted in the fixing out today of the intended demonstration and imperilled the success of the reception to-morrow. The French reception committee did not take into account the gale that is sweeping the Mediterranean and the low speed of the vessel.

The Boer delegates, victims of the organizing committee, awaited expectantly at their hotel from early morning until the afternoon for the arrival of the cruiser. For several hours the committee waited for Mr. Kruger remained at the entrance to the hotel, the horses of which were decorated with rosettes of Boer colors. Various delegations and societies that had assembled at the landing stage remained there through heavy showers until they realized in the nonsignaling of the Gelderland that their presence was futile.

Crowd Was Small. Today's great crowds were for the greater part made up of shopkeepers and workmen, who lost money by attending the gathering. Thirty thousand would be a generous estimate of the crowd, which was massed thickly at several points, while only sparse assemblies were to be seen elsewhere.

Up to a late hour no news had been received of the Gelderland, although it is expected that she will anchor in the harbor before daybreak tomorrow. No importance is attached to the report of an injury to her machinery, the theory being that she is going slowly in consequence of the heavy sea. An amusing statement appeared in a local paper this afternoon in which an alleged rumor was published to the effect that the delay was due to the capture of the Gelderland on the high seas by a British squadron or to deliberate damage to her machinery by a mercenary.

The Boer commission has issued a statement that the program intended today will be carried out to-morrow.

The attitude of today's concourse, while unanimously favorable to Mr. Kruger and the Boers, was nevertheless quite free from anything offensive to the British, which tended to enhance the absurdity of a noisy promenade along the principal boulevards this evening by a score of anti-British youths, whose efforts led to no disorder whatever.

LORD ROBERTS IN ACCIDENT

London Standard Has News of His Being Thrown From Horse and Severely Injured.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Evening Standard in a special edition this evening says: "Just as we are going to press the news has reached London that Lord Roberts has been thrown from his horse and received severe injuries."

"Lord Roberts' bodyguard removed him to Government house, Johannesburg. He was badly shaken and bruised, but it is expected he will be able to ride the field again in the course of a few days."

The Daily Telegraph learns that Lord Roberts has telegraphed privately to the secretary of state for war, Mr. William St. John Broderick, that he felt no ill-effects whatever.

Lord Roberts' accident occurred on Sunday last while he was riding. His horse fell with him and he was shaken and bruised, but no limbs were broken.

The officials of the War office say they are not in a position to report anything in connection with the rumored accident to Lord Roberts. This utterance is interpreted here as giving indirect support to the Evening Standard's statement.

THEY SURPRISE AN OUTPOST

Boers Kill Six Unsuspecting "Buffs" Near Batavia and Take Thirty-One Prisoners.

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Rumor of His Demise Not Credited in London—Roberts Says Nothing of It.

TELEPHONE RIGHTS ARE SOLD

Russian Government Puts Up at Auction Franchises for Leading Cities.

BIDDERS ACCEPTING LOWEST RENTAL WIN

American Concern, Which Was Among Those Seeking the Privilege, Suffers the Misfortune of Losing in Every Instance.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 21.—The telephone franchises were sold at auction yesterday. The new regime begins in November, 1901. The government has prescribed the conditions of the franchises, and the bidders were given to the parties fixing the lowest subscription. The St. Petersburg municipality won here, agreeing to demand 45 roubles annually, compared with 250 roubles hitherto charged. The Western Electric company of the United States bid unsuccessfully everywhere. The subscriptions are: Odessa, 45 roubles; Riga, 75 roubles; Warsaw, 65 roubles and Moscow 75 roubles. The prices for restaurants, hotels, etc., are 30 per cent higher for a time, and 10 to 20 per cent lower for telephones in general use, the custom being to place telephones in a corridor for the use of the entire building. The long-distance system remains the property of the government.

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ROYAL BIRTHDAY PARTS

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TYPHOUS EPIDEMIC IN COPENHAGEN

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HONORS FOR SIR THOMAS

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Sir Thomas Lipton has been gazetted as honorary colonel of the Second Volunteer Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry.

CURIOUS THINGS ABOUT CHINA

Features of Life in the Celestial Empire Noted by a Foreigner. Probably the most striking thing that impresses itself upon one who has just returned to China, writes the correspondent of Leslie's Weekly, is the sense of almost faces upturned in idle curiosity, watching his movements. It takes a long time before one is able to find distinguishing features sufficient to recognize the individuals of the race.

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