

ROBERTS PREPARES TO STRIKE HARD.

British Army Expected to Enter Bloemfontein Today.

MORE FIGHTING EXPECTED.

Criticism of Boer Strategy—Danger to British Prisoners in Pretoria—Methuen Advancing North.

Capetown, March 13.—Gen. French has arrived at Bloemfontein. This bulletin may mean that Gen. French has entered Bloemfontein or merely that he is in the environs, thus belatedly confirming Lord Roberts' advice to the war office this morning.

London, March 14, 4:30 a. m.—Nothing can be said of the advance on Bloemfontein beyond Lord Roberts' own dispatches. Nothing more has been permitted to come through. Doubtless Lord Roberts himself is fully occupied with important military operations.

The dispatch from Capetown saying that Gen. French has "arrived at Bloemfontein" probably does not mean that he has entered the city. Lord Roberts' messages may mean either that the Boers have cut the railway to the north or that the British cavalry have done so. If the former, then it may be assumed that no rolling stock has been seized, but by general assumption the latter interpretation is regarded as correct. This would greatly facilitate obtaining supplies from Orange river, an important matter, as Lord Roberts' line of communication at Modder bridge is now 110 miles long. The Boers may make another dash, but there is little doubt that Lord Roberts will occupy Bloemfontein Wednesday. The Boers retreating from Orange river will find themselves between two British armies and their guns are almost bound to fall into the hands of the British, while the occupation of the capital of the Free State will strain the alliance of the two republics to the utmost.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "Lord Roberts is probably now waiting in front of Bloemfontein for the infantry divisions. None of them could well be expected to arrive before dark. The three divisions would probably be so directed that while the Boers would follow the cavalry and turn the Boer defenses, the other two would come up in echelon on the Orange river front, so that in case of a sudden dash the Boers could be enveloped and compelled to retreat under difficulties and with heavy loss."

"Lord Roberts is not the man to form, in his determination to reach a strategic point, any measures likely to contribute toward crushing a part of the enemy's force."

"There are abundant signs of the demoralization of the Boers. The first is the lack of strategy of their resistance to the advance of Lord Roberts. Then come the messages of the Presidents to Lord Salisbury. Kruger and Steyn, it is said, have not yet quite realized their position, but Lord Salisbury's reply, being precisely what the British nation expected him to send, may open their eyes."

Winston Churchill wires the Morning Post from Durban, protesting against the ceremonial treatment of Gen. Cronje. He adds: "The stern decision not to exchange prisoners will undoubtedly accelerate the end of the war, but it will prove very hard and perhaps even dangerous for the British prisoners in Pretoria."

"There is abundant evidence that the Boers are becoming more cruel, and that the war will enter a darker phase. It is very doubtful if the Boer government will be able to control the wild passions of the exasperated ruffians forming the noisy part of the Boer army, but Lord Salisbury's reply, being precisely what the British nation expected him to send, may open their eyes."

"The railway and telegraph lines have been repaired thirty miles northward to Stry Kint. It is understood that the line between Fourteen Streams and Vryburg is not badly damaged."

LONDON PRESS OPINIONS.

Comments on the Efforts for Peace with South Africa.

London, March 14.—The Times, commenting editorially this morning upon the reply of Lord Salisbury to the message from the Boer presidents, says: "The government having given the only conceivable reply to the extraordinary Kruger-Steyn telegram, a reply which will be hailed with profound satisfaction throughout the empire, we are generally glad to see the attitude of the United States has assumed in transmitting the proposals. Washington's services, of course, have been declined, but declined, we need hardly say, in the same cordial and friendly spirit in which they were offered. The news that Gen. French commands Bloemfontein is an instructive comment on the precarious character of the Boer pretensions."

Most of the papers express sentiments similar to those of the Times. The Standard says: "It is hard to treat with any seriousness an appeal which ignores the palpable realities of the situation. So far as it is meant for diplomatic use abroad, the appeal is a sheer waste of labor. Knowing our velvet, the diplomatists of both hemispheres will reject them."

The Daily Chronicle says: "Lord Salisbury puts his decision on the right ground. No other answer could be expected. The duty of the Liberal party will be to use its influence in the direction of tempering the future British sovereignty with the future British autonomy consistent with the necessities for interstate peace and equal laws and liberties."

The Daily Chronicle says: "The worst enemies of the Boers could not have anticipated the full extent and velocity of their demands. President Kruger has been forced by the exigencies of his position to approach Lord Salisbury with a demand for the return of his readiness to exercise his good offices. When he reads the correspondence he will feel thankful that he has not compromised himself with a cause that is now resolved into the arrogant obstinacy of Kruger."

REPUBLICANS DO NOT AGREE.

Caucus of Puerto Rican Measure Goes Over to Today.

Washington, March 13.—The Republican senators were in caucus for two and one-half hours on the Puerto Rican bill this afternoon and at 5 o'clock adjourned.

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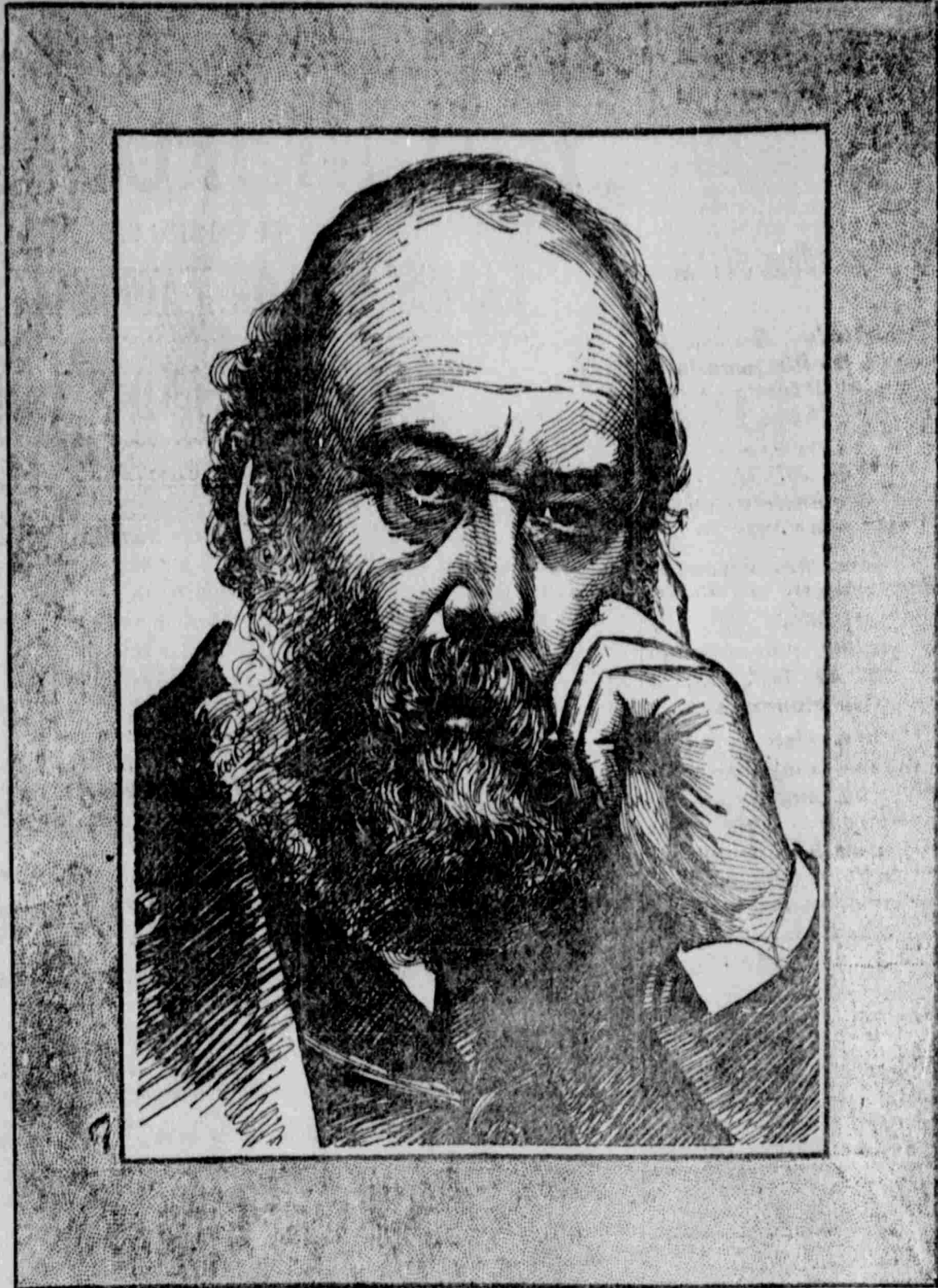
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LORD SALISBURY, THE BRITISH PREMIER.

Journal until 2 o'clock tomorrow, when the discussion will be resumed. No vote was taken upon any of the various propositions laid before the caucus, but as a result of caucus talk the impression prevailed that there was a great deal of opposition to the bill, which opposition, if it was not placated, might endanger its passage. It was also apparent that a number of other senators would have an influential effect upon the bill, while opposed to the bill, nevertheless would vote for it as a party measure.

Deep feeling was displayed over the question by a number of senators and especially by those of the Middle West, some of whom did not hesitate to affirm that any effort to place a tariff upon the exchange of business between the United States and Puerto Rico probably would have an injurious effect upon the Republican party in those States.

There were some sharp passages at arms. It was generally agreed, however, that from a party standpoint almost any bill was better than none, and this feeling gave the friends of the measure hope, despite the apparently unyielding attitude of the opposing factions. They are still holding to the bill as originally introduced and express the belief that it will form the basis of whatever settlement is agreed upon. This opinion is based upon what was said in a general way and not upon any poll of the caucus, for there was nothing approaching a vote during the meeting.

GEN. OTIS' DEATH LIST.

Three Victims Each for Smallpox. Accidental, Suicide, Wounds, Dysentery.

Washington, March 13.—The war department has received the following casualty report from Gen. Otis at Manila, dated yesterday:

By suicide, February 27th, Daniel H. Collins, Company F, Seventeenth regiment United States Infantry; March 6, William Pardon, Company C, Twenty-second Infantry; March 6th, while mentally deranged, Second Lieut. Louis P. Weber, Company E, Forty-second volunteer Infantry.

Died from wounds received in action: February 23rd, Adj. Gen. John B. Galt, Fourth regiment Infantry; February 25th, James L. Jones, Company D, Thirtieth United States volunteer Infantry; March 5th, William Boese, Company H, Forty-sixth Infantry.

Various—March 1st, Lewis Lile, corporal, Company G, Forty-first Infantry; March 2nd, Thomas M. Brooke, Company H, Thirty-sixth Infantry; March

5th, Walter L. Bullingame, Company F, Thirty-ninth Infantry.

Chronic Diarrhoea—March 3rd, Pinkney Flynn, Company E, Thirty-seventh Infantry.

Sub-Acute Diarrhoea—March 4th, Theodore Shaffer, Company D, Thirty-second of Forty-second Infantry.

Multiple Neuritis—March 4th, William Wright, sergeant, Company E, Thirtieth Infantry.

Typhoid Fever—March 4th, Charles Lee, Company E, Twenty-sixth Infantry; March 5th, Frank C. Ocker, Company H, Sixth Infantry.

March 6th, Henry Fitzgerald, Company F, Ninth Infantry.

Enteritis—March 1st, Charles F. Herick, Battery G, Sixth regiment artillery.

Accidental—March 6th, William J. Wood, Battery L, Sixth artillery, run over by truck; March 4th, Earl C. Ward, corporal, Company A, Thirtieth Infantry, shot by sentry.

Albert Kettie, Battery O, Sixth artillery, fell through hatchway.

Material Fever—March 4th, Edgar J. Manning, Company A, Ninth Infantry.

Dysentery—March 6th, Leon W. Whitshire, Company E, Ninth Infantry.

March 6th, David A. Ferguson, Troop E, Fourth cavalry; March 7th, Milton Smart, Thirty-eighth Infantry.

Appendicitis—March 10th, James Thompson, Company D, Forty-eighth Infantry.

SEARCH ANCIENT RECORDS.

Mrs. Hearst will undertake an important task.

San Francisco, March 14.—President Wheeler has announced to the regents of the University of California that experts of acknowledged repute have been engaged to make excavations and explorations in parts of the world, rich with relics of ancient learning. The entire expense of the work will be borne by Mrs. Hearst.

In Egypt, Dr. George Reisner will have charge of the explorations. Dr. Uhle will pursue investigations in North America and Yucatan. California, New Mexico and Mexico will be searched for specimens by Dr. Philip Mills Jones.

Dr. Alfred Emerson, recently professor in the Athens school of archaeology, is now on his way to this State to confer with Mrs. Hearst in regard to the work in Greece and Etruria. The materials collected by the scientists will be placed in the archaeological museum to be established at Berkeley.

PLOT TO BLOW UP FORTY MEN

Dastardly Attempt at an Arizona Mining Camp.

BURNING FUSE DISCOVERED

Two Minutes More and House and Forty Men Would Have Been Blown to Atoms.

Chicago, March 14.—A special to the Herald from Whipsaw mining camp, Arizona, says that a plot to blow up forty men there on Sunday was almost successful. The men were sitting around the tables in the mess room, when one of the miners who was about to enter the room discovered the burning fuse, which he removed. But for this discovery in two minutes the sparks would have reached a charge of giant powder sufficiently heavy to blow into atoms the mess house and all its occupants. A miner who recently came into the camp and of whom little is known except that he is eccentric, is suspected of planning the destruction of the working men. He disappeared shortly before the dinner hour. A party of miners scoured the hills in a futile attempt to locate the missing man. The authorities have been notified.

NEW STAMPS FOR COLLECTORS

In honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Brazil in May, 1500, there will shortly be a special issue of stamps, as follows: Discovery of Brazil, 100 reis; independence, 200 reis; abolition, 500 reis, respectively.

Standard Chain Combine.

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Rheumatism may attack with such suddenness and severity as to make within a few days a healthy, active person helpless and bed-ridden, with distorted limbs and shattered nerves; or it may be slow in developing, with slight wandering pains, just severe enough to make one feel uncomfortable; the tendency in such cases is to grow worse, and finally become chronic.

Like other blood diseases, Rheumatism is often inherited, and exposure to damp or cold, want of proper food, insufficient clothing, or anything calculated to impair the health, will frequently cause it to develop in early life, but more often not until middle age or later. In whatever form, whether acute or chronic, acquired or inherited,

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Mr. J. O. Malley, 121 W. 10th Street, Indianapolis, Ind., for eighteen months was so terribly afflicted with Rheumatism he was unable to feed or dress himself. Doctors said his case was hopeless. He had tried fifty-two prescriptions that friends had given him, without the slightest relief. A few bottles of S. S. S. cured him permanently, and he has never had a rheumatic pain since. This was five years ago.

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close, found a plug which he forced out, revealing a cavity in which were three \$100 Canadian bills. Next he found blood stains and human hairs clinging to the framework of the bed, mute evidence, perhaps, of a terrible tragedy enacted on the Dawson trail. Two \$50 Canadian bills were found secreted in the ring plate of O'Brien's revolver.

RUSSIA WANTS TO ASSAIL CHINA.

Official Notice Causes America to Form a Chinese Squadron.

WILL BE WARNING TO CZAR

American Interests are Involved in Change in Conditions—Germany Preparing Too.

New York, March 14.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says: The German ambassador, Dr. Von Hollenben, had a long conference with Acting Secretary of State Hill, in which the latter was presumably informed that a demonstration in China might be expected from Russia shortly. The chief of the bureau of navigation, Rear Admiral Crowninshield sought Secretary of State Hay and found him at the Hay residence, after which the navy department announced that a Chinese squadron will be established, and that Rear Admiral Kempf, now commandant at the Mare Island navy yard, will be sent to Manila to take this squadron for cruising along the Chinese and Japanese coasts, also that Rear Admiral Remy, in charge of the Asiatic squadron, will maintain the naval base at Manila. It is understood that Rear Admiral Kempf's squadron will consist of the Oregon and Baltimore, now at Manila, the Iowa, Philadelphia and Massachusetts, at the Asiatic coast, and the Montgomery, now attached to the South Atlantic station.

It is believed here that the formation of the Chinese squadron by the United States is to be a spectacular warning to Russia and France, that American interests are being involved in any change in the conditions in China. Presumably Germany will make a similar demonstration.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST BRAZIL.

Alleged Effort to Overthrow the Republic for a Monarchy.

New York, March 14.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, says that the government has sent a circular letter to the governors of the different States announcing that a conspiracy to establish a monarchy had been discovered.

Various officers are implicated. Major Francis feigned to participate in the conspiracy, but his object was to disclose all its secrets and then tell the government. The plan of the conspirators was to establish a provisional government and then take a plebiscite.

Major Francis declared that Viscount Oureto, Generalis Cantuaria and Frigatte and Admirals Mello and Wandenkolke were concerned in the conspiracy.

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KENTUCKY QUIETENS DOWN

Legislature Adjourns, and Court's Decision Will Be Awaited.

Governor Taylor Will Continue as the Executive till the Dispute is Judicially Settled.

Frankfort, Ky., March 13.—The legislature of Kentucky adjourned sine die today. A conference between Adj. Gen. Collier and Castleman resulted in a perfect understanding being reached. Gov. Taylor will continue to act as governor.

Gov. Beckham will make no move toward securing possession of the State buildings until the court of appeals has decided the matter. The legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the use of Gov. Beckham in reorganizing the State militia. The debate on the bill in the house naturally took on a strong partisan tinge, but it went through amid wild cheers, by a vote of 13 to 12, most of the Republicans refusing to vote. It was explained by the Democratic leaders on the floor that the fund will not be used until after the decision of the court of appeals. The bill is regarded as a "war fund" by the Democrats.

Among the more conservative element in each party the opinion prevails that the worst is over, and that when the court of appeals renders its decision, the danger of civil war in the commonwealth, which has been terribly imminent, will entirely have passed away.

To the Democratic leaders, with a full understanding of the situation, one cloud only appears on the political horizon, and that is Gov. Taylor's future course. Gov. Taylor himself will not outline his plan of action, beyond the statement which he made to the Associated Press correspondent today that he would "continue to act as governor."

Republicans in Gov. Taylor's confidence, however, say that he will resign his duties until the court of last resort passes upon the question at issue. Then, if the decision be against him, he will step out at once and turn over the State buildings to Gov. Beckham.

The Republicans will make every effort to carry the dispute into the federal courts in case the decision of the court of appeals and the Supreme court of Kentucky is against them, but failing in this they will consider the question settled, although still believing a great wrong has been done them.

The Democratic leaders assert that they will cheerfully abide by the decision of the court of appeals. But should the court decision be in their favor they will insist on the occupancy of the State buildings, peacefully if possible, but forcibly if necessary, as it was expressed today.

Not until that decision is rendered will further action be taken. This much was decided today at the conference between Adj. Gen. Collier and Castleman, which lasted a greater part of the afternoon, and at which a perfect understanding in regard to the situation was arrived at and a tacit agreement made to allow matters to remain in statu quo at present. By this the Republicans understood no further arrests will be attempted and no more prosecutions made of the State officers or of the State militia serving under Gov. Taylor.

WOMAN MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT.

Chicago, March 14.—A woman probably fatally fatally was brought to the county hospital in a carriage early today and before the attendants had learned anything about the case her escort had driven away. She told the physicians that her name was Mrs. Brown and then sank into unconsciousness. She is suffering from a bullet wound in the breast.

The police were at once notified, but in no station in the city had a shooting been reported and the affair is enveloped in mystery. The victim is well dressed and is about 20 years old. The doctors have slight hopes that she will regain consciousness.

Later it was learned that a woman had called at the office of a physician on Halsted street for treatment about 8 o'clock last night. She told the doctor that she had been shot while she was walking in Van Buren street near Halsted. When questioned further she refused to talk. An examination showed that the bullet had penetrated the right lung. She remained in the physician's office until midnight. In the meantime another doctor had been called in, but as both speak but little English the detectives investigating the case could elicit scarcely anything more from them.

At midnight the woman was assisted into a carriage and was driven away in the company of a man. The physicians did not learn who he was. The woman had given her name to the physicians as Mrs. Brown.

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