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JOUBERT DEAD!

The Celebrated Commander-in-Chief of the best the can do with field transthe Boer Forces a Victim of Peritonitis.

British Force Has Been Sent to Glen, Several Miles North of Bloemfontein.

Commandant Botha Spoken of as Joubert's Successor-Fighting at Warrenton-General White Has Sailed for Home-Boer Gun Hidden in a Well.

lost heart.

farms

not be held. A Pretoria despatch ex-

pleins that the visit of Adelbert Hay,

the American consul to Kroonstad,

was for the purpose of arranging for

Anerican representation in the Free

State, there now being no U. S. agent

Carrarvon district has not yet been

suppressed, but no fighting is report-

A despatch to the Times from DeAar

The Times' correspondent at Lou-

rerzo Marquez reiterates the report

that there are numerous deserters

among the burghers. He says that

hurdreds of the younger men, includ-

ing some officers, are continually ar-

ammunition, amounting to four mil-

Creusot ammunition is almost exhaus-

ness the Boers were regularly import-

sicn, which can be traced to the war

office, is abroad that the advance will

begin next Monday. Boer observation

parties are hovering near Bloemfon-

tein, but Lord Roberts has one bund-

red and thirty-five miles to cover be

from Louterzo Marquez.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, March 29.-In the continued absence of any important milibert's death is the dominant feature of the situation, mainly with reference to the effect his loss will have on the cause of the republics. Too little is known here, however, to enable a valuable estimate to be made. The English correspondents have repeatedly affirmed that he had lost his military influence with his countrymen, his views being regarded as old fashioned, but the statement always had the appearance of being suggested by wish. Today the newspapers. while recognizing that he was a lifelong and consistent enemy of Great Britain, dwell upon the absence in his case of the rancor that is generally ascribed to Generals Cronje, Viljoen and some of the other Boer leaders. They unanimously pay tribute to his chivalrous character, endorsing Gen. White's testimony as given in his speech at Cape Town that "Gen. Joubert is a soldier and a gentleman, a breve and an honorable opponent. Now that Joubert and Kock are dead, Cronje a prisoner and Wolmarens gone to Europe, the Transvaal's executive council consists of Kruger, Reitz and Schalk-Burger. They are Joubert's widow to consent to the hundred rebels. temporary interment of her husband's body in Pretoria, in which case the funeral will doubtless be a state func-

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pretoria designates Louis Botha, now commanding the Boer forces in Natal, as the most probable successor

to Gen. Joubert. The latest despatches from Bloemfontein confirm the reports of the rested for desertion. He also asserts successful retreat of Commandant Oli- that the Boers' total stock of mauser vier's forces, though telegrams from The fact, however, seems unquestionable. Gen. French's failure to inter- Lee-Metford cartridges, of which they cept him is ascribed to the insufficient strength of his column at Thaba! N'chu. He left a detachment there under Col. Broadwood. Gen. Gatacre's troops are beginning to arrive at Bloemfontein. They will probably be followed in a few days by Gen. Clements' force. The report of the latter's occupation of Fauresmith without opposition is confirmed. The burghers seemed to be resigned, and ing examunition and other supplies the British enthusiastically welcomed the troops. The correspondents are satisfied that the southern part

the Orange Free State will henceforth be peaceful. There is no indication that Gen. Roberts is at the railway. This is preliminary to present contemplating a general for- the general advance. ward move, but he has sent the fourteenth brigade, half of the Guards' brigade and the Gordon Highlanders northward to the Glen. The railway bridge there was badly wrecked with dynamite three hours before the troops arrived. The repairs will compel a considerable delay. There are several indications that the Boers are constantly strengthening their preparations to oppose the British ad- fore reaching the great position which

pert. Therefore he can hardly engage the Ecers in force for two weeks. The reconstruction of the railway behind LONDON, March 29.—The Pretoria him may even delay an invasion of the Transvaal until May.

Meenwhile all the important towns in the Free State, within Lord Rob- The funeral will take place tomorrow erts' reach, are being garrisoned. Thaba N'chu, Philippolis, Fauresmith and Jagersfontein are thus held.

Sir Alfred Milner is touring in the disturbed newly acquired territory, investigating conditions, and arranging the administration. He is understood to be getting materials for a report to Mr. Chamberlain concerning a plan of civil government.

All the morning papers print singularly kind editorials concerning Gen. Joubert. They praise his military skill; uphold his chivalrous conduct, and regret that so strong and moderate a mind should be absent from the final settlement of the dispute.

Although some of the younger commanders thought the old soldier wanting in dash and enterprise, his raid into the country south of the Tugela tein show that they have in no way is considered the best piece of Boer leadership during the whole war. It A despetch from Lourenzo Marquez is now known that he crossed the asserts that Col. Marcuil Villebois, a Tugela with only 3,000 riflemen and French officer, now commands the for- six guns, but so bold and rapid were eign legion operating in the Free State, his movements that the British commanders thought 10,000 Boers were where the bulk of the burgher army is now believed to be entrenched, only marching on Pietermaritzburg. For a reer guard strong enough to delay a few days, although in the presence

Gen. Buller's advance being left in of greatly superior forces, he isolated the Drakensberg and Biggersberg Gen. Hildyard's brigade at Estcourt ranges. Krochstad still seems to be and at the same time threatened Gen. the centre of the defensive operations. Barton's camp at Mooi river. Then A despatch to the Daily News from as British reinforcements were pushed Pretoria declares that opinion is di- up Joubert re-crossed the Tugela vided respecting the ultimate defence without losing a prisoner, a wagon or of the Transvaal capital. Prominent a gun. Gen. White's estimate of him. pronounced on Tuesday before he residents are opposing President Kruger's wish to stand a siege. In some died, as a gentleman and a brave and quarters the desire is expressed to rehonorable opponent, strikes the tone tire to Lydenburg if the capital can- of all British comment.

The foreign office, according to the Daily Chronicle, is arranging with Portugal for some thousands of British troops to be landed at Biera and sent by the Rhodesia railway from Massi-Kesso to Umtali.

in that republic. The revolt in the A permanent arrangement is under steed to exist for the use of this rouce to transfer the Rhedesia police. The In estibility of foreign protest is suggested by the Daily Chronicle.

Among the items cabled from Pretosays that Gen. Kitchener's column returned from Priska on Tuesday, hav-Loyalists around Kimberly complain Kruger retire to Lydenburg. It is alkged that the principal buildings at that discharged rebels are marauding and preventing the occupation of der of Kruger.

JOUBERT DEAD. PRETORIA, March 28, 4 a. m., via Lourenzo Merques,-Piet Joubert, vicepresident of the Transvaal and commandant general of the republic's militery forces, aled shortly before middays. He succumbed to an attack of some other British sources conflict. lion rounds, was issued to the Free accute inflammation, after a short ill-Staters. The Boers are now using ness, attending church even last Sundaday. The whole community is thrown had originally four million. Their into the deepest gleom by his death. His loss is believed to be irretrievable, ted. They are using a home made particularly if any settlement should smckeless powder of bad quality. Exbe arrived at with the British.

periments in re-loading mauser cart-The remains will be taken tomorridges proved a failure. The foregoing row to the Wakkerstroom district, dces rot accord with previous comwhere they will be interred in the family cemetery on a farm he owned plaints from this and other correspondents that owing to Portuguese lax-Words are incapable of dethere. scribing the nation's grief over the loss of the commandant general at a time that is so critical in the history of the republic.

LONDON, March 29, 5.15 a. m -Lord KRUGER WILL TAKE COMMAND. Reterts has sent 10,000 troops to Glen, ten miles north of Bloemfontein, on Bleu publishes a despatch from Preteria, stating that President Kruger Immerse quantities of stores have will take supreme command of the now been accumulated at Bloemfon-Beer forces in succession to Commantein, and Lord Roberts' infantry is cant General Joubert. seeringly about to move. An impres-

> A SOLDIER AND A GENTLEMAN. I.ONDON, March 28 .- In connection with the announcement of the death of Gen. Joubert, it is interesting to note that Sir Cecrge White, the British general who commanded the garrisen which defended Ladysmith, in a speech at Cape Town yesterday evering, declared that Joubert was a soldier and a gentleman, and a brave and barerable apponent.

> HONEST AND CLEAN. LONDON, March 28 .- The afternoon newspapers today publish long biographies of Gen. Joubert. Generally, they are in a kindly tone. The Pall

Mali Gazette says: "Piet Joubert was the one contemporery Transvaal Boer, except ex-Chief Justice Keize, whose death could call forth a sincere tribute of respect from Englishmen of all parties. He was the antipodes in the Transvalal world of Leyds, and, personally, was honest, straight and clean-handed."

FROM THE BOER CAPITAL.

PRETORIA, March 26, via Lourenzo Marquez, March 27, 2 p. m.-A. despatch from Rustenberg, dated March 23; states that the Kaffirs who have been raiding on the northwestern border of the Transvaai have been driven back. They have now retired across the border.

A despatch from Fourteen Streams. dated Merch 25, says: "The last pontoon across the Vaal river at this point was destroyed yesterday."

Mr. Hignett, the British magistrate at Ngutu. Zululand, who was captured some time ago, has been released and sent to Delagoa Bay. The Colesberg and Stormberg commandos, under Gen. Lemner, have joined the northern Free State forces. They were not interfered with during their march. Mr. Crewes, an English resident of the Maricovaley, who was a prisoner here, died in the hospital

FREE STATERS REACH WIN-

PRETORIA, March 27, via Lourenzo Marquez, March 26, 2 p. m.—The northern Free State commandoes have reached Winburg. The report of he British occupation of Ladybrand

BOTHA WILL PROBABLY SUCCEED JOUBERT.

correspondent of the Daily Mail, telerapting yesterday, says:
"General Joutert died of peritonitis.

(Thursday.)
"The government is pleading with the widow to allow a temporary interment here, with a state funeral. Joubert elways expressed a desire to be

"His successor in the chief com-Botha, new commanding in Natal."

TODAY'S LONDON PAPERS. LONDON, March 28.-A special to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Wednesday, March 28, says:

"British scouts have thoroughly re connoitered the passes of the Drakersberg range. The number of Boers holding them does not exceed 2,000, and they are working half-heartedly in constructing entrenchments."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Tuesday, March 27, says:

"It is a matter of regret, owing to the state of the roads and of our lorses, Commandant Grovelarr's commando of six thousand men, from Colesberg and the southern districts, got away north by travelling day and night ciese to the Basuto border before cur force could hope to get near "The latest news is that the Boers

have forty thousand men still under arms, of whom ten thousand are in and around the Natal border. Although tents and stores are reaching tere, a block on the railway is delaying arrivels from the south considerably. It is asserted that twenty thousand Boers are massed at Kroonstad." A cespatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marquez, dated Wednerday,

"The French Colonel Villebois De Mercuil has been appointed to the command of the foreign legion, which is operating in the Free State. Gen. Princloo, recently arrested, is charged by the Boers with high treason."

Great Britain, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail, ria is a statement that prominent re- has tharked Germany for the latter's ng received the submission of two sidents there object to a defense of warring of the Boer plans for attack-Preteria and desire that President ing Walfish Bay on the West African

The correspondent of the Dimes at Johannesburg have been mined by or- Lourenzo Marquez, telegraphing Mon-

"Mr. Steyn has issued a circular letter dealing with the proclamation of Lord Roberts and declaring it to be obvious that 'the enemy's policy is, as it always has been in South Africa, to divide and dominate his opponents.' The circular goes on to say night last night, aged 68 years and 60 that before the war the British attempted to seduce the Free State by treacherous means from its solemn convention with the Transvaal in order to facilitate the swallowing up of the republics.

"He repudiates the charges that the Burghers have been misled by their leaders, and then says:

"The enemy now by fair promises seeks to divide us by offering a reward for disloyalty and cowardice. Could a grosser insult be offered than to dissuade us from a sacred duty? Let us not be misled by this cunning ruse. The man who would seduce another to disloyalty cannot himself be faithful.

"He would only leave the disloyal hurghers alone until he had his foot on the neck of the Afrikander nation. BRUSSELS, March 28.-The Petit That he is already disloyal to his promise is clear from the shameful destruction of property at Jacobsdal and the arrost of the Bloemfontein burghers who trusted in his promises. Although the capital is in the enemy's hands, the battle is not lost. On the contrary there is a greater reason for fighting more flercely. The power of the country is not depend-ent upon any town." There is unmistakable internal evidence that this letter is the work of State Secretary Reitz. Now that Mr. Fischer is gone fit is apparent that Mr. Steyn is predominated by Pretoria.

> Pretoria is being entrenched. News from responsible parties confirms the report that the Boers intend to blow up the works and shafts of the principal mines on the Rand and on Crown Reef, together with the Robinson and Langlaagte estate mines. Huge charges of exceptionally powerful blasting powder have already been placed in position with

> This is said to be done at the instigation of Mr. Reitz with the concurrence of Mr. Kruger, but against the wishes of many influential burghers There are grounds for suspecting that the real motive of this threat is to induce foreign investors to bring pressure on their governments to in-

INTERVIEW WITH KRUGER. NEW YORK, March 29.-The World today prints a special interview with President Kruger, obtained by its correspondent at Pretoria. Mr. Kruger

"I sent a message to the World say ing that the losses in a war would stagger humanity.' "The British laughed at me and said they would only take a month to con-

"Did those six hundred and fifty dead at Spion Kop and those hundreds who were killed in other battles please the British?

"Are they laughing? "When you came through London did you see much laughter?" The correspondent told Mr. Kruger of the scenes in front of the London war bulletin boards, the weeping relatives end the sorrowing friends.

The president continued: "Yes, that

is only one side of the picture. Here we have the same scenes, only our casualties are not so great."

FIRED ON THE HOSPITAL WARRENTON, Wednesday, March 28.—The Boers opened fire with artillery and rifles on the British camp today. The first shell of bullets poured into the village. Many cattle were

killed. A hotel that is used as a hospital, and over which the Red Cross flag was flying, was fired upon.

SPIRITED BOMBARDMENT OF MATEKING.

PRETORIA, March 27, via Lourenzo Marquez, March 28, 2 p. m.—A tre-mendous bombardment was opened on Mafeking from all sides at daybreak today. It is meeting with a spirited

MAFEKING IS ALL RIGHT. LONDON, March 28 .- A private telegram from Mafeking reports everything all right on March 20.

AT THE GLEN. LONDON, March 29 .- The Bloemartein correspondent of the Morning

Post, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "The First Coldstreams and Third Grenz diers are already at Glen. The Gordons and the cavalry brigade moved Surday. "The three span bridge at Glen was

dynamited two hours before the Guards reached it. The necessary repairing will delay further advance for a time. Gen. Gatacre's forces are new arriving.

REALIZABLE SECURITIES. BLOEMFONTEIN, March 28 .- The military authorities have discovered in a Free State government chest realizable securities worth £500,000.

WAS OLIVIER'S RETREAT BLOCK-ED.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) MASERU, Basutoland, March 27 .-The news of the British occupation of Ladybrand caused the greatest gratification in Basutoland. This was succeeded by dismay when the report arrived that the Boers had re-occupied the place and seized commanding positions about Plattberg and Modderspoort. It is now thought the re-occupation of the place by the Boers shows that the British prevented Commandant Olivier's retreat. Hence there is a possibility of a fight in the Plattberg mountain which surrounds Ladybrand.

MICHAEL DAVITT AT PRETORIA. PRETORIA, March 27, via Lourenzo Marques, March 28, 2 p. m.—Michael Davitt, the movement to capture them.

Irish nationalist, arrived here last night. He had an interview with President Truger to and of the plain, the column haded

CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON. KROONSTAD, March 25, via Pretoria and Lourenzo Marques, March 27.—Jan Pringloo, the former commander-in-chief of the Free State troops, has been arrested on a charge of high treason.

PRAISE FROM LORD WOLSELEY. annual meeting of the Milita Kine Associa-tion this afternoon, the commander-in-chiet of the forces, Lord Wolseley, said the coun-try was to be congratulated on the manner in which the war was proceeding. Great Britain, he pointed out, had in the field Britain, he pointed out, had in the field the largest army ever sent across the seas in the history of the world, and composed of the finest men he had ever seen in any army. This satisfactery situation, he continued, was primarily due to the wonderful army system inaugurated by Lord Cardwell, but for which it would have been impossible for Great Britain to carry on the South African war, as had it not been for the militia and reserves, Great Britain would have been in a very bad way.

Continuing, Lord Wolseley said, nearly 900 officers and thirty battalions of militia had been landed in South Africa since the war, that 27,000 militia had passed into the regulars since 1887-88, and that the embodi-

regulars since 1887-88, and that the embodiregulars since 1837-88, and that the embodi-ment of the militia into the regulars this year was successfully carried out.

The commander-in-chief further said that the officer in charge of the embarkation testified to the high standing of all who went out, all of which, he concluded, proved the immense value of militia to regular

COMMANDEERED THE GOLD. PRETORIA, Monday, March 26.—The government has commandeered a portion of the gold reserve of all the banks. Bar gold has been given as security to the amount of about £306,000.

WHITE HAS SAILED FOR ENGLAND. CAPE TOWN, Wednesday, March 28.—Gen Sir George White sailed for England today. BOER GUNS HIDDEN IN A WELL.

LONDON, March 28.— A despatch from Fauresmith says that the British found a Maxim gun and a nine-pounder in a well at Kuffyfontein. They also found three alleged graves containing ammunition which required three wagons to remove.

THREE GREAT EVENTS. LONDON, March 21.-Never have the mailed accounts from the scene of war been so interesting. Within the last few days some lifty columns of those have appeared in the London papers, and for the first time Great Britain has learned the dramatic de tails that marked the ride of Gen. French into Kimberley, the advance of Lord Roberts into the Orange Free State, the corralling of Gen. Cronje the advance to relieve Ladvsmith and the terrors of the siege of Kimberley and Mafeking. From this interesting accumulation,

the most vivid is, perhaps, the detailed account of Gen. French's ride into Kimberley. In the rapid course

ceded and followed the relief of Kimberiev this exploit escaped the attention it would otherwise have received. The correspondent of the London Times described the ride of Gen. French into Kimberley as follows "From Modder river, from Rensburg and from DeAar the cavalry, mounted infantry and horse artillery came in long lines, concentrating at Graspan and Honeynestkloof. On Monday the march began. Ramdam, eight miles

to the southeast, was soon passed and a sharp skirmish secured DeKiel's drift on the Riet. After a halt of a day the column moved on. At Klip Drift the cavalry division halted at night. The breathless haste of a dash through the enemy's country carried out with a rapidity probably without a parallel had left its mark on the ses, and the transport was hopelessly in the rear.

"On the 15th, at 10 o'clock, the criti cal advance was made and the shelling and capture of two laagers a few miles out of Klip Drift on the northern side of the river cleared the way for the junction of the force encamped on the Modder, some five miles east of the border fence. This body was composed of Kitchener's and Roberts' horse and two more regiments of mounted infantry. Before they entered the great plain of Alexanderfontein the contingent from Modder river, the Scots Greys, Household Cavalry and two Lancer regiments also joined the force, which now numbered 10,000 men, seven batteries of horse artillery and three field batteries. Their entry into the plain was the signal for the great event of the day. The plain is perhaps three miles in width and five in length, converging slightly to the

north and fringed with kopjes. "The kopjes on either side were held by the Boers, who poured bullets and shells into the advancing mass, almost hidden by the curtain of dust that rose from under the hoofs of the horses. These were quickly cleared of their occupants by the impetuous rush of the mounted infantry. Lieut. Sweet Escott of the 16th Lancers was the first officer to fall, shot dead at 50 yards by a Boer who received a lance through his throat almost before he could produce the invariable cry for mercy. Kopie after kopie was cleared and the Boers were driven from them right and left as the column crashed forward like some great ploughshare, thrusting aside the enemy on either side, helpless to withstand this tremendous charge and almost powerless to harm it. A barbed rinderpost fence stretching across the plain checked the advance a moment, and the hait enabled the Boers to withdraw their

and reformed in column after watering the horses. They had come 10 miles and broken the ring around the besieged town. The pace at which the advance had been made had both minimized the casualties and prevented Cronje from appearing with 10,000 men to line the kopjes on the plain. LONDON, March 28.—Presiding at the The latter realized that he was defeat-innual meeting of the Militia Rifle Associaed and acted with his usual sagacity. By the evening of this same day not a man was left on the hills and ridges

that had been their camping ground so long. "Meanwhile the cavalry pushed on. From Devilliers' farm the country resembled some great English park, studded with single trees and undulating under the long sunburnt grass through which the guns ploughed long tracks in the crumbling red soil. Here the pace began to tell, and horse after horse that had struggled on so far fell dead from some wound unnoticed in the heat of the fight.

"There was no time to pause and at last, some three miles on, the first sight of Kimberley burst upon the column through the fringe of trees. The Boers on the north of the town were firing their last shots from their great gun in ignorance of their failure on the south, but they soon stopped, and Gen. Erench entered the town, which, within a moment, had put out its flags and decorations. The panic that had been caused by the continuous bursting of the huge shells over every part of the besieged town vanished, and from the 1200 foot level of the diamond mines thousands of women and children emerged into the light of day."

From a concise and graphic summary of a man on the spot, of the mevements which led to the corralling of Crenje, Provost Battersby's letter from Fazrdeberg to the London Morning Post is probably unequalled. Under date of Feb. 24, he writes:
"After the pathetic futilities and tentative half measures of this war, it is a mental relief to be comforted

by a strategy holdly conceived and ex-

ecuted unflinchingly. "Crease, lying in insolent security across the bopes of Kimberley, heard that an army had broken at five points into the state and was moving, no one knew whither. Gen. French swept the drifts and his cavalry and his guns and other portions of this army loumed up to hold them. The seventh division filled the upper ford of the Riet, the sixth laid its grip on the

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