

Advance on the Boer Capital

Will Not Be Delayed, If Not Already in Progress.

Enemy's Force Estimated at Not More Than 40,000 Men—Leading Burghers Returning to Their Farms—The Boers' Only Chance is Delay in the Hope of Intervention.

A Strong British Force Has Crossed the Orange River—Railway Between Bloemfontein and Cape Town Restored—Effect of Roberts' Proclamation—Hundreds of Burghers Laying Down Their Arms.

London, Saturday, March 17—4:20 a. m.—With the railway communication to the Cape intact, Lord Roberts will, in a very few days, be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria. Making is now the only point for anxiety, and as it is known that a force has left Kimberley, his relief may be announced before many days pass. The efficiency of the relieving column is heightened by the fact that it is partly composed of regulars.

THE SURRENDER.

The latest advices respecting the surrender of Bloemfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stampede. Thirteen trains, each composed of 40 cars, and all crammed with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Steyn would have been compelled to surrender, but he pretended he was going to visit one of the outposts, and at midnight took a carriage, which was waiting for him outside the town, and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

THE BOER FORCE.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "The difficulty now is to imagine a satisfactory plan of operations for the Boer commander-in-chief. At an outside estimate his available force can hardly be 40,000 men. Boer positions will always be turned before a frontal attack is made. To await the attack will be to risk capture. The only plan to avoid it will be a hasty retreat." Then proceeding to discuss various possibilities of the Boers, Mr. Wilkinson arrives at the following conclusion: "The best that the Boers can hope for is to gain time. There is no chance of their being able to restore the equilibrium to turn the balance in their own favor. By gaining time they may hope for some foreign intervention or complication. Great Britain must therefore push the war with the utmost vigor, and must not spare any efforts to keep the navy and the home defenses forces in the utmost efficiency, ready for any emergency."

ENTRENCHING.

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Friday, March 16: "Entrenching is proceeding on the Vaal River at Vansyn."

"Late arrivals from Pretoria say that the Boers themselves now admit that their cause is hopeless. Gen. Lucas Meyer refuses to fight again, and has returned to his farm. Gen. Schalkburger has also returned, and the burghers are going home by hundreds."

THE PRISONERS.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The Boer prisoners, I learn, will be detained indefinitely on board the transports, and the 'Free Staters' will, perhaps, be spared the trip to St. Helena."

Gen. Hector Macdonald's wound has nearly healed. He accompanied the brigade to Bloemfontein.

Crossed the Orange.

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts has sent the following dispatch to the war office:

"Bloemfontein, Friday, March 16.—Gen. Clements crossed the Orange River yesterday."

"Repairs to the railway bridge at Norval's Point have commenced, and it will shortly be ready for traffic."

"Gen. Pole-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein is now practically in rail connection with Cape Town."

"My proclamation is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred burghers have expressed their intention to surrender their arms and return to their occupations."

"The resident commissioner of Basutoland reports that 800 Boers lately arrived from Bloemfontein, and that a further contingent from Aliwal North was only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender. They had refused to attend a council at Kronstadt, to which President Steyn had summoned them."

COMPLETE COLLAPSE.

Bloemfontein, March 16.—It is said to say that the Boers have completely collapsed in the Free State south of this point. The British cavalry patrols,

going as far as the Modder River, have found no sign of the enemy. The bridge is untouched. Altogether 400 Boers have come in here to surrender. Gen. Pretorius's proclamation stipulates that the arms must be delivered by noon on Sunday, March 18. Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 13.—The Free Staters south of here are reported to be rapidly returning to their farms. Gen. Grobelaar is attempting to escape to the north. He has a large command and a big convoy of supplies. The majority of the townspeople anticipate that the Free Staters will offer no resistance.

ON THE RUN.

Bethulle, Orange Free State, Thursday, March 15.—Gen. Gathorne, on arriving here, found that the Boers had fled. The town was nearly deserted, the Dutch having trekked on hearing of the occupation of Bloemfontein. It is believed that the Boers retired in the direction of De Wet's Drift. The telegraph is open to Springfontein.

It is understood here that President Kruger, two days ago, annexed the Orange Free State to the South African Republic.

FOUR CANADIANS LAID UP.

London, March 15.—The war office has been informed from Cape Town that Lieut. C. S. Wille, C. Company, Toronto, first Canadian contingent; Pte. C. E. Finch, 7th Fusiliers, B. Company, London; Pte. F. B. Irwin, 8th Royal Rifles, E. Company, Montreal; and Pte. W. H. Grant, 4th Highlanders, C. Company, Toronto, are still seriously ill in hospital.

The Canadians wounded in the engagement at Driefontein on the 10th was Pte. R. Hayes, of E. Company, Montreal.

Pte. O. Matheson, 21st Field Battery, Canadian Artillery, who was with F. Company, or Quebec Company, is seriously ill at Cape Town.

A PROCLAMATION.

London, March 17.—In the lobbies of parliament last evening it was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation, announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free State is abolished, and promising Free Staters who immediately surrender due consideration.

The Daily Mail publishes an interview this morning with Mr. Cecil Rhodes, in the course of which he complains of the home authorities. Mr. Rhodes declared that there had been only 30,000 Boers in the field altogether and that the foreign mercenaries were only about 15,000. The numbers of the Boers, he said, had been exaggerated, in order to explain the British reverses.

NO INTERVENTION.

It is understood that all the continental powers, with one exception, uncompromisingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose reply was couched in less firm language, although, like the others, she declined to interfere. It is said that the pope was also appealed to, but that he declined to do anything beyond writing a letter to the Queen, appealing to her to stop the further effusion of blood. Dr. Leyds' efforts with King Leopold were quite futile.

COLONIAL SCOUTS.

The colonial scouts are working to the northward of Bloemfontein. The nearest Boer scouts are reported thirteen miles away.

A DUTCH LAMENT.

Cape Town, March 16.—Onsland comments bitterly on the deportation of Cronje to St. Helena. It says the imperial government could have conceived nothing more calculated to hurt the feelings of the Dutch.

THE MAINE.

Durban, Thursday, March 15.—The American ladies' hospital ship Maine will leave on Saturday. She will remain in the Mediterranean a short period for the benefit of the patients on board.

SIMPLY ABSURD.

London, March 16.—The report published in the United States that the British warship Thetis was chasing the German steamer Kaiser off Delagoa Bay, the Kaiser having the Boer commanders on board, was published in the Daily Mail, of this city, today, together with a denial of the statement. The officials of the foreign office say the idea of the officers of a British warship attempting to remove foreigners from a German vessel is "utterly impossible and absurd."

BUGLE NOTES.

The Berlin papers discuss the proceedings in the British parliament with reference to the desecration of the English Church in Dresden by Boer sympathizers, expressing their regret, and attributing the act to street rowdies, but denying Great Britain's right to complain.

At New York on Friday, J. Pierpont Morgan announced the closing of the British war loan. The amount of applications received here was about \$50,000,000.

The Lisbon correspondent of the Standard says a military force of 70 officers and 712 men will sail for Lorenzo Marquez on Tuesday next. This will include a battery of artillery and a squadron of cavalry.

The Outlook (London), commenting on Lord Salisbury's reply to the United States' offer of mediation, says: "Like M. Delcasse, President McKinley must himself see that this puts an end to all talk of 'friendly good offices' on the part of any outside power. But President McKinley, unlike the French

Nervous Debility

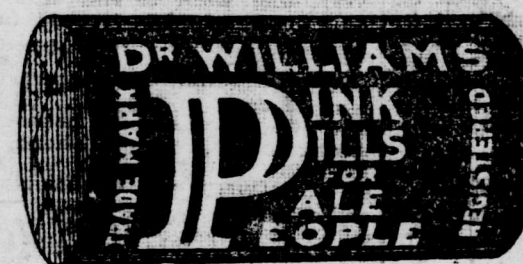
may be caused by over-work, worry, mental strain, or excesses of almost any nature. Very frequently it is one of the distressing after effects of la grippe. But whatever the cause a debilitated, nervous system means that the nerves lack nutrition. Feed the tired and jaded nerves and life will renew its joys for you.

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WEAK AND NERVOUS.

Mr. Austin Fancy is a well known blacksmith living at Baker Settlement, a hamlet about ten miles from Bridgewater, N. S. Mr. Fancy is well known in the locality in which he lives. He is another of the legion whose restoration to health adds to the popularity of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Fancy related his story of illness and renewed health to a reporter of the Enterprise as follows:—"During the last winter, owing I suppose to overwork and impure blood, I became very much reduced in flesh, and had severe pains in the muscles all over my body. I felt tired and nervous all the time, had no appetite and often felt so low spirited that I wished myself in another world. Some of the time, necessity compelled me to undertake a little work in my blacksmith shop, but I was not fit for it, and after doing the job, would have to lie down; indeed I often felt like fainting. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after using a couple of boxes, I felt a decided relief. The pains began to abate, and I felt again though life was not all dreariness. By the time I had used six boxes I was as well as ever, and able to do a hard day's work at the forge without fatigue, and those who knew anything about a blacksmith's work will know what this means. Those who are not well will make no mistake in looking for health through the medium of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."



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GREAT SEND-OFF

Given the Strathconas—Departure of the Contingent From Halifax—Messages From the Queen and Lord Strathcona.

Halifax, N. S., March 17.—Strathcona's Horse embarked at four o'clock yesterday afternoon on the troop ship Monterey, which shortly afterwards sailed into the harbor and anchored. Great enthusiasm attended the departure of the troops. The line of procession was intensely packed. All stores and places of business were closed. The local legislature held no session. The members of both houses, together with the city council and officers, headed the procession in coaches. One hundred men, with band, from the 6th Princess Louise Fusiliers, headed the troops. Then came Lieut.-Col. Irvin, mounted. The band of the Leinster Regiment was in the middle of the procession, and 100 men from the 6th Rifles, with band, all wearing shamrocks, brought up the rear. Then followed several thousand citizens and men of the Leinster Regiment.

The detachment of 100 men to take the places of those who fell in the first contingent received great attention. They are a fine looking lot, and were heartily cheered. Dr. Borden, Aulay Morrison, M. P., and other visiting members of parliament drove in the procession. Lieut.-Col. Steele received an ovation all along the line. Over six thousand people came in from outside the city. The city was gaily decorated from one end to the other. The men all got on board in good order, and at 4:30 the vessel sailed out in stream and anchored.

At the pier the escort lined the head and sides of the wharf, and the band played the National Anthem. As the ship moved out the escorts gave three cheers, and the troops cheerily responded. This was kept up till the anchor was dropped. Previous to parading the men were addressed by Gen. Lord William Seymour, Dr. Borden and Lieut.-Col. Daly. Col. Steele replied.

MESSAGES FROM THE QUEEN AND LORD STRATHCONA.

The minister of militia read the following cablegrams:—"To Borden, minister of militia, Halifax: Please read to my force the following gracious message received by me through her majesty's private secretary, and after reading, kindly see it has proper publication:—"Her majesty would be glad if before they start you would convey to them an expression of her confidence

that they will prove themselves worthy comrades of her Canadian soldiers who are now so gallantly fighting for the empire's cause. The Queen wishes them all success and safe return to their homes in the Dominion."

"In my reply I stated that both officers and men consider it a privilege to have the honor of serving their sovereign and the empire, and may be relied upon to do their duty as Canadians and as loyal British subjects, and to justify the confidence in them to which her majesty has been graciously pleased to give expression. Please express to Col. Steele, officers and men, my great disappointment at not being able to witness their departure. I look forward with keen pleasure to the opportunity of personally wishing them Godspeed and safe return. Am quite sure they will acquit themselves bravely and gallantly in any service entrusted to them, and that they will do credit to themselves and to our beloved sovereign. (Signed) "STRATHCONA."

The full complement of troops sailing for the Monterey. The officers are: Lieut.-Col. S. B. Steele, N. W. M. P.; second in command, Major B. Belcher, N. W. M. P.; Reserve of officers—Capt. D. N. Howard, N. W. M. P.; C. W. Cameron, major, 5th Battalion; P. L. Cartwright, N. W. M. P.; quartermaster, Lieut. W. Parker; transport officer, Lieut. I. R. Snider; medical officer, Lieut. C. B. Keenan; veterinary officer, Lieut. G. T. Stevenson.

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SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Canadian Pacific Railway earnings for 1899 netted \$12,230,180 49.

Lady John Scott Spenser, who wrote "Annie Laurie," is dead.

At Chicago, the Armour packing interests are to be incorporated. Capitalization, \$20,000,000.

Because of the illness of Mr. Justice Osier, the court of appeal judgments at Osgoode Hall have been postponed for a week.

The proposed threshing machine combine, which was to have been capitalized at \$75,000,000, has been abandoned.

Will Craddock killed Thomas Sharp in the jury room of the court house in Andalusia, Ala., in a row over a game of cards.

Capt. E. F. Crosby, of the schooner Joseph Luther, was burned to death at Baltimore, on board the schooner Lennen, whose captain he was visiting.

Rabbi Samuel Lavine dropped dead in the Jewish Synagogue at Tremont, N. J., Thursday, while celebrating the Feast of Esther. He was 86 years of age, and leaves sixteen children.

T. O. Davis, M. P., Saskatchewan, while returning in a sleigh from a dinner at the premier's residence, Ottawa, on Wednesday evening, was upset, and had a small bone in one of his shoulders broken.

Newfoundland's new government is made up as follows: Premier and colonial secretary, Robert Bond; minister of justice, Mr. John Cowan; ministers without portfolio, Messrs. Morris and Furlong. The cabinet is now complete.

Hon. John Dryden states that the government has definitely decided not to grant a bonus for the manufacture of beet root sugar. Aid, however, will be given to test the suitability of beets grown in Ontario for the manufacture of sugar.

Mr. Clarke Wallace, M. P., was rather badly hurt Friday morning, when on his way to the station at Bracebridge, at the close of the Orange Grand Lodge meeting. He slipped on the icy road and fell, cutting the back of his head.

AVERTING TROUBLE.

Maid (breathlessly)—Oh, miss, both the gents you is engaged to has called, and they're in the parlor, and somehow or other they've found it out, and, oh, miss, I'm afraid there'll be trouble. Miss Flirtie—Horror! Oh, dear! What shall I do? Maid (after reflection)—I'll fix it. I'll

run and tell 'em you're crying your eyes out 'cause your father has lost all his money.

COLD DOES NOT CAUSE COLDS.

According to its natural meaning, it would seem that a cold was an affection produced by exposure to low temperatures, to cold weather. Nothing could very well be further from the truth than this. Colds are not nearly so common in extremely cold countries as in the temperate zones. They are not nearly so frequent high up amid the Alps as in the cities at the foot of the mountains. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, spent over two years amid the Arctic snows, with the temperature so low most of the time that the mercury was frozen in his thermometer, yet he and his men never suffered from a cold. They had been back in civilization scarcely a week before some of his companions were laid up with the grip.—Chicago Chronicle.

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