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Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

BROMLIE—JACKSON—At St. Andrew's manse, London, on Wednesday, March 14, 1900, by the Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., William Anderson Bromlie, to Edith Evelyn Jackson, both of Nilestown, Ont.

DIED.

NICKLE—In this city, on March 15, Thomas Nickle, father of Detective Nickle, aged 82 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence of Detective Nickle, 824 Queen's avenue, on Friday, at 3 p.m.; service at 2:30 p.m.

HARRIS—At the residence of her son-in-law, G. F. Morris, 40 York street, on March 14, Greachen, beloved wife of Joshua Harris, in her 77th year.

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF BUILDING laborers will be held on Saturday evening, March 17, at 8 o'clock. Every member requested to be present. Wm. Burleigh, secretary. 6n

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Old Flag Flies at Bloemfontein!

Surrender of the Free State Capital to the British.

Presidency Officials Hand Over the Keys to Lord Roberts—Surrender Took Place Tuesday Morning—State Entry Made at Noon—General Rejoicing by the Population.

The News Creates a Sensation in Old London—Roberts the Hero of the Hour—Enthusiasm of Free Staters a Good Omen—British Pressing on Toward Orange River.

London, March 14.—The folplowing is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office, announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, Tuesday, March 13, 8 p.m.—By the help of God, and by the bravery of Her Majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag is now flying over the Presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late President of the Orange Free State. Mr. Frazer, member of the late executive Government; the Mayor, the Secretary of the late Government, the Landrost and other officers met us two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices. The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood, and all is quiet. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

The above dispatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the war office until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before 9 o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraphs not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening. Extra papers are already out on the streets, and the night crowds of London are singing patriotic songs and engaged in a demonstration.

DETAILS OF THE SURRENDER.

A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday evening, March 13, says: "Bloemfontein surrendered at 10 today. It was occupied at noon. President Steyn, with a majority of the fighting burghers, has fled northward.

"Gen. French was within five miles of the place Monday afternoon. He sent a summons into the town, threatening to bombard unless it surrendered by 4 a.m. Tuesday. A white flag was hoisted Tuesday morning, and a deputation of the town council, with Mayor Kellner, came out to meet Lord Roberts at Spitz Kop, five miles south of the town, making a formal surrender of the place.

"Lord Roberts made a state entry at noon. He received a tremendous ovation. After visiting the public buildings, he went to the official residence of the president, followed by a cheering crowd, who waved a British flag and sang the British "National Anthem." They were in condition of frenzied excitement.

"On Monday afternoon, previous to the surrender, there had been a little sniping and shelling, but the enemy then retired.

"Lord Roberts has his headquarters at the president's house, and there are many of the British wounded in the building. The railway is not injured."

A BRITISH GOVERNOR.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday morning, says: "Major-Gen. John Prettyman has been appointed military governor of Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts and his staff have ridden through the town, and been everywhere cheered. The British "National Anthem" is enthusiastically sung by the population, the shops are gladly opening, and there is general rejoicing."

THE NEWS IN OLD LONDON.

London, Thursday, March 14.—Lord Roberts' dispatch caused a sensation of relief. The reports previously had provoked some misapprehension, during the early part of the day, that the British had met with a check before Bloemfontein, and numerous inquiries were made. On receipt of the news the Queen was at Windsor, the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House. Lord Wolseley and others were notified, but at 9 o'clock the war office was deserted, the public having given up hope of further news until tomorrow (Thursday). The appearance of the newspapers with the tidings caused great excitement, but owing to the late hour there were no demonstrations comparing in the slightest degree with those following the surrender of Cronje or the relief of Ladysmith. It so happened that a torchlight procession, arranged on a large scale, for the widows' and orphans' fund, was parading South London with bands. This included a body of uniformed men representing the British field force, the surrender of Cronje and other inspiriting efforts. The route was hung with flags. Naturally the appearance of the extra editions of the evening papers created a furore of enthusiasm among the populace.

AT WINDSOR.

At Windsor the news was received with much joy. The Queen demanded that the news be published, and she commanded her equerry at the dinner table to send a note to the officers of the Household Brigade. The battalion was called on parade at 10:15 p.m. Major St. Aubin read her majesty's note, and called for cheers for the Queen and Lord Roberts. The band played "God Save the Queen."

Wherever Lord Roberts made reference to the "late" President Steyn and the "late executive," it was immediately fastened upon as highly significant. The mayor announced the news at a banquet to the city bankers, which was in progress at the Mansion House. It was received with great cheering, the company singing "God Save the Queen."

Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow published special editions, causing general rejoicings in those places.

Hero of the Hour.

ROBERTS' RAPID WORK.

London, March 15—4:50 a.m.—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder River on Feb. 9. He entered Bloemfontein on March 13. Thus, in little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of Gen. Cronje's forces and the hoisting of the British flag in the capital of the Free State. All this has been accomplished with comparatively trifling loss. It is small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the newspapers eulogize him, and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence, and as being now one of the shadows of history. It is not doubted that there may yet be heavy fighting; but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for victory over all difficulties. His grim reference to the "late" President Steyn is understood to show that there shall be no ambiguity as to the position assumed toward the republics. The fact that Mr. Fraser, late chairman of the Free State Raad, and leader of the opposition to Mr. Steyn, came with the deputation to surrender the keys, is regarded as extremely significant of considerable difference of opinion among Free Staters regarding the war. It is said that President Kruger hates Mr. Fraser on account of his sympathy with the uitlanders. The demonstration of the Bloemfontein inhabitants is also regarded as a good augury for the future of their supremacy.

There is no news as to whether Lord Roberts has captured any rolling stock. If he has not then he will be obliged to wait until the repairing of the bridges over the river enables him to bring rolling stock up.

STILL ADVANCING.

The British continue pressing their advance on the Orange River. The Boers still hold Bethulie bridge, on the north side of the stream, but their trenches are dominated by the British artillery. Heavy firing is in progress, and there has been some skirmishing. Lord Kitchener seems to be very successful in reducing the extent of the Dutch rising.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "It is not impossible that a railway is being made from Modder River or Kimberley to Bloemfontein. In any case after a pause to effect the reorganization of his communications. Lord Roberts will move his troops southward on the restored railway line to meet the British generals advancing from Orange River.

"The occupation of Bloemfontein will precipitate the retreat of the Boers from the Orange River districts. The Free State forces are evidently well-beaten. The outside estimate of the numbers before the war was 20,000, of whom a few thousands are on the Orange River or watching the Natal passes. They will be unable by themselves to fight another pitched battle; but they may furnish a respectable contingent to the Transvaal army, unless, as seems likely, they desert to the farms."

CAPE TOWN JUBILATES.

Cape Town, March 14.—A great popular demonstration took place here on receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British. All the church bells were rung, and a procession, headed by the Union Jack, went to the Government House, where Sir Alfred Milner made his acknowledgments. The demonstrators sang "God Save the Queen," and then paraded through the principal streets, cheering and singing national airs.

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Bloemfontein.

THE CAPTURED CAPITAL.

The site of Bloemfontein, capital of the Orange Free State, is beautiful, and is admirably adapted for defense. The little plain is bordered by a range of hills, 2,000 or 3,000 feet in height. The plain is well watered, and the climate is the healthiest in South Africa. On one of the hills to the south stands the little fort erected by the British when they took possession of the country in 1848. But the Boers had added to its strength by building earthworks around it, and had mounted some fine pieces of artillery there. In front of it is a handsome monument to the Boers who fell in the Basuto war. From Modder Hill, on the northern side, the largest hill in the range, a magnificent view of the plains to the north may be obtained. The atmosphere is so clear that the naked eye can see for a distance of nearly thirty miles.

Bloemfontein is about 300 miles from Durban, and about twice that distance from Cape Town. It is on one of the trunk lines running from Cape Town to the north, and has four or five large and handsome hotels. Its population is given at about 11,000, of which about 4,000 are negroes. Its elevation is about 4,500 feet above the sea level. It has three daily newspapers, and is the seat of Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops, and is also a center of Wesleyan learning.

Nearly sixty-five years ago a party of Boer emigrants from Cape Colony came up on a little plain in the territory north of the Orange River, and as it first burst upon their eyes a woman in the party exclaimed: "It's a bloemfontein" (flower garden). And such indeed it was. The plain was covered with wild flowers and presented a glorious appearance to these, the first white people who had ever looked upon it. "Here we shall camp," the leader of the emigrants said; and thus was the pretty little capital of the Orange Free State founded and named.

Bloemfontein is peculiarly laid out, with a large market square in the center, and the houses for the most part painted white, with red roofs, are surrounded by large and luxuriant gardens, and shaded by willow, gum and other trees. The public buildings occupy commanding positions, and are handsome and substantial in appearance.

The new Raad Zaal (capitol) is a large and handsome building of mixed architecture, built of red brick, trimmed with a peculiar close-grained white stone, quarried in the neighborhood, and is surrounded by a row of doric columns, some 50 feet high and about 3 feet thick at the base. An almost perfect dome, 90 feet high, surmounts the structure. The doors of the main entrance are of bronze, handsomely sculptured, and the interior is beautiful. It is finished with marble, and many of the rooms are beautifully decorated. The building cost about $300,000.

Around the big market square, which is a veritable bee-hive of industry on market days, are situated a number of large buildings. The town hall is an immense structure, but of a not very striking appearance. Here are located the various municipal offices. The building also contains a large hall, where concerts and theatricals are held.

Among the other handsome buildings in the town is the official residence of the president, a handsome stone building, which is said to have cost nearly $80,000; the Dutch Reformed Church, which has two beautiful spires; the Anglican Cathedral, having a most magnificent interior, and a number of other churches representing a half a dozen other denominations.

The town has many educational institutions, and has frequently been dubbed the Athens of South Africa. The largest of these institutions is Grey College, which was founded by Sir George Grey, at one time governor of Cape Colony. It provides a complete college course, and as an educa-

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