

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

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NEARING BLOEMFONTEIN.

imperial government. Equal political rights will be granted to all the white race, subject to these conditions.

A large amount of local independence will be conceded when South Africa has settled down after the war.

It is believed in the house that one important object, which the government had in view in publishing the papers, is to make the fact clear without delay that they have no intention of permitting anything in the shape of European intervention with respect to the settlement with the Transvaal and Orange Free State.

The overtures which have been made by the presidents are believed to aim in the first place at testing the feeling in European circles. In pro-Boer circles the opinion is still expressed that, failing mediation, the republics will fight to the end.

The more general impression is, however, that the presidents are simply anxious to get the best terms possible, and that an appeal for mediation would be intended to pave the way to a complete surrender.

LONDON, March 13, 4.20 a.m.—Lord Roberts is making a very rapid advance, and he is again misleading the Boers. Instead of through the flat country due east of Asvoeg Kop, he will probably seize the railway south of Bloemfontein, and, although another battle is possible, it is more likely that the Boers are only endeavoring to delay his advance.

Such confidence is now felt in the military operations that interest rather centres in the political aspects of the war. The Daily News quotes a member of the House of Commons as saying: "I give you my hearty congratulations on the changed aspect of the war. It is an immense relief to us all, as well as to you."

"This view," says the Daily News, "is welcome, as expressing with an unusual measure of authority enlightened public feeling in the United States."

Except in the case of Germany the replies of the powers to the Boer appeals for intervention are not yet known publicly, but it is quite certain that Austria, Hungary and Italy will decline to interfere, and there is no apprehension that anything will come of the overtures of the two republics.

A despatch from Lourenco Marques announces the arrival there of Mr. Fischer, the Orange Free State secretary, and Mr. Wolmarans, a member of the Transvaal executive council.

It is understood that they are bound on a mission to foreign powers or to Sir Alfred Milner. Mr. Wolmarans is in President Kruger's confidence.

Cecil Rhodes has issued a statement that his forthcoming visit to England has solely to do with private business, and is in no way connected with the South African settlement.

All the morning papers take the line that the government will decline to open negotiations with the Boer republics except upon the basis of complete surrender, and will also make it perfectly clear that nothing in the shape of foreign intervention will be tolerated. The Standard says: "There is an idea in some quarters that, on arriving at Bloemfontein, Lord Roberts will issue a proclamation which will leave little doubt as to the future of the republics."

The Times says: "President Kruger and President Steyn should have counted the cost before they made war. They played for a great stake and have lost. Until they are ready for unconditional surrender they may save themselves trouble by addressing communications to the Boer government."

"We are glad to see that it is understood in the United States as well as on the continent that any proffer of mediation will be distinctly repugnant to this country."

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APPEARS ON EVERY WRAPPER.

through an interpreter. Gen. Cronje expressed himself as greatly satisfied with his treatment. Mr. Stov subsequently visited the prisoners' camp ashore, and was shown where the Boers had made a tunnel twenty-five yards long with tin dishes and cups.

BOERS MOVE TOO FAST. KIMBERLEY, March 12.—The Russian and Dutch military attaches with the Boer army at Poplar Grove, whose headquarters are at the retreating line, and were thus nominally captured by the British, have arrived here. They say that the Boers moved so rapidly that it was impossible for their cart to keep up with them.

THEY WANT PEACE. LONDON, March 12.—Leonard H. Courtney, M.P., and others, in behalf of the South African committee, will memorialize Lord Salisbury to make peace, now that the Boers are submitting to the Queen's pardon of all rights to all whites and disarmament, leaving the two republics national life within their own borders.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT. LONDON, March 12.—The government in the house of commons today, said the recommendation for the formation of a regiment of Royal Irish Guards, of which the first colonel would be given to Lord Roberts, would be favorably considered.

NOT A PRO-BOER TOWN. SCARBOROUGH, Eng., March 12.—Crawright-Schreiner, husband of Olive Schreiner, and other advocates of the Boer cause, were invited to dine here this evening at a restaurant belonging to the firm of Mr. Rowntree, a former member of the house of commons.

CRONJE'S MEN ALMOST ESCAPED. CAPE TOWN, March 12.—At the request of Gen. Cronje, the Boer commander, who is now a prisoner on the British flag ship Doris, Jas. G. Stov, the American consul general here, visited him and conversed with him

Advertisement for Castoria medicine, featuring the signature of Charles H. Hutcher and the text 'Buy Muralo'.

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DEATHS.

AGAR—On March 9th, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, the late John Agar, aged 81 years, a native of Cornwall, England.

BAILEY—At Boston, Feb. 28th, Mollie Evelyn, wife of Harry L. Bailey, of Lincoln, Maine.

BROOME—After a brief illness, Alice Reade, wife of Edward Broome, aged 81 years, a native of Cornwall, England.

LANGAN—In Lynn, Mass., March 9th, Mary Ann Langan, widow of Charles A. Langan, 80 years, 1 month and 13 days.

LEWIN—At his residence, 12th March instant, the Honorable James Davies Lewin, aged 88 years.

McNEIL—At Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on February 25th, Fred B. McNeil, aged 40 years, Sheriff of Luzerne County, Pa.

THOMAS—On March 8th, at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, aged 81 years.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Sample of How the People's Money is Squandered.

Two Electrical Experts Paid for Doing One Man's Work at the Lanatic Asylum.

FREDERICTON, March 9.—The public accounts committee met this morning and had under consideration the item in the commission's report on the Lanatic Asylum, \$1,486.10.

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