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Working on a Tunnel.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard telegraphs: "It is reported that the Boer prisoners at Symontown were found boring a tunnel under the lines of the camp. The work has made considerable progress before discovery."

London, March 14.—Lord Roberts's own dispatch from Venter's Veld referring to the advance on Bloemfontein is the only message that has been allowed 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's movement may mean either that the Boers have cut the railway to the north or that the cavalry have done so. If the former, then it may be assumed that no rolling stock has been seized, but the general assumption is that the latter interpretation is correct. This would greatly facilitate obtaining supplies from Orange river, an important matter, as Lord Roberts's line of communication with Modder bridge is now one hundred and ten miles long. The Boers

May Make Another Fight.

but there is little doubt that Lord Roberts will occupy Bloemfontein to-day (Wednesday).

The Boers retiring from Orange river will find themselves between two British armies, and the most likely result is 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.

The government will not allow the Kruger-Steyn matter to influence in any way their determination not to spare an effort to prosecute the war. There will be no diminution of measures calculated to maintain the full efficiency of the field force, and whatever reinforcements were previously considered advisable will still be sent out.

Lord Salisbury's reply meets with general approval among Conservatives.

Mr. Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "Lord Roberts is probably waiting in front of Bloemfontein for the infantry divisions. None of them could well be expected to arrive before dark. The three divisions probably be so directed that while the leading one would follow the cavalry and

Turn the Boers Defences.

the other two would come up on the original Boer front, so that in case of resistance, the Boers could be enveloped and compelled to retreat under difficulties and with heavy loss. Lord Roberts is not the man to forget, in his determination to reach a strategic point, any measures likely to contribute towards crushing a part of the enemy's forces. There are abundant signs of the demoralization of the Boers. The first is the bad strategy of their resistance to the advance of Lord Roberts. Then comes the messages from the Presidents to Lord Salisbury, Kruger and Steyn. It can be seen, have not quite realized their position, but Lord Salisbury's reply being precisely what the British nation expected him to send, may open their eyes."

BOERS BECOMING CRUEL.

In the Event of Siege of Pretoria Position of British Prisoners Would be Precarious.

London, March 14.—Telegraphing to the Morning Post from Durban, Winston Churchill protests against the ceremonial treatment of General Cronje, and adds: "The stern decision not to exchange prisoners will undoubtedly accelerate the end of the war, but will prove very hard and perhaps even dangerous for the British prisoners in Pretoria. There is abundant evidence that Boers are becoming cruel and that the war enters 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 forces in the event of a siege of Pretoria and the position of British prisoners would become precarious. "I have visited the dam which the Boers began on Klip river below Ladysmith. If it had been completed, it would have submerged Intombi camp, where there were 2,000 sick."

BOMBARDING MAFEKING.

Boers Make Determined Attack on Baden-Powell's Stronghold.

London, March 14.—The following dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Mafeking, March 6th (by native runner to Lobat, March 9th), appears in the Daily Mail:

"On Saturday, March 3rd, the Boers furiously bombarded the brick fields and trenches, about a mile from the town, for three hours, killing one and wounding two colonials.

"On Monday, March 5th, they made a determined attack. Owing to a misunderstanding the colonials evacuated the foremost trenches. These the Boers occupied, but reserves were called upon and the trenches were recaptured with a rush. We had no casualties.

"The Boers continue very active, and it taxes Col. Baden-Powell and the garrison very heavily to prevent them from encroaching on our lines.

"Since Commandant Steynman has returned from the north the siege has been prosecuted with renewed vigor.

"Dynamite explosions were heard during the last two days of February. The Boers have been blowing up sections of the Northern railway, showing that they fear the approach of Col. Plumer's column.

"The new five-inch gun made here has proved very satisfactory and accurate.

"Col. Baden-Powell warned Commandant Steynman that unless he disbanded and dispersed the native levies filling the Boer forward trench by March 3rd he (Baden-Powell) would no longer be responsible for restraining Chief Linchwe, in the Segquali district. Commandant Steynman declines to disband them."

London, March 13.—Midnight.—In the lobbies of the House of Commons ru-

mors that Mafeking had been relieved were in circulation this evening, but they still lack confirmation.

BOERS AT VAAL RIVER.

Movements of Canadians—Rebels are Anxious to Surrender.

Capetown, March 11.—News from Ladysmith, Henschel and Alwal North show that the rebels are laying down their arms in large numbers, and that the Boers all along the border are in serious straits. The rebels assert that the Boers are subsisting on bread and water and so-called coffee, made from rye. Other rebels are leaving to fight in the Free State. British rule has been restored at Ladysmith, where a big fight is reported to have occurred, many rebels being killed. It is reported that thousands of rebels contemplate surrendering to Gen. Braant.

Milner and Loyalists.

Capetown, March 13.—Addressing a public meeting here to-day Sir Alfred Milner, after referring to "the dark days, which we now hope are drawing to a close" eulogized the marvellous courage, patience and confidence shown by the Cape Loyalists during a season of great trial. He foreshadowed "better days that are surely coming, when the temporary bitterness of the struggle around us has subsided." Then the National Anthem was sung and Sir Alfred Milner was enthusiastically cheered.

Boers Massing.

Capetown, March 14.—The Canadians from Victoria West proceeded to the Risk districts. A Kimberley farmer who has just returned from a trip to Barkley West reports that the country is also deserted. He covered a distance of 75 miles. The Boers are said to be massing strong forces on the Vaal river, in the neighborhood of Klip Dam.

Brabant Engages Burghers.

Alwal North, Cape Colony (by courier to Burghersdorp, via Stormberg Junction), Tuesday, March 13.—Gen. Brabant's forces arrived here Sunday. The Boers had retired the previous night, taking up a position four miles beyond the Orange river, where Gen. Brabant attacked and drove them back, occupying the position after a sharp engagement.

Barkley East Occupied.

Henschel, Cape Colony, March 13.—The Cape Mounted Police have re-occupied Barkley East.

Methuen at Poshof.

London, March 14.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Kimberley, dated Tuesday, March 13th: "Lord Methuen occupied Poshof on Sunday without opposition. He left a garrison there and returned here. "The railway and telegraph lines have been repaired forty miles north to Slop Klip."

It is understood that the line between Poshof, Streams and Vryburg is not badly damaged."

Leyds Horsewhipped.

The Brussels correspondent of the London Financial News telegraphs that Dr. Leyds was horsewhipped by an Englishman. The visitor obtained access to Dr. Leyds's private room by representing himself as an emissary of a pro-Boer newspaper in England, but as soon as he was alone with Dr. Leyds he produced a bundle of obscene cartoons of Queen Victoria, which had been published by Leyds in French newspapers, saying: "I am going to thrash you for this." He then displayed a whip, and promptly laid it across the shoulders of the Transvaal plenipotentiary. Dr. Leyds endeavored to summon assistance, but was unsuccessful, and, as his English adversary still continued to rain blows upon him, he finally crawled under a table, where he could not be reached, and from that position, in a piteous voice, shrieked for help. The Englishman finally said: "I have given you what my country will give you, and I am going to thrash you for this." He then displayed a whip, and promptly laid it across the shoulders of the Transvaal plenipotentiary. Dr. Leyds endeavored to summon assistance, but was unsuccessful, and, as his English adversary still continued to rain blows upon him, he finally crawled under a table, where he could not be reached, and from that position, in a piteous voice, shrieked for help. The Englishman finally said: "I have given you what my country will give you, and I am going to thrash you for this." He then displayed a whip, and promptly laid it across the shoulders of the Transvaal plenipotentiary. Dr. Leyds endeavored to summon assistance, but was unsuccessful, and, as his English adversary still continued to rain blows upon him, he finally crawled under a table, where he could not be reached, and from that position, in a piteous voice, shrieked for help.

Strathcona's Horse.

Montreal, March 12.—Thousands of people lined the route of the parade of the Strathcona's Horse to-day. The stay in Montreal lasted six hours. A luncheon was tendered the regiment at the Windsor, after which the trains were again boarded, leaving for Halifax at 9 o'clock.

Boers at Biggarsberg.

Ladysmith, March 12.—The main body of the enemy is in position at Biggarsberg. There is reason to believe that a few Boers are at Dundee, though the place is well fortified.

Gen. White's Movements.

Durban, March 13.—Gen. Sir Geo. Stewart White has arrived here, and embarked upon a transport for East London.

Strathcona's Horse.

Ottawa, March 13.—A Morrison left to-day with Dr. Borden to see Strathcona's Horse off from Halifax.

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Makes a Thief."

Many cases of poor health come from want of watchfulness. But if you keep your blood pure no thief can steal your health.

The one effective natural blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It never disappoints.

Impure Blood—"My wife suffered with pain and distress from an affection of the throat caused by impure blood. She was almost in despair when she turned to Hood's Sarsaparilla. Six bottles of this medicine completely cured her." Jour West's Gaz. Ont.

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Hood's Pills care liver ill; the non-drugging and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Roberts's Reception

Commander of British Forces Cheered by Inhabitants of Bloemfontein.

Steyn and Many Burghers Flee to the North—Boers in Natal.

London, March 13.—Lord Roberts arrived at Modder River on February 9th, and entered Bloemfontein on March 13th. Thus, in a 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 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 there yet

May 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 road, 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 the Free States 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 British supremacy.

It is interesting, in connection with the rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to learn that the Russian military attaché with the Boers who was captured by the British sent the following telegram to the Czar: "I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action and the endurance of the British infantry. I need say no more."

The British continue pressing their

Advance on Orange River.

The Boers still hold Bethulie bridge, on the north side of the stream; but their trenches are dominated by the British artillery. There is one way out of the horror, and one only. The men who have befouled the colony are known. They go about, no man lays a hand upon them. They have become indecent in speech, and this is important. Indeed, at the present time those men can be made the means of saving the colony."

HOW TO SAVE DOCTOR BILLS.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. Mearke, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

FILIPINO SURRENDERS.

Manila, March 15.—Flores, Aguineldo's secretary of war, has surrendered to General MacArthur. Aguineldo's infant son, who was captured in November, and who has been suffering from smallpox, is dead.

"Oiling Up."

Just a little oil on the engine at the right time may mean the difference between life and death to the passengers and crew. What oil is to the friction of the delicate parts of the engine, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is to the delicate organs of the body. It eases their labor, prevents the presence of acids, restores the power and energy caused by friction. Many a man who was all run down, whose limbs ached when he walked, whose back ached when he laid down, who breathed with difficulty, and coughed constantly, has been perfectly cured by the use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It purifies the blood, strengthens the stomach and heals weak lungs.

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery," nor any medicine called "just as good" by the dealer.

Mr. Chas. Hunwick, of Lenox, Macomb Co., Mich., writes: "I have never felt better in my life than I do now. I have taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery right along. I can throw even that away before long, and I have had to use crutches for nearly two years. I think I can do anything now and I can sleep like a school boy. You must know that I am doing better, and I have received no benefit, so I think your medicine is the only medicine for me." Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser in paper cover, is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of customs and mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

others, are united. There are no differences. God help us. (Signed) Kruger."

KRUGER'S REPLY.

Another Communication to be Addressed to Lord Salisbury.

London, March 15.—The Daily News has the following dispatch from Pretoria, dated March 12:

"Lord Salisbury's reply has been received, and a Boer refutation of the British contention is under consideration. It will deny that any annexation has been made and will declare that the occupation of British territory was merely strategic. It will express the determination of the two republics to fight to a finish."

MANY BOERS KILLED.

Heavy Losses in the Battle of Belmont—Occupation of Boshof.

Capetown, March 14.—The British troops under Lord Methuen have returned to Kimberley after the occupation of Boshof, Orange Free State. Guns and 70,000 rounds of ammunition were seized, and a strong garrison was left to guard the town.

Six Boers were arrested there on charges of treason.

Nearly all the residents were wearing mourning, as the Boshof commando lost 200 men at the battle of Belmont.

Kipling on Disloyalty.

New York, March 14.—The first word from Rudyard Kipling since he went to South Africa will be printed in this week's issue of Harper's Weekly. Mr. Kipling cables a long account of British disloyalty, which he calls "the sin of witchcraft."

The burden of his complaint is that British civil officials in Capetown wink at semi-treasonably acts and, to quote his own words, "the government will take care it does not pay anyone to be loyal."

He says: "The loyalist on the border has his house ripped inside out by the Boers or rebels, or both; the disloyalist farm is respected, and in return he supplies the enemy with food, horses and information. His risk is small. He may be arrested, but not if his friends can stop it, he is arrested on a charge of treason. He may then be sent down country to be tried by a sympathetic jury. He hopes, and not without reason, to have his farm restored to him. He has undergone some absurdly inadequate punishment."

He says: "The loyalist's piano is lying wireless on the ground. Photographs of his house show the rooms as though cyclones had met to wrestle there. His flocks and herds are gone, and the baby-linen is lying on the dungheap. He and his family crawl into Capetown to find that the British can find consolation there can from singing 'Britons Never Shall Be Slaves' on the platform."

"Then do Messrs. Kruger and Steyn enter into correspondence with Lord Roberts as to the atrocities committed on a virginal population by a brutal and licentious soldiery. There is one way out of the horror, and one only. The men who have befouled the colony are known. They go about, no man lays a hand upon them. They have become indecent in speech, and this is important. Indeed, at the present time those men can be made the means of saving the colony."

EXTENSION TUNNEL.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, March 15.—Your correspondent visited Extension tunnel yesterday and found that quite a village has sprung up there within the past few months. A large number of dwelling houses have been erected, and ground has been broken for the erection of several business places. W. L. Jones will erect a building to be used as a general store, Ramsdell & Wright are erecting a restaurant; William G. Freer will occupy a building with a merchant tailor stock; William Doole will erect a bakery, while Stephen Roberts & Son and J. Quennell will open meat markets.

At No. 1 shaft, three miles from the Tunnel, quite a number of residences have also been erected, while others are under way.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Died From Blood Poisoning—Telegraph Operator Suffocated.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, March 15.—Ten merchants of this city are making extra efforts to rush in a contingent of tea before the budget is announced from Ottawa, the belief prevailing that a duty may be imposed on tea, which now comes in free, except from the United States.

The Presbyterian Review has passed into the hands of a syndicate, headed by Rev. D. C. Hosack, M. A., of Parkdale; Prof. Scienciger, Presbyterian College, Montreal; and Rev. Dr. McCrae, Collingwood, with Alexander Fraser, M. A., as manager.

Brantford, March 15.—The mayor and president of the board of trade of this place have appealed to Massey, Harris & Co. to settle the strike among moulders.

Hamilton, March 15.—John Hayes, of this city, scratched his arm till the blood came, and is now in the hospital suffering from blood poisoning.

Mrs. J. Robinson, of this city, pricked a wound caused by a wart being removed a few days ago and is now dead, blood poisoning having set in.

Montreal, March 15.—Geo. Patterson, a native of Deseronto, employed as a telegraph operator in the C. P. R. Co. telegraph office in this city, was suffocated by smoke due to a fire in his boarding house, at an early hour this morning.

A famine of shampoos is threatened in Eastern Canada, owing to the expected rush on St. Patrick's day, due to the unusual prominence the Queen contemplates giving to that day. In Toronto the little emblem, which in former years sold for ten or fifteen cents per pot, is being sold for 50 cents a pot, and city doctors are experiencing much difficulty in filling orders received already. The demand, they declare, is unprecedented.

Coal has been found at Shawegon Falls in this province. The McGill analysts shows that the substance, while not exactly coal in formation or appearance, possesses carbon in such a form as would make it an acceptable fuel if found in sufficient quantities.

The price of butter falling to-day in the city has necessitated families of moderate means using molasses as a substitute. The prices now ruling run from 35 to 40 cents per pound.

Woodstock, March 15.—The trial of the Decker gang of alleged counterfeiters opened this morning. The evidence of the forenoon dealt with Anthony Decker's connection with the issuing of counterfeit bills.

Ottawa, March 15.—Printhead Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, in an interview to-day, gave it as his opinion that President Kruger is a devout Christian man.

Miss Mabel Harvey, of New Westminster, sister-in-law of Mr. J. R. Roy, who is pleasantly remembered here, is paying a three weeks' visit to Mrs. Bout Harvey at "Stonyhurst."

The Island Railway

Bill to Incorporate Comox and Cape Scott Company Before Committee.

Mr. McInnes Proposes a Clause Prohibiting Employment of Chinese.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 15.—The amendment which Dr. Russell proposes to make to the motion in supply in connection with a preferential tariff is understood to be a declaration in favor of the policy of the government in this direction. It is understood that Mr. Maxwell, M.P., Vancouver, will second the motion, and in this way East and West will meet.

At a meeting of the railway committee to-day, the Canadian Pacific bill for building branches in Manitoba and one from New Westminster to Vancouver, was passed.

An act respecting the Arrowhead and Kootenay railway was withdrawn.

In the bill to incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railway Company, Mr. McInnes proposed to add a clause prohibiting the employment of Chinese on the railway. He did not add Japanese, because the Federal government had repeatedly said that they would not tolerate Japanese immigration.

Mr. Sutherland suggested that the matter should come up in the House when the bill reached there, as the policy proposed was a new one.

Mr. Puttee said that people of British Columbia would as soon have the bill as that it should pass without the proposed amendment.

The bill was held over until the next meeting.

In reply to Col. Prior, Hon. W. Mullock said that the provisional allowance to letter-carriers and office clerks at Vancouver had been increased \$5 per month in all cases where the pay was less than \$90. This was done on account of the increased cost of living. No increase was made to the clerks in Victoria because no report had been received from the officers in charge showing that the conditions of affairs were such that warranted an increase.

RUSSIAN DEMANDS.

Turkish Government Advises Sultan to Refuse Concessions.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, March 15.—There is great anxiety in the official circles regarding the Russian government refusal to modify its demands regarding railroad concessions in Asia Minor. The British government advises against submission, and the Sultan is awaiting a military report in the strategic aspect of the question before giving a decision.

GERMAN FLAG OVER SAMOA.

Reconciliation Between Mataafa and Tamasas—Dr. Soli Is Governor.

(Associated Press.)

Auckland, N. Z., March 15.—Advice from Samoa, dated March 1st, report that the German flag was hoisted at Apia in defiance of the treaty officials and of Mataafa and Tamasas. Dr. Soli, president of the municipality, is governor. Her Knipping, formerly vice-consul at Sydney, will act as chief judge and vice-governor.

A public reconciliation took place at the flag hoisting between Mataafa and Tamasas. The supreme court, the municipal council, the municipal magistracy and the consular courts were abolished. The laws will remain in force as at present. The natives are quiet and awaiting news from Germany as to the form of government.

AN EDITOR FINDS A SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

A. R. De Fluert, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

The partnership hitherto existing between David J. McIntosh and A. F. McCrimmon, proprietors of the Victoria Steam Laundry, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

L. S. R. Wood, of Port Renfrew, is at the Dominion. He intends leaving for the north shortly.

Fresh from the Press

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AGAIN ACQUITTED.

Jury Return a Verdict of Not Guilty in the Case of Jacques Boileau.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 15.—Jacques Boileau, who lives 100 miles up the Gatineau, at a French settlement, has been on his trial all week for the murder of his stepdaughter, Lavinia Stonge, at the Hull assizes.

The jury at noon to-day, after being out all night, rendered a verdict of not guilty, and Boileau was acquitted.

His wife, Mrs. Boileau, will be tried for the murder on the 28th inst.

This is the second time that Boileau has been acquitted. It is said that he will be tried a third time. The judge charged strongly against Boileau. It is more than 40 years since anyone has been hanged in the Hull circuit, and therefore the people are somewhat averse to seeing the gallows erected in their midst.

CANADA'S PROSPERITY.

Figures For Past Eight Months Show an Extraordinary Development of the Trade of the Dominion.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 15.—Canada's foreign trade for the eight months of the current fiscal year, ending February 28th last, shows the total average trade to be \$290,235,765, an increase of over \$35,000,000 over the same period in the previous year, or \$11,000,000 greater than for the whole of the preceding twelve months.

Imports and exports show increases, and the extraordinary development of trade is without parallel in the history of this or any other country.

SITUATION IN CHINA.

American Association Appeals for Concrete Action on the Part of the Powers —Open Door Policy.

(Associated Press.)

Shanghai, March 15.—The American Association here telegraphed to-day to the United States government that the attitude of the Empress Dowager towards the reformers would upset the "open door" policy. They also said rebellion and anarchy were expected to the detriment of foreign interests, and advocated prompt concerted action on the part of the Powers.

The China Association will appeal to the British minister, Sir Claude M. MacDonald, on the same subject.

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