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Annexation Called For.

Loyalists in Cape Colony Ask Statement to Stop Mischievous Agitation

Cape Dutch Mission to England -- Rank Treachery by Raiding Boers.

Capetown, March 7.—A general movement is in progress among the Cape Dutch to obtain a settlement of the South African question consistent with the maintenance of the independence of the republics.

The argument would have more force if the Dutch had not risen in every district where there was reasonable cause of success, and it is certain that the whole British community and the actively loyal Dutch are opposed to any settlement short of annexation.

London, March 7.—The second edition of the Times this morning contains a despatch from Capetown which says there is a crying need for an explicit statement by the British ministry that nothing short of annexation is intended, in order to damp the mischievous agitation that is going on under the pretext of a demand for peace.

Carnarvon, Cape Colony, March 6.—A refugee who has arrived here from Kenhardt says that early on Wednesday, February 28, shots were exchanged with the rebels, who retired. Thereupon Commandant De Kokwe arrived with a flag of truce. A magistrate who went from Kenhardt to meet him was immediately made prisoner, and the rebels then poured into the town, hoisted a white flag, proclaimed the district to be Free State territory, sang the Volkslied and began commanding. The magistrate was detained for trial at Bloemfontein. The refugees say the natives are being severely treated.

Capetown, March 7.—An official notification has been issued that the Queen's proclamation of February 22 regarding certain terms offered the rebels by Gen. Buller in the event of their surrendering, has been withdrawn. Those in arms against England may return to their farms and receive a pass, but they are liable to be called to account later on.

The Arundel column has been largely reinforced.

An undated telegram from Colerberg says that the Australian regiment has been honored by a visit from Lord Kitchener.

STEYN'S VALOROUS PART.

Predicts Dire Events in Transvaal and Withdraws There From His Own Capital.

London, March 8.—Mr. A. G. Hales, the correspondent of the Daily News, who was captured by the Boers February 9 and released a few days ago at Bloemfontein, telegraphing from Sterkstroom Tuesday says:

"While I was a prisoner at Bloemfontein I had an interesting interview with President Steyn. He said the burghers were determined to fight to the last man, and that the struggle in the Free State will be child's play compared with what would follow in the Transvaal."

"President Steyn predicted that the capitulation of Pretoria would be preceded by events which would astonish Europe."

"He appointed a deputy president to remain at Bloemfontein during his absence at Pretoria in the interest of the Free State."

ACROSS TRANVAAL LINE.

Flying Column From Zululand the Fore-runners of the British Invasion.

London, March 7.—A special despatch from Durban says a flying column of British troops, from Zululand, has entered the Transvaal and will be daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers. The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts and artillery, all commanded by Major Pendergast.

The first column crossed the border on February 26. It now occupies an entrenched position on Catzass Hill, nine miles within the Transvaal.

COLONIES AND WAR LOAN.

Timothy Healy to Move That They Should Contribute Money as Well as Men.

London, March 7.—In the House of Commons to-day, on the passing of the first reading of the loan bill of £35,000,000, Mr. Timothy Healy, Nationalist member for North Louth, gave notice that he would move an amendment at the second reading of the bill extending the measure so that all the self-governing colonies, who were so keen in contributing men, would also bear the burden of the war loan.

DRAFT FOR ROYAL CANADIANS.

Places Vacated by Casualties to Be Filled Without Delay.

Ottawa, March 5.—It is authoritatively stated that the government will at once arrange for drafting a hundred or hundred and twenty-two men, with three officers to take the places of the Canadians killed or permanently disabled in South Africa. It is intended that these men shall leave with the Strathcona Horse on the Monterey on March 15th. It is understood the men will be selected from each of the provinces as in the case of the first contingent.

Boers in Full Flight Before Roberts.

Horsemen Under French Surprised Them on the Flank and They Fled in Panic Leaving a Gun and Supplies.

Cunningly Devised Entrenchments Made of No Avail by Tactics of the Swiftly Moving British Cavalry and Horse Artillery.

Pursuit Now in Progress With Prospect That Another Army May Be Rounded Up--Roberts' Main Force Makes Advance Unopposed.

Osfontein, March 7.—Lord Roberts' forces advanced early this morning. French turned the southern part of the position of the Boers, who fled incontinently, leaving a gun, immense quantities of forage and their tents. He is in pursuit. The Boers on the north bank are also evacuating the position.

London, March 7.—(Midnight)—The war office has just published the following advices from Lord Roberts:

"Poplar Grove, March 7.—(Evening)—We had a successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat."

"The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged with a second line of entrenchments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a day attack been made."

"The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and artillery horses are much done up. The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which as usual did excellent work, and Gen. French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy."

"Our casualties were about 50. I regret to say that Lieut. Hewick was killed and Lieut. Bailey was severely wounded, both of them with the Launcers. Lieut. Descepsigny of the Second Life Guards was severely wounded. The remaining casualties will be telegraphed to-morrow."

"Generals Dewet and Delarey commanded the Boer forces."

The following despatch had been previously received from Lord Roberts: "Osfontein, March 7.—(4:30 p. m.)—Our operations to-day promise to be a great success."

"The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of the Modder river. I placed Gen. Colville's division on the north bank, and Generals Kelly-Kenny and Tucker's divisions, with cavalry, on the south bank. The cavalry division succeeded in bearing back the enemy's flank, opening a road for the Sixth Division, which is advancing, without having been obliged to fire a shot up to the present time."

"The enemy are in full retreat towards the north and east. They are being closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, while Tucker's Seventh Division, Colville's Ninth Division and the Cavalry Brigade, under Pole-Carew, are making their way across the river at Poplar's Drift, where I propose to place my headquarters this evening."

"Our casualties will, I trust, be few, as the enemy was quite unprepared for being attacked by the flank and having their communications with Bloemfontein threatened."

BULLER TO HIS TROOPS.

British Officers Having Natural Effect Though Some Raiders Are Still Aggressive.

Lady'smith Garrison and Relieving Column an Honor to Their Country

Durban, March 6.—Gen. Buller, in a general order regarding the relief of Lady'smith, says:

"The two forces during the last few months have striven with conspicuous gallantry and splendid determination, and are an honor to the Queen and the country."

"The Lady'smith garrison, for four months held that position against every attack, with complete success, and endured many privations with admirable fortitude."

"The relieving force had to force its way through an unknown country, across unfordable rivers and on almost inaccessible heights, facing a fully prepared, well armed and tenacious enemy. By the exhibition of the truest courage, courage that burns steadily besides flashing brilliantly, accomplished its object and added a glorious page to the history of the country."

"Lady'smith was successfully held and relieved, and the sailors and soldiers, colonial and home-born, who had done this were united by one desire and inspired by one patriotism."

"The order congratulates both forces on the material qualities displayed, and thanks them for their determined effort. Gen. Buller also sympathizes with the relatives and friends of the gallant comrades who have fallen."

MAKING ANOTHER STAND.

London, March 7.—It is reported that Gen. Buller has pushed forward along the Harrismith railroad line towards Van Heeman's Pass, using the railroad freely for communications. It appears that the Boers intend to take up a strong position in the Biggarsberg range and contest the Glencoe passes, although it hardly seems likely that Gen. Buller will attempt to force these far into the present. But his plans are kept almost as secret as those of Gen. Roberts.

BULLER'S CASUALTIES.

Another list of casualties sustained by Gen. Buller's forces from February 14 to February 27 shows: Killed, 123; wounded, 573; missing, 54.

Of these the losses of Inniskillings were as follows: Killed, 54; wounded, 102; missing, 22.

Dublin Fusiliers—Killed, 15; wounded, 97; missing, 15.

Connaught Rangers—Killed, 10; wounded, 105; missing, 8.

Royal Irish Fusiliers—Killed, 11; wounded, 63; missing, 2.

Scotts Fusiliers—Killed, 18; wounded, 68; missing, none.

Total cost to rank and file in the final relief of Lady'smith, 1,889 men.

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Cronje Goes To St Helena

Boer (Prisoners Will Be Held There Until the End of the War.

A Stand Up Fight With Roberts Would Help to Hasten the End.

London, March 8.—4 a.m.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Osfontein and in the evening from Poplar Grove, 14 miles eastward. By an exposition of the elementary principle of strategy the Boer positions 15 miles long have been flanked and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion consequent upon hasty withdrawal. Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry, or the deadly ingenuity of the Boer trenches in front of him. He marched out infantry estimated, from the commands named, at 30,000 men, and sent 10,000 horsemen and horse artillery in a bold sweep around the Boer left, whereupon the Boer centre and right began to waver. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

STRENGTH OF THE FORCES

The correspondents differ as to the enemy's strength. The Daily Mail's representative thinks the Boers number something more than 40,000. The Daily News man estimates them at 10,000. As these figures come from different sources it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 men immediately available as the Cavalry Brigade reached him from Lord Methuen on Tuesday. Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local force at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to appreciate the military situation. They are still in the belief that the Boer number something more than 40,000. As these figures come from different sources it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 men immediately available as the Cavalry Brigade reached him from Lord Methuen on Tuesday. Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local force at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

DECISIVE BATTLE WANTED.

The standard cautious Englishmen against rising to a height of serene contentment that the actual position does not justify and thus measure the situation: Large number of the Boers are still in the belief that the Boer number something more than 40,000. As these figures come from different sources it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 men immediately available as the Cavalry Brigade reached him from Lord Methuen on Tuesday. Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local force at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

ORDERED TO ST. HELENA.

The military authorities have decided that Gen. Cronje and the other prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war. Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathurst, colonel of militia at the front, to command the force to St. Helena. It is also asserted that the cabinet resolved neither to propose nor to entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

A CRITIC AND PROPHECY.

London, March 8.—Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post, says: Yesterday's events are not quite conclusive. It cannot be the Boer game to be beaten. Their only chance of escape is to collect the bulk of their forces for a decisive battle. If they have not men or spirit to stand up to Lord Roberts, their case is hopeless. It begins to look indeed as if my original estimate of the strength of the enemy's forces—about 50,000—was not far wrong. In that case the game is up, for they must have lost 10,000 or more of the original 50,000. The escape of the Boer force yesterday, however, is most disappointing. A good general is not satisfied with the retreat of his enemy. He wishes to destroy them."

NEW ATTACK ON RHODES.

London Paper Says His Loyalty Depends on its Value as a Commercial Asset.

London, March 6.—The Morning Leader says: "Of one thing we may be certain, Cecil Rhodes, who knows Africa, has made up his mind that the annexation of the republics will not bring the lasting peace which our imperialists prophesy. Rhodes is so sure this will not happen that he is prepared to set to work at once on the fortifications of Kimberley."

We are inclined to think Rhodes is preparing for a possible armed conflict with the imperial faction, which he thought of at the time of the Boer war. He is preparing to resist any attempt on our part to interfere actively in African affairs, either in the interests of the Dutch elector, whose vote is already threatened, or of the Kaffir laborer, who seems doomed to virtual slavery. This is not indeed an extravagant hypothesis. Rhodes has consistently maintained a policy of Africa for the Afrikaner, and on his lips the latter word is synonymous with financier. He will be loyal to the English flag just so long as it continues to be a valuable commercial asset."

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LOGGE ON THE PHILIPPINES.

The Senator Has Made a Great Speech to Some Effect Not Stated.

Washington, March 7.—The announcement that Senator Lodge would deliver a speech on the Philippine question drew to the senate every senator now in the city and to the galleries an unusually large number of auditors. Mr. Lodge is chairman of the Philippine committee and a prominent member of the committee on foreign relations and has studied the Philippines exhaustively. He was expected to present an able addition to the literature of the great problem which now confronts congress, and the American people, and neither his colleagues in the senate nor his other auditors were disappointed in his address. He was overwhelmed with congratulations from both sides of the chamber.

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When Buller Drove Boers Of Gallantry The Queen and Her Majesty Drives in State Making a Gala Day in London.

Natal Collieries Were Fired as Their Crowning Act of Vandalsm.

One Commandant Forced Retreat by Deserting Key to the Position.

To Commemorate Heroism of Her Irish Soldier's in South Africa.

Proposed Visit to Ireland Striking Instance of Devotion to Duty.

Biggarsberg, Boer Camp, March 3.—The Federals have fallen back on the Biggarsberg chain, crossing Natal south of Dundee. The retreat from Lady'smith was due to the mistake of a certain commandant in ordering his men to retire from the key of the position, without any reasons for the movement.

On receipt of the bad news from Modder River on Wednesday, it was resolved to send the wagons back to Biggarsberg, and soon long strings of wagons lined the road. Over a thousand wagons took the westerly route to the larger southwest of Lady'smith. Another convoy was sent to the foot of the Drakensberg. A large number of tents captured from the British at Dundee and also the ammunition were abandoned as worthless.

The chief difficulty was in dismounting "Long Tom." Boer Camp, Biggarsberg, Saturday, March 3.—The Boers were independent of the railway, as is shown by the fact that none of their 2,000 wagons went by rail. All travelled by road, together with the field batteries. Only the heavy guns, the infantry and wounded men went by rail.

When the last train had left Elands-lange a workmen's train followed, carefully blowing up every bridge and culvert between Lady'smith and Glencoe, and when this had been done, setting fire to the Elands-lange collieries. Thus the British, with Natal's southernmost collieries in their hands, were unable to draw supplies therefrom. Under cover of the night and with the collieries sending lurid flames to heaven, the bullock wagons wound over the hills, making roads where none before existed, and the four months' siege of Lady'smith was raised.

It is impossible as yet to give the burgher casualties, owing to the disorganization of the ambulance and the circumstances of the retreat.

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THE HOCCY CHAMPIONSHIP. Shamrocks Make the Crescents of Halifax Sorry for Their Challenge.

Montreal, March 7.—The Shamrock hockey team have had no difficulty in holding the Stanley cup against the challenge of the Crescents of Halifax. On Monday they won the first match by 10 to 2, to-night they defeated the challengers by 11 goals to nothing. The Shamrocks were so incomparably superior to their antagonists in every respect that the match was farcical.

London, March 7.—At no other time since the Diamond Jubilee has the Queen been so conspicuous an object in the public mind as she is to-night. This promises to be even more strikingly the case to-morrow. For Her Majesty to visit London for a drive in semi-state from Paddington Station to Buckingham Palace would be sufficient in itself to create great public manifestations of loyalty, but the announcement this evening that for the first time since the Jubilee she will drive to-morrow from Buckingham Palace along the embankment to St. Paul's Cathedral and back through Holborn and Piccadilly to St. James, synchronizing with the new success of Lord Roberts, is bound to make to-morrow a gala day in the annals of London.

Beyond all this is the announcement of the Queen's intention to visit Ireland, for the first time it is said since the death of the Prince Consort. This is regarded as one of the most remarkable acts of the Queen's life. No minister of the crown has ever dared to suggest such a remarkable undertaking. "The trip," said a well informed official this evening, "is the spontaneous suggestion of the Queen alone, and the enthusiasm it is bound to create when known in London to-morrow can scarcely be estimated. It is a wonderful proof of her intense devotion to her people, and her sacrifice in making the trip at such a season of the year is renewed evidence of the keenness of her mind in selecting the proper act at the proper time."