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ZULUS TO FIGHT BOERS

Invaders Kill Natives and Confiscate Property.

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR GENERAL WAR.

General Buller Gained Nothing by Reconnoissance.

No Late Battles Reported—Roberts' Movements Uncertain—London Papers Greatly Depressed Over Gloomy Situation.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 23.—Large bands of independent Boer troops are invading Zululand. The natives are being killed and their cattle and property taken. It is stated upon what is given as good authority that the Zulus will begin a general war upon the Boers.

Gained Nothing.

London Feb. 15 via Skagway Feb. 23.—General Buller from his position south of the Tugela river made a reconnoissance on the 14th inst. in the direction of Springfield which is distant from Ladysmith about 20 miles. The Boers were found strongly entrenched and no ground was gained. The troops finally retired after the loss of a number of men.

No Battles.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 23.—No battle of any consequence have been reported since the last information from the seat of war was received. Roberts' movements subsequent to his advance into the Transvaal are uncertain, but several unimportant skirmishes have taken place. The London press is by no means taking a cheerful view of the situation. The newspapers seem determined to look upon the gloomy side of affairs until they are convinced by results from battles actually fought and won that the tide has turned in favor of Great Britain. It is believed that Roberts, since getting inside the Boer frontier has succeeded in withdrawing the attention of the Boers very largely away from Ladysmith and Kimberley, although both points are still being besieged.

Roberts' Plans.

New York, Feb. 17, via Skagway, Feb. 23.—Gen. Roberts' plans include, according to the Tribune's London correspondent, an immediate advance upon Kimberley and the relief of that city. This accomplished the next objective point will be Bloemfontein, toward which point sufficient forces will be launched to force the Boers to withdraw all available forces from around Ladysmith. Buller is then expected to accomplish the relief of this latter point without difficulty.

In a Tight Place.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 23.—Critics who are studying the movements of the contending forces in South Africa pronounce Gen. Roberts' advance into the Orange Free State as

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a masterpiece of strategy. It is believed that Roberts now holds the Boers in a tight place. With Spynfontein, Magersfontein and Jacobsdale held by the British together with the fords at Modder river, Cronje's defeat or retirement, is regarded as a almost foregone conclusion. In the event he retires no particular difficulty will then remain in the way of an immediate advance to the relief of Kimberley.

Rhodes and Jameson.

London Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 23.—The Boers will make a desperate effort to capture Cecil Rhodes according to statements made by Dr. Leyds the Boer diplomatic agent. In the event of Rhodes' capture he will not be killed, but will be held for a ransom of \$10,000,000. Dr. Jameson, who headed the disastrous raid against the Transvaal is still at Ladysmith.

FOOLISH ARIZONA SHERIFF.

Reprimanded By the Governor and Many Newspapers.

Makes Sport at Expense of Poor Unfortunate Who Is on the Threshold of the Gallows.

Flagstaff, Ari., Feb. 8.—Many of the newspapers in this territory are criticising sharply the unseemly attempt at humor indulged in by Sheriff Watron, of Navajo county, in his invitations sent out, asking other sheriffs to attend the hanging of George Smiley, who was convicted of killing a section foreman.

It was the first hanging in the county—mainly because the county had only been organized two years, and the sheriff wanted to see the affair go off with eclat. He issued the following invitations to the other sheriffs:

"You are hereby cordially invited to attend the hanging of one George Smiley, murderer. His soul will be swung into eternity on Dec. 8, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., sharp. Latest improved methods in the art of scientific strangulation will be employed, and everything possible will be done to make the surroundings cheerful and the execution a success."

When this invitation came to the notice of the governor he concluded the sheriff intended to make the hanging too cheerful, even for Arizona, and he promptly issued a reprieve to Smiley for 30 days, in hopes of letting the matter cool off, thinking that possibly the sheriff would absorb a little sadness in the meantime.

The papers of the territory took the matter up and made it warm for the sheriff for a time. All these things did not tend to make that official sad. On the day before the day set for the hanging of Smiley, when he knew that it would be too late for a second reprieve from the governor, he issued a second invitation, as follows:

"Revised statutes of Arizona, penal code, title X, section 1849, page 807, makes it obligatory on the sheriff to issue invitations to executions, form (unfortunately) not prescribed.

"With feelings of profound sorrow and regret I hereby invite you to attend and witness the private, decent and humane execution of a human being; name, George Smiley; crime, murder. The said George Smiley will be executed on Jan. 8, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. You are expected to deport yourself in a respectful manner, and any 'flippancy' or 'unseemly' language or conduct on your part will not be allowed. Conduct on anyone's part bor-

dering on ribaldry and tending to mar the solemnity of the occasion will not be tolerated.

"F. J. WATRON,
"Sheriff of Navajo County."

Graves Discharged.

Skagway, Feb. 23.—Graves, held at Tagish for the murder of Clayson, has been discharged. No evidence was found upon which to hold him. O'Brien has been sent to Selkirk. There is nothing to show his complicity in the Clayson affair and he will be tried on a charge of robbing scows, which the police say can be proven.

Britain Buys Guns.

London, Feb. 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says that following the Krupps' refusal to sell artillery to the British, Great Britain has purchased forty batteries of 240 guns, not quick firers, that were supplied by the Krupps to a Southern European state two years ago. These guns are destined to replace those sent to South Africa from the British garrisons.

THE IRISH AGITATOR ROSSA

Now Comes to the Front as a Boer Sympathizer.

Says Time is Ripe For the Irish to Interfere to Prevent England From Crushing the Boers.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 8.—O'Donovan Rossa, the well-known Irish agitator, is of the opinion that the Boers will be whipped by the British unless something is done by the enemies of England to create a diversion in another quarter of the globe. He says foreign interference or the action of the Irish would bring the war to a speedy end, and that the time is ripe for the Irish here and in the old country to do something that will prevent England from ultimately crushing the Boers. He advocates another Fenian war, and the use of dynamite, claiming that it was these two things that caused the passage of Gladstone's home rule bill.

PERSONAL MENTION.

John G. Smith is a visitor in Dawson.

A. M. Matthews is spending a few days in town.

Hugh McIntosh is visiting the city for a few days.

Mrs. L. Swartz, of Grand Forks, is registered at the Fairview.

John Riordon, of Gold Run, has been in town for several days.

Charles E. Herron, of Grand Forks, arrived in the city Tuesday.

J. A. McMullen arrived in Dawson from the creeks on Tuesday.

W. T. Thebandeau returned yesterday from a month's trip up the Klondike.

Charles Cunningham, of No. 34 Eldorado, is here for medical treatment.

Miss May Robbins, of Gay gulch, has been visiting Mrs. Nida, of 32 above, Sulphur.

THE AMERICAN HERO

Is Honored By Americans and British Alike.

SPLENDID AFFAIR AT PALACE GRAND.

Patriotic Speeches, Songs and Recitations for the Occasion.

The Theatre Was Crowded With an Enthusiastic Audience—Gov. Ogilvie Will Assure Ottawa That Peace and Harmony Reigns.

The American eagle was out with his screamiest scream last night. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of George Washington, and full honor was done the event so notable in the history of the great republic. The Palace Grand was packed to its utmost capacity with a jolly, happy, good natured crowd, Canadians and other British subjects being very much in evidence.

The building was handsomely decorated, flags and bunting of the two great English speaking nations being gracefully intertwined. At the front of the stage the two largest flags obtainable in the city were draped, the American flag on the right and the British on the left.

The audience was in a distinctly patriotic humor and joined heartily in the popular national songs of both countries. There was an unusually large proportion of ladies present and their bright costumes and still brighter faces gave added charm to a scene which will linger long in the memory of those who attended. Mr. Leroy Tozier as chairman of the evening announced "America" to be sung by the audience as the first feature of the program. The song was given with a will, the audience standing while it was being rendered.

The singing of the national song was followed by an address from Mr. Tozier, which entirely sustained that gentleman's reputation as a platform speaker. Mr. Tozier possesses a well modulated voice; his utterances while brief were pointed and clear. He took occasion to thank the audience for the support which had been rendered the committee in arranging the program and mentioned particularly the assistance which had been given by Canadian citizens. The speaker regarded it as an auspicious omen that Americans and British were able to unite in such perfect harmony

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