

LOOKS BAD FOR "OOM"

Gen. Roberts After the Boers With 40,000.

FIGHTING NOW IN ENEMY'S COUNTRY.

Turns Boer Lines at Maagersfontein and Enters Free State.

Gen. French Seizes Ford at Modder River and Captures Several Boer Laagers and Considerable Supplies—London Papers Feel Better.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The British forces for the first time since the beginning of the war are inside the enemy's frontier. Lord Roberts, with 40,000 infantry, 7,000 cavalry and 150 pieces of artillery has turned the Boer lines at Magersfontein and with his entire force is pushing active operations within the borders of the Free State. For upwards of ten weeks the British forces have been encamped in front of Magersfontein by which point Roberts has succeeded in passing with very few casualties. Dispatches from the commander in chief announce that the Boers have not as yet been encountered in any great numbers, although there is good reason to believe that they are assembling in force with the expectation of resisting Roberts' advance.

French at Modder River.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—Dispatches from Gen. Roberts announce that Gen. French, by a forced march of 25 miles, has seized the crossing at Modder river. His forces had several small encounters with the Boer outposts with about an equal number of casualties on both sides. Three Boer laagers well stocked with supplies and considerable ammunition were captured. French now occupies the hills to the north.

Papers Feel Better.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—News from the front is more encouraging today than for some time previously. The London papers have indulged in gloomy forebodings to such an extent that they seem fearful of exulting even when such news as that from Gen. Roberts is at hand. The fact that no battle has been fought restrains the papers from too much enthusiasm, although Roberts' advance is looked upon as a master stroke of strategy.

To Relieve Kimberly.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—Recent dispatches warrant the conclusion that Field Marshal Roberts will attempt the immediate relief of Kimberly. Advice received here are to the effect that the bombardment of the beleaguered city has increased, and that there is apprehension that the town will fall under the eyes of Roberts.

British Retreat to Reinsberg.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The fighting around Colesburg still continues. Neither side has improved, its positions in this vicinity. The British forces, however, have considered it necessary to withdraw to Reinsberg, and the general quarters of the troops are not located there.

Quiet Before Storm.

London, Feb. 14, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The recent cessation of war news is taken as an indication that the preparations by the British to clear the Modder river of the enemy are progressing favorably, and news of important victories are hourly expected.

At Skagway.

Skagway, Feb. 20.—Thomas O'Brien, proprietor of the Yukon Sun, of Daw-

son, arrived in Skagway yesterday. He states that he is on his way to Ottawa to secure a franchise for a railroad which he proposes to build between Dawson and Grand Forks, and from the former place to Stewart river.

Mrs Healy in Skagway.

Skagway, Feb. 20.—Mrs. J. J. Healy arrived here yesterday, en route to Dawson.

Will Search for Clayson.

Skagway, Jan. 30.—The Arctic Brotherhood at a recent meeting in this city passed a series of resolutions in regard to the loss of Fred H. Cayson. The first one states that Mr. Clayson was a brother in good standing and calls upon all brothers between here and Dawson to give their earnest aid in clearing up the mystery as to his disappearance. Another offers the sincere condolence of the Brotherhood with Mrs. Clayson and the family, and assures her of every assistance it is able to render in the premises.

NO CLAIMS FOR INDEMNITY

Have Been Presented by Germany Against England.

British Do not Hold any German Vessels and no Negotiations are Now in Progress.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—A German gentleman of high political and social status, who is fully empowered to express the views of Count von Buelow, the French foreign secretary, upon Anglo-German relations, made the following statement to the correspondent to day: "The British do not hold a single vessel, and no negotiations are now in progress, since Germany has not yet formulated her claims for indemnity. Investigation is first necessary, and this is now proceeding."

"The feeling between Great Britain and Germany is growing better despite the efforts of the jingoes of both countries to the contrary. Recent remarks must not be understood as meaning that Germany is aiming at convening a conference for the international settlement of sea rights of neutrals before the end of the war. As for all the talk about intervention, it is baseless. No such intention exists anywhere."

Dynamite in a Wreck.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 5.—A freight train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, coming down the Wilkesbarre mountain side this evening, ran away. At the foot of the mountain near the Ashley siding, the cars left the track and were piled high in a big wreck. There was dynamite in one of the cars, and it exploded with great force. The shock was felt for a distance of 20 miles. The windows in nearly every house in the town of Ashley were broken. Three men, all of them brakemen, were killed, two unknown men were fatally injured and several others were badly hurt. The dead are: Frank McLaughlin, Michael Bird and William Buckley.

Transvaal Among Nations.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Montague White, the South African diplomat now in this country, today authorized the following statement:

"The impression that is said to exist in certain quarters that Dr. Leyds is not recognized by foreign powers as the diplomatic minister of the South African republic, on account of Great Britain's claim to suzerainty, is false. Dr. Leyds is credited to and fully recognized as minister plenipotentiary of the South African republic by the following powers: Russia, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and Portugal. The South African republic was represented at different courts in Europe and on the Continent for many years past by Dr. Leyds' predecessor, the late Jonkheer Beelaerts Van Blockland, who had also been indirectly recognized by Great Britain.

"The suzerainty was created by the

convention of 1881, but was abolished by the convention of 1884. In 1897 it was suddenly revived by Chamberlain. The government of the South African republic strenuously repudiated the claim, and they have been supported in this by every international lawyer of note on the Continent, as well as by such eminent authorities as Sir Edward Clark and Sir William Harcourt in Great Britain.

"The international status of the South African republic is moreover recognized by Great Britain, as the following extract from the official quoted letter of Lord Derby, dated February 15, 1884, will show: 'Your government will be left free to govern the country without interference and to conduct its diplomatic intercourse and shape its foreign policy, subject only to the requirements embodied in the fourth article of the new treaty, namely, that any treaty with any foreign state shall not be effective without the approval of the queen.'"

PEACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Rebel Armies Being Scattered in the Philippines.

All Trouble Will Soon Be at an End—Congress Expected Soon to Pass Peace Resolutions.

Manila, Feb. 5.—With the scattering of the rebel armies in Cavite, Batangas and Laguna de Bay provinces the end of organized resistance to American authority has come, but there are scores of marauding bands in existence, and there is great danger of creating permanent ill will among the natives in hunting these bands down. It is believed here that if congress acts quickly, shows a spirit of conciliation and passes liberal measures for the government of the islands, that all trouble will end. It is believed that a majority of the people here will be satisfied and pleased with any fair action on the part of congress.

Natives Attack Britons.

Lagos, Colony of Lagos, British West Africa, Feb. 5.—Advices have just been received here from Jebba that Captain Carroll of the Norfolk regiment and 150 men of the West African frontier force, while escorting the telegraph construction staff, were attacked on January 9th by 2000 Mitchi and Basa tribesmen. Captain Eaton of the East Kent Regiment and twelve others were wounded and one member of the escort was killed. The tribesmen left 80 dead.

Buller Retreats to Chieveley.

London, Feb. 15, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The most intense interest is now centered in Field Marshal Roberts, and more particularly in this case since Buller's withdrawal from Valkrantz. It is now supposed that Buller has retreated to Chieveley and his losses are reported to be very heavy, as during the retreat his command was constantly harassed by the enemy. If he left a portion of his command at Springfield it was very small.

Theosophical Club.

The local interest created by the Yukon Theosophical Club in occultism and kindred subjects demands fuller expression than has thus far been given them. The next meeting will be devoted to a comprehensive lecture by a theosophical student and ex-F. T. S., on theosophy in the 20th century and its relation to other philosophies and religions from the earliest times to the present age. The meeting convenes at 7:30 p. m., over the Juneau Hardware store on Second ave., on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Meetings open and free to all.

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CAPE NOME TO EAGLE.

United States Will Construct Telegraph.

\$500,000 TO BE

APPROPRIATED.

Will Be a Government Wire But Available Commercially.

Bill Introduced for the Construction of a Bridge at Nome—Delegation Waits on McKinley and Asks that Roadway Be Kept Open on Beach.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Feb. 20.—The house committee on military affairs has had under consideration for some time a bill providing for the construction of a telegraph line along the Yukon river connecting the United States military stations between St. Michaels and Fort Egbert or Eagle City. The committee agreed today to report a bill recommending that the work be begun at the earliest practicable moment and that the sum of \$500,000 be appropriated for carrying the plan into effect.

The bill is a comprehensive one and embraces the connection of all important points on the Yukon river by government telegraph. A branch from St. Michael to Nome will also be constructed. The line will be owned and controlled by the government, but will be available for commercial uses as well. It is expected that the Canadian government will complete its line to the American border and that the two will be connected there, thus furnishing telegraphic communication the entire length of the Yukon river.

A Bridge at Nome.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5, via Skagway, Feb. 20.—Senator Turner of Washington has introduced a bill providing for the construction of a bridge at Nome. The bill has been reported favorably by the senate committee.

Roadway on the Beach.

Washington, D. C., via Skagway, Feb. 20.—A delegation of Nome miners called upon President McKinley today and requested that a roadway 60 feet in width and following the general line of the beach should be established and protected at Nome. It is stated in the petition which the delegation addressed to the president that such a roadway is necessary for the location of pumping machinery for the purpose of developing inland claims.

A Bad One From Nome.

Much has been published respecting the wealth and richness of Cape Nome, and it is only occasionally that one hears of a bad report concerning the new camp. Bill Carter, a well-known Dawson sport, stampeded to the famous district before the river froze. He wrote a letter to James O'Neil and sent it to Dawson with Carl Knobelsdorff and C. D. Campbell, the two men who arrived here on February 4th. This letter has been given to the Daily Nugget, and reads as follows:

Nome, Alaska, Dec. 9th, 1899.
Friend Jim: The mail goes out in the morning, so I thought I would write you; but I hardly know what to say. This town is rotten, and has been since I arrived. They tell me that it was good for a while. Everyone expects the big boom in the spring. Stampedes are on in great shape. I have seven claims, but don't want any more. I tried to get a town lot but could not stand off the chief of police and was written up as a lot jumper.

I have the crap game in Bill Tierney's house; but it is mighty quiet. Give my regards to all the boys. Hoping this may find you well, I remain, respectfully yours,
C. W. CARTER.