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ROBERTS EARLY READY FOR RETREAT

His Deep Political Intuition and Bold Strategy Have Had the Desired Effect on Southern Free State.

Field Marshal to Issue a Proclamation—All the Powers Have Refused to Intervene—Boer Case is Hopeless—How Steyn Escaped.

London, March 17.—(4.20 a.m.)—With the railway communication to the Cape, Lord Roberts will, within a very few days, be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria. His deep political intuition, combined with his bold strategy, is having the result desired in the southern sections of the Orange Free State, which are rapidly coming down.

BOER CAUSE IS HOPELESS.

Gen. Lucas Meyer Refuses to Fight and Returns to His Farm. With Hundreds of Others.

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated Friday, March 10:

HAVE COMPLETELY COLLAPSED

Boers Not to Be Found Anywhere—400 of Them Have Surrendered at Bloemfontein.

Bloemfontein, March 16.—It is safe to say that the Boers have completely collapsed in the Free State south of this point.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

Rhodes Says the Number of the Boers is Exaggerated to Explain British Reverses.

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail publishes an interview with Mr. Cecil Rhodes, secured by Julian Ralph, in the course of which, he complains of the home authorities.

ROBERTS IS PLAYING THE GAME.

Rejoices the Wounded Boers by Telling Them They May Return to Their Homes in Peace.

London, March 16.—Gen. Roberts reports that he found seven British officers and forty-three men wounded in the hospital at Bloemfontein, and that they had been well cared for.

REJOICING IN THE COLONY

Over the News that Bloemfontein Has Been Occupied by the British—Rebels Giving Up Arms.

Cape Town, March 16.—There was great rejoicing throughout the colony upon the receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British.

ROBERTS CRITICIZES GATACRE

For His Defeat at Stormberg—Should Have Retired to Molteno or Hottentots.

London, March 16.—(7.42 p.m.)—Lord Roberts, in transmitting Gen. Gatacre's report of the Stormberg defeat, gives his opinion thus:

THE BOERS HAVE NO WAY OUT; THEIR PLAN IS A HASTY RETREAT

Spenser Wilkinson Says, But Great Britain Must Push the War With the Utmost Vigor for Fear of Complications.

London, March 17.—Mr. Spenser Wilkinson in The Morning Post says: "The difficulty now is to imagine a satisfactory plan of operations for the Boer commander-in-chief. At an outside estimate, his available force can hardly be turned before a frontal attack is made. To await the attack will be to risk capture. The only plan to avoid it will be a hasty retreat."

"THERE'S NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR THE IRISH." ST. PATRICK'S DAY; ALL WILL WEAR SHAMROCK

In Honor of Ireland's Patron Saint and His Faithful Sons Whose Heroism in South Africa Has Challenged the Admiration of the World.

THE SHAMROCK! The shamrock the shamrock; The green immortal shamrock; Chosen leaf of bard and chief, O'gri Erin's native shamrock.

In Ireland, where unclouded skies are rare, there is a tradition that the sun always shines on St. Patrick's day. The whole island is up and ready to greet his earliest beams. "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning," is a phrase that has a hearty meaning in it for the man or woman who has ever seen the village band march out to "bring home the shamrock" before yet the sun has melted the sleeping mist of the valley.



Every good Canadian, no matter what his ancestral may be, will wear a Canadian shamrock to-day in honor of St. Patrick and his faithful sons, whose heroism in South Africa has challenged the admiration of the world.

STRATHCONA'S HORSE ABOARD THE TROOPSHIP MONTEREY.

All Business Was Suspended in Halifax so the People Could Cheer Them Off—Messages From the Queen and Lord Strathcona.

Halifax, March 16.—Strathcona's horse embarked at 6 o'clock on the troopship Monterey, which shortly afterwards sailed out into the stream and anchored. The men all got aboard in good order.

Great enthusiasm attended the departure of the troops. The line of procession was intensely packed all along the wharf.

The substitutes were cheered to the accompaniment of the playing of the national anthem.

Lord Strathcona. Halifax: Please read to my force the following message received by me through Her Majesty's private secretary, and after reading kindly see to the proper publication.

Her Majesty would be glad if, before they start, you would convey to them an expression of my sympathy for the cause of our Canadian soldiers, who are now so gallantly fighting for the Empire's cause.

Her Majesty stated that both officers and men consider it a privilege to have the honor of serving their sovereign and the Empire, and are well pleased to do their duty as Canadians and as loyal British subjects, and to justify the confidence in them to which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to give expression.

Queen's Reception at Dublin. Committee Appointed and Money Subscribed to Give Her Majesty Proper Greeting.

Dublin, March 16.—Side of the Mansion House to-day, the Lord Mayor presided, a committee was appointed to accompany the Queen, and £1500 was subscribed for her honours.

Meeting of Kickers. A mass meeting was summoned this evening to discuss the act of the corporation in voting an address to the Queen, but it was almost a failure.

Sunny Days and Seedy Hats. These clear, bright, next-to-freezing days are the seed-time of man's spades, and about the first thing he makes up his mind to do is to get a new hat.

Standard Star Laundry Co. 55 and 57, Front Street East, Toronto.

Care a cold in a few hours. Dr. Evans' Laxative Grip Capsules do not grip, but cure, refunding 25 cents. Grip's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge street.

PREMIER MARTIN HAS STARTED UP COUNTRY ON A TOUR AND TWO OPPONENTS TRAVEL WITH HIM.

Wherever and Whenever Fighting Joe Pitches His Tent There Will His Enemies Camp Also—A Resolution of Support Passed to Martin by Vancouver Liberals.

Vancouver, B.C., March 16.—(Special.)—Premier Martin started up-country to-day on a stumping tour. On the train with him he took his departure were also J. M. Kelle, M.L.A., and A. C. Thompson of the Kootenay Mall. These gentlemen are political orators, with views directly opposite to those of the Premier, and it is their intention to present also wherever and whenever Mr. Martin gathers a crowd of electors together.

Had a Little Triumph. This concession to the temperance fraternity was probably due to the happy state of mind into which the Premier dropped after a little triumph of last evening.

The Resolution. Whereas the Provincial Executive, on being appealed to by the Roseland Association to call a convention of the party, has, at a meeting, which only seven were present, refused to call such a convention;

Whereas the last official declaration of the party in Provincial matters was made at the convention held in New Westminster in 1887, at which the party agreed to support the Government, and also formulated a platform; and

Whereas several new issues of great importance have arisen since that time, and the party has not since met to discuss them, and also formulated a platform; and

GEN. LORD METHUEN'S REPORT ON THE BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN

There Were Several Palpable Errors Which Led to Great Loss of Life in the Highland Brigade—Tribute to Gen. Wauchop.

London, March 16.—The London Gazette this evening publishes General Lord Methuen's report of the actions at Magersfontein, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1900, in the Modder River, Feb. 13.—After explaining the difficulties of any attempt to outflank 16,000 Boers and arguing that a blow dealt at the Boer centre at Magersfontein would be more effective, he says his orders were to relieve Kimberley, and therefore the day the last reinforcements arrived he decided to attack Magersfontein.

Mr. Methuen then proceeded to describe the artillery bombardment of the position and how the Highland Brigade was led to the point of assault, after the late Major-General Andrew G. Wauchop had previously explained all he intended to do, and the particular part each battalion was expected to play.

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