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## CAMPAIGN OF INVASION

### Boers Roberts' Advance Into the Boer Lands.

### Rumors That British Have Evacuated Rensberg.

### Belief That They Were Instructed to Withdraw.

### Roberts Relying on His Advance to Compel Boers to Return.

### REASSURING DESPATCHES FROM MAPEKING—THE CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING UP TO THE 12TH AT RENSBERG—THE REPORTED ZULULAND INVASION.

London, Feb. 16.—The absence of further news from General Roberts is interpreted here as an indication that important operations are progressing. There is practically no news of consequence from the Natal side. Boer reports of the skirmishing previously recorded in Springfield neighborhood state that two of the British lancers were killed, five wounded and nine taken prisoners.

A despatch from Pretoria, February 15, reports that the burghers have taken all the British positions around Rensberg, and the Chronicle's correspondent at Cape Town, dating his despatch the 14th, says that there are rumors that the British have evacuated Rensberg and retired to Arundel. This, if correct, supports the belief here that General Clements, General French's successor, was instructed to withdraw when pressed by the enemy so as to risk no loss of his reduced force. General Roberts relying on his own advance to compel the Boers to return to protect their own territory.

### FROM MAPEKING.

London, Feb. 15.—The war office has issued despatches from Mapeking, the latest dated February 2. They confirm the reports that the Boers shelled a convent and the women's laager at Mapeking. The garrison is healthy and cheerful. The casualties up to February 3 are: Five officers, 63 troops, 12 non-combatants killed; 8 officers, 128 34 men missing.

### CASUALTIES AT RENSBERG.

London, Feb. 15.—The official list of the British casualties at Rensberg from February 10 to 12 shows: Killed four officers and seven men; wounded, six officers and fourteen men; missing, two officers and eight men.

The officers killed were Colonel Coningham, of the Worcester regiment, and Major Eddy and Lieutenants Powell and Roberts, all of the Australians. Intense satisfaction continues the dominant consequence of Lord Roberts' plan of operations in South Africa as revealed by despatches published this morning. There is no further news of the British advance into the Orange Free State or of activity at Modder river, but a feeling of quiet confidence prevails that the strong hands of "Bobs" and the hero of Khartoum are shaping matters toward that much needed decisive victory.

### GENERAL CLEARY ILL.

A special despatch to the Times from Chieveley, dated February 13, says: "General Lyttleton has succeeded to the command of the second division during the illness of General Cleary, who is suffering from blood poisoning. Colonel Northcott, of the rifle brigade, temporarily commands the fourth division."

Fears regarding a Boer attack on Zululand are somewhat allayed by a special despatch from Durban, which says a column of colonial scouts after a forced march has arrived at Eshowe

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in splendid fighting form. They were pursued several times during the march by the Boers, but succeeded in repulsing them.

### DEFENSE OF ZULULAND.

London, Feb. 15.—In the house of commons today during the course of a reply to question relative to the probable Boer invasion of Zululand, Secretary of State for the Colonies Chamberlain said the government had decided that if the native territories were invaded by the Boers the natives "will be encouraged and assisted in every way in defending themselves."

### BULLER MAY YET SUCCEED.

London, Feb. 15.—Criticism of General Buller has quite ceased to be the fashion here. It is pointed out on every hand that Sir Redvers was the first to recognize the difficulty of relieving Ladysmith, and that he therefore voluntarily took on himself the most dangerous task. It is now thought that if the British are able to occupy Hlangwani mountain, which their shelling has compelled the Boers to evacuate, Buller will be able to make a fresh advance, and that this fourth time he may be able to reach Ladysmith. The fact that no more is heard regarding sorties from Ladysmith is taken to mean that the garrison is not so badly off as has been feared, while further encouragement is derived from the publication of the official list of General Buller's casualties at Vaalkrantz, which amounted to 24 killed and 322 wounded.

The butcher's bill is heavy enough, in truth, considering the result of the Vaalkrantz operation, but other operations of the war have cost more and accomplished less.

### GOVERNMENT SCHEME CRITICISED.

The government's scheme for increasing the nation's military strength is criticised severely here. One military expert characterizes the project as a colossal, costly imposture, designed to hoax the country into the idea that some satisfactory reform in the military system has at length been accomplished, and at the same time to throw dust into the eyes of foreign nations. Where, it is asked, after the war fever is over will the nation get recruits to fill the ranks of the extra cavalry regiments, batteries and battalions? It is pointed out that a year ago the authorities found difficulty in getting enough recruits, and that the situation will be worse when the relaxation comes at the end of the war.

### VOLUNTEERS MAKE POOR MARKSMEN.

As regards the auxiliary forces, it is asked how many volunteers, yeoman militia men will be able to give, even a month in a year to the campaigning scheme at present proposed? As it is now, with facilities enough and opportunities enough for practice, not half the volunteers are able to qualify as marksmen—a fact that appears in the reports. In some quarters, indeed, the whole scheme is branded as an attempt to satisfy the people until the end of the war comes, when the system will be allowed to relapse into its former state.

### LORD ROSEBERY'S STARTLING SPEECH.

London, Feb. 15.—The chief feature of the war situation at the moment is Rosebery's somewhat startling speech in the house of lords raising the cry that the empire is in danger. His attack upon the government's proposals on the ground of their inadequacy is not accompanied by any practical suggestion of what ought to be done. Lord Salisbury and the Marquis of Lansdowne, in replying, declared that the only possible alternative was some sort of conscription.

London, Feb. 15.—Lord Rosebery in the house of lords today during the debate on the army proposals condemned the government's measures for an increase of the forces as altogether inadequate. He declared that the government did not appreciate the gravity of the situation. In his opinion the crisis was urgent and he asked the government to take a large grasp of the situation and make adequate proposals. The question of the reorganization of the army could wait but temporary measures suited to the present great emergency should be as large and sweeping as possible.

## HOAR REPLIES TO CONGRESSMAN CUSHMAN

### Says Bryan's Election Would Be Destruction to Prosperity.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Senator Hoar, in a prepared statement in answer to an attack made on him by Congressman Cushman of Washington, in a speech at the Middlesex club in Boston last Saturday, deals with his attitude on the Philippines. He says he believes Cushman's cry of "treason" is only the fashion which men like he (Cushman) have of saying that they disagree with you on some question. Hoar says with the exception of Garfield there is no president to whom he has been more strongly attached than McKinley. He says that unless the republicans deal with the Philippines as they did with the Cubans there was but the alternative of electing Bryan, and that was not to be thought of. His election, he declares, would be the destruction of prosperity.

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## TAYLOR HAS A LONG LEASE

### Legal Contest With Goebelites May Occupy Years in the Courts.

### Meanwhile He Will Hold to the Governorship.

### Contest Board Unseating Minor Republican Officials.

### Democratic Newspapers Rampant Against the Governor.

### AN APPEAL TAKEN TO THE UNITED STATES COURT IN THE CASE OF THE REPUBLICAN STATE OFFICIALS REFUSED AN INJUNCTION.

Louisville, Feb. 15.—Lieutenant Governor Marshall, following Governor Taylor's lead, brought suit this afternoon against Beckham and Carter. He asks that they be restrained from acting respectively as lieutenant governor and president pro tem of the senate. No application has yet been made for a temporary restraining order. The petition is similar to that of Taylor. Even if ultimately defeated in the state courts it is the hope of the republicans to hang the whole contention on a legal nail, while they continue to hold the offices and draw the salaries. The republican attorneys make no concealment of the belief that they will be able to keep the question in the courts for years, or for a sufficient number of years to permit Taylor and the other republicans to serve out their terms.

### THE LEGAL PROGRAM.

Should the court of appeals decide against them they will endeavor to take the case to the supreme court of the United States on a writ of error, executing a supersedeas bond in order to stay the execution of the judgment of the court of appeals. Only the chief justice of the court of appeals or an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States would be empowered to grant a writ of error. Should the chief justice of the court of appeals refuse it application might be made to an associate justice of the supreme court. The only question remaining to be brought into the case by the republicans will be the constitutionality of rule 11 of the senate, but they propose to exploit this for all it is worth, maintaining that when the house and senate act as one body instead of two it is not in accordance with a republican form of government.

It is learned today that the republican lawyers are not inclined to apply for a temporary restraining order on the injunction proceedings, but are disposed to take their proof in the regular way, make up the issues and then go into the court of appeals.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature met at noon today. Senator Triplett withdrew his resolution for adjournment to Frankfort and also the bill for a reward and a commission to detect the assassins of Goebel, and he introduced a substitute of a similar character. It does not differ materially from the old one.

### THE RABID COURIER-JOURNAL.

Frankfort, Feb. 15.—Kentucky is settling down to the belief that whatever may be the result of the legal contest for the office of governor, Taylor will continue to hold office for many days to come. The democrats will not admit this. The democratic press, after urging the people to keep the peace for the past two weeks, has been indulging in attacks on Taylor. The Courier-Journal today says:

"The rebellion of Taylor against the constitution of Kentucky is a crime which cannot be expiated by tame submission after his purpose has failed. For an act less reprehensible the scaffold has claimed many a noble victim at the hands of the law."

The Kentucky State Democrat, organ of the party here, prints the following: "We believe it was Mrs. Surrat, who was executed for harboring an assassin, and the shot was not fired from her house either. Assassin, do you want to make a cool hundred thousand dollars? If so prove beyond doubt who conspired with you to kill Goebel. Justice cries aloud not for the man who pulled the trigger, but for those who laid the damnable plot." Other papers contain articles of a similar nature.

### OUTSTING REPUBLICAN OFFICERS

Under the established rule of practice in Kentucky Taylor's suit, having been filed first, takes precedence. If Judge Cantrill does not follow the established rule, and grants a temporary restraining order, the order will not be effective and Taylor will ignore it. Judge Taft's decision having left the contest board free to act that board went to work today to oust all republican officers. The republicans will make no contests, but will bring suits similar to that of Taylor.

An indication of the extent the democratic officials are prepared to go was shown this afternoon when a convict serving a term of burglary was released on a pardon signed by Beckham. The warden of the prison refused to recog-

nize a pardon issued by Taylor a week ago for a convict named Hays.

There is a conference of republicans going on tonight at the executive mansion and there is some talk of further surprises for the democrats. Ex-Governor Bradley is among those in consultation.

### APPEAL TO U. S. COURT.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—Attorneys and advisers for the republican state officials, whose application for an injunction against the democratic election commission was put out of court by Judge Taft, today announced they had decided to continue the litigation in the United States courts here. They will appeal from Taft's decision. This will bring the case before the United States circuit. Papers will be filed tomorrow.

## INHERITANCE TAX ON \$5,000,000 TRUST FUND

### Court Declares Vanderbilt Heirs Must Pay the Tax.

New York, Feb. 15.—Surrogate Fitzgerald today handed down a decision denying the application of Henry Banderson for a court order declaring the trust fund of \$5,000,000 created by the will of the late William H. Vanderbilt exempt from the inheritance tax. The surrogate directs that the tax be assessed against the fund.

Under the will of William H. Vanderbilt a trust fund of \$5,000,000 was created for the benefit of his grandchildren, the children of his son, Cornelius. Cornelius Vanderbilt held the fund in trust with discretionary power to distribute it among his children.

Counsel for the Vanderbilt heirs contended that the grandchildren of William H. had a vested right in the fund from the moment William H. Vanderbilt's will was probated. As this will was admitted to probate before the inheritance tax law went into force, it was contended, the fund was not subject to the tax.

The surrogate's decision in effect holds that the children took a title in the fund only after distribution under the will of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and therefore it is subject under the inheritance law.

## DESTRUCTION OF MAINE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

### Imposing Memorial Services Held in Havana.

Havana, Feb. 15.—Today was the second anniversary of the destruction of the Maine, and imposing memorial services were held in the Catholic church of Our Lady of Mercy. General Wood was present. Many steam launches filled with Americans visited the wrecked battleship, where prayers were offered on the platform formerly occupied by the searchlight of the vessel. The American flag was hoisted above the wreck and the portions above the water were banked with laurel.

### INCENSED AT LUDLOW.

Havana, Feb. 15.—The Cubans are incensed by General Ludlow's interview published in New York which has been cabled here, and in which he is quoted as declaring that the Cubans are incapable of governing themselves and as making another attack on the Cuban papers.

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## FINANCIAL BILL PASSED

### Senate Approves Gold Standard Measure by a Vote of 46 to 29.

### International Bimetallism Amendment Adopted.

### Democrats Attacked Bill; Republicans Demanded it.

### The Power to Acquire Foreign Territory by Purchase.

### GROSVENOR IN THE HOUSE ATTACKS ADMINISTRATION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE—ALABAMA MEMBER ADVOCATES REPEAL OF XV AMENDMENT.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The senate devoted most of the day to the financial bill, which finally passed this evening by a vote of 46 yeas to 29 nays.

The bill as passed provides among other things that the gold dollar be the standard of value; that a reserve fund of \$150,000,000 in gold be provided for redemption purposes; that outstanding five, four and three per cent. bonds be refunded in untaxable two per cent. bonds payable in gold; that national banks be allowed to issue notes to the full face value of the bonds deposited by them in the national treasury, and that a tax of 1-4 per cent. be imposed annually on the average amount of national bank notes.

The last section of the bill declares "that the provisions of this act are not intended to place any obstacles in the way of the accomplishment of international bimetallism, provided the same can be secured by concurrent action of the leading commercial nations of the world and at a ratio which shall insure the permanence of the relative value between gold and silver."

It was over this section, when it was in the form of an amendment offered by the committee, that the greatest discussion took place.

Messrs. Hoar, Morgan, Cockrell, Platt, of Connecticut; Aldrich, Teller and Wolcott were the chief participants.

Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, said the double standard of gold and silver was not only "been accepted by the people, but had been embodied in the constitution itself, but when by the action of other nations this country was forced to accept a single standard, it was forced to accept the most valuable metal. We should get a double standard when the opportunity came.

The democrats attacked the bill, while the republicans defended it. Mr. Morgan characterized it as a "miserable makeshift." Mr. Cockrell denounced the gold monometallists as "bowing the knee to the golden calf." Mr. Teller offered an amendment for the committee's amendment, but it was voted down and the amendment of the committee on bimetallism was adopted by a vote of 45 to 30, and it became the last section of the bill, and the bill was then passed.

### IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 15.—General debate on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was closed in the house this afternoon. Then the bill was read by paragraphs for amendment for an hour. This afternoon Mr. Boutelle, of Illinois, made an exhaustive speech on the power under the constitution to acquire foreign territory, asserting that the ratification by the people of Jefferson's purchase of Louisiana settled the proposition in the affirmative.

Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, spoke in favor of the repeal of the fifteenth amendment, which, he declared, was a failure.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, made a vigorous attack upon the administration of the civil service by the commission authorized by the law of 1883.

### A MACRUM INQUIRY.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Representative Wheeler, of Kentucky, introduced in the house a resolution directing Secretary Hay "to inform the house whether Charles A. Macrum, as a consul of the American government, informed the state department that his official mail had been opened and read by the British censor at Durban, and if so, what steps, if any, had been taken to obtain an explanation and apology from the British government."

The resolution also asks for information as to the truth in the charge that a secret alliance exists between the United States and Great Britain.

The speaker referred the resolution to the foreign affairs committee.

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