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## VIEWS SUCCESS WITH ALARM

The Rejoicing in Great Britain is Tinctured with Apprehension.

What Basis Had Rosebery for Warning Words?

Preparations of Vigilance With Regard to Other Powers.

Necessity for Speed in the Advance on Bloemfontein.

BULLER AGAIN ATTACKING VAALKRANTZ—DORDRECHT IS CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH AND THEN EVACUATED—CONFIDENCE AT PRETORIA—BOERS SAID TO HAVE 75,000 MEN IN THE FIELD.

London, Feb. 17.—News from the western campaign, in the Orange Free State, continues to improve, yet England refuses to rejoice. The truth is the relief of Kimberley came in the nick of time to avert a scare which might have become a panic. Thursday night's debate in parliament might well have disheartened any country. Men of both parties expressed views of the situation and the outlook which were fairly appalling in their warnings of the national peril. Lord Salisbury could find nothing more comforting to say in reply than that things were not worse than in the darkest days of the war in Crimea. Lord Rosebery's solemn declaration that the crisis was a matter of life and death to the empire could not fail to frighten all classes of Englishmen.

There is no doubt that yesterday would have been another Black Friday in the financial world had not news of the great success of the British arms come before the opening of the stock exchange. As it was the intelligence which a week ago would have caused an enthusiastic boom in the market only created a slight rally. Then came a relapse and stagnation which continued today.

FEELING OF APPREHENSION. The idea which chiefly alarms the public, including financial circles, is a vague feeling that evil in some form of malevolence will befall England as soon as her adversity in South Africa changes into success. In other words England's military good fortune means her political peril. It is still impossible to indicate any definite basis for these fears. Lord Rosebery gave vague expression to them and the public is excusable in inferring that he spoke from actual knowledge. In fact Rosebery had no intention of speaking when he went into the house of lords Thursday. His extraordinary speech, which so alarmed the country, was made because of information which came to him within an hour of its delivery. This point has some significance in view of the custom of the English government to take the leaders of the opposition into their confidence regarding any matter which gravely involves the fortunes of the empire.

## THE MOBILIZATION OF WARSHIPS.

It is announced, as a matter of course, that the important orders in the direction of naval mobilization mean nothing beyond mere service routine. The value of this perfunctory denial will be seen later.

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if the government has no definite cause for alarm it is acting wisely in increasing the preparations of vigilance in regard to other powers, as its military fortunes in the South African campaign improve.

In respect to the military situation there is no longer any reason to doubt that the invasion of the Orange Free State, begun in earnest, will be vigorously pushed. Laffan's Jacobesdal despatch, which was the only press message received during the day from the head of the column, makes this abundantly clear. On the other hand, it would be absurd to jump to the conclusion that the Boers have suddenly decided to turn tail and flee from the advancing Britishers without serious resistance. The whole history of their gallant campaign gives the lie to such an assumption. Undoubtedly they changed their plans, or rather they are carrying out a later feature of their campaign which recent developments have made operative. It is significant that the latest despatches indicate that the Boers are operating successfully in the vicinity of Cotesburg, which is due south from Jacobesdal.

## SPEEDY ADVANCE NECESSARY.

Much depends, almost everything, on the speed of the British advance to Bloemfontein. The Boers will be able to check the invasion if they have time



COMMANDANT CRONJE.

to entrench themselves at any point where they cannot be outflanked. It may be expected therefore that the British advance will be as rapid as possible. It would be surprising, however, if it does not prove that Bloemfontein itself is now surrounded with intrenchments which, without other fortifications, should make the capture of the city difficult.

## THE SITUATION IN NATAL.

The news from the British forces in Natal continues to be unfavorable. Grave information is contained in letters written by officers of General Buller's army. One letter criticises his plans and says the officers do not hesitate to say to one another that they have lost confidence in him. It is expected that Buller will be ordered to remain comparatively inactive or virtually superseded by General Warren.

## CONFIDENCE AT PRETORIA.

A private letter from a well informed source at Pretoria, dated January 10, is remarkable for the calm assumption that Europe will never permit England to rob the Transvaal and Orange Free State of their independence. Reading between the lines, in fact, it assumes that if the burghers make a good fight, powerful friends at the last moment will step in and say, "Hands off" to the victor. The letter leaves no doubt of the confidence of the Boer leaders in the ability of the Boer leaders to keep the war going on indefinitely. Twelve months hence is mentioned as the earliest date for the capture of Pretoria, and two years for final subjugation of the Transvaal. While it is incidentally mentioned that all the leading foreign officers in the service of the two republics have been engaged for three years with one year's salary in advance, the writer says the republican forces have been reinforced since the war began by 10,000 Dutchmen, 2,000 Englishmen from Cape Colony and Natal, 3,000 foreigners who come via Delagoa Bay and paid their own expenses. It is declared that there are 75,000 men in the fighting line with reserves to the number of about 30,000 more. The country is calm, the blacks working on the farms and in the towns as in normal times. There is not the slightest fear of a native uprising, because every kaffir was disarmed before the beginning of the war. Finally the writer intimated that big events would happen about the beginning of March, when the climate advantages will all be on the side of the Boers and General Joubert will take the offensive.

## 2,000 ENTERED KIMBERLEY.

London, Feb. 18.—A despatch, under date of February 16—says: In reference to the fighting near Jacobesdal, it appears that 2,000 British troops went through the federal position at Modder river and entered Kimberley. It is reported that the federals intercepted the British rear, taking great booty, oxen and a number of prisoners.

## FIGHTING AT DORDRECHT.

Bird's River Camp, Feb. 16.—General Brabant, with the colonial irregulars, made a reconnaissance today and came in contact with the Boers at Dordrecht. It was a drawn battle with eight hours of fighting. The British occupied Dordrecht, but evacuated it later. The British had eight killed and four wounded.

## BULLER ENGAGED IN BATTLE.

Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 17.—Despatches received here today from Boer sources state that the British under Buller are again attacking Vaalkrantz.

The Boers, the telegram says, are holding their own.

London, Feb. 18.—The story from Boer sources that the British have again attacked Vaalkrantz is not officially confirmed, though Durban sends rumors that Buller has recaptured the place and that the Boers are retiring in the direction of the Free State. Another report is that there has been fighting on Buller's right. It is thought possible that Buller is making feints on Vaalkrantz and that his principal movement is to the eastward. People who have arrived at Durban from the Tugela river state that important operations are in progress and these stories receive confirmation from the fact that the censor at the front has stopped the transmission of all telegrams. There is nothing further from the campaign vicinity of Kimberley and Jacobesdal.

## CRONJE IN RETREAT.

Jacobesdal, Feb. 17.—General Cronje, with 10,000 men, is in full retreat towards Bloemfontein. General Kelly-Kenny is fighting the rear guard action and harassing the retreat.

The Boers are reported to be leaving Spytfontein, going in a northwesterly direction.

The Boers captured a large convoy as the result of Thursday's fighting at Riet river. The British casualties were comparatively slight in view of the tremendous bombardment. Less than thirty men were wounded and but one was killed.

General French's division was enthusiastically welcomed at Kimberley. The officers were dined at the club last evening. News of the entry into Kimberley greatly cheered the troops who are working splendidly.

## LEYS TO CALL ON THE POPE.

Rome, Feb. 17.—Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent, sent a telegram to the pope, requesting an audience. His holiness sent a reply today granting the request.

## THE CAPTURE OF JACOBESDAL.

From Laffan's Correspondent with Field Marshal Roberts, Jacobesdal, Feb. 16.—The British entered the town yesterday afternoon on the southeastern outskirts.

General Wavell's brigade, which included a portion of the City of London imperial volunteers, had a sharp skirmish with three hundred Boers who were defending Jacobesdal from the branches of the trees in the suburbs. The Boers, who were commanded by the Transvaal, Merens, retreated to the head laager near Modder river, taking the wounded with them. The British casualties were two killed and seven wounded.

## THE TOWN OF JACOBESDAL WAS SCARCELY TOUCHED BY SHELL FIRE.

The Boers took their forage and transport with them. The march of the British infantry was eventless, and despite the intense heat there were few prostrations. At noon yesterday the Boers sniped at the rear guard while it was leaving Waterval.

The Boers here express astonishment at the fitness of the British horses. The health of the British troops is remarkable.

## Colonel Slocum, of the United States Army, is here.

## BULLER'S TASK.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The Record's correspondent at London cables: General Buller's best employment now is to prevent the despatch of reinforcing detachments from General Joubert's army to western Orange Free State, and this the experts feel he may be depended upon to accomplish.

## FREE STATERS MAY DESERT.

Intelligent students of the situation are pointing to yet another important factor. Can the Boer leaders trust their men? The Orange Free Staters, especially if they fall back on the Transvaal, will be leaving their farms and belongings to the mercy of the invaders. If, on the other hand, they remain the staunch allies of the Boers, the British will have heavy fighting before they are masters of South Africa, whereas, if the British invasion progresses, the force opposed to Lord Roberts will be greatly diminished and the task will be correspondingly lighter.

## SAVAGE WARFARE THREATENED

In Zululand the Boers are pushing (Continued on fifth page.)

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## APPROPRIATION FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

House Revises its Action—Powers Given to Heads of Bureaus

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house today reversed the action taken in committee of the whole yesterday and re-instated into the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill the paragraph making appropriations for the civil service commission. The vote was by yeas and nays, 125 to 77.

## NICARAGUAN CANAL

REPORT FILED

## United States Can Construct Without

Consent of Any Other Power.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Chairman Hepburn of the house committee on commerce today filed the report of the bill already favorably reported authorizing the construction of the Nicaraguan canal at a cost of \$140,000,000. The report explains the various routes and estimates of cost of the canal on a route selected by the committee, and holds that the United States has the right to construct the canal without the consent of any other power. Hepburn in the report, says that the United States is not bound by the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to refrain from building the canal. He declares that the spirit of the treaty was that England would not secure a short route to the East without the consent and co-operation of the United States, and that she violated this through her control of the Suez canal, thereby securing such a route.

## A LYNGHING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 17.—Will Burts, a negro, was lynched near Bausutt fifty this morning. Two hundred and fifty men were in the crowd. Last Monday Burts attempted an assault on Mrs. C. L. Weeks, wife of a planter. He escaped and a posse came up with him in Edgfield county last night. They returned with him to Aiken. Burts was swung up and the crowd emptied their guns into his body. Burts confessed to attempting to cut Mrs. Weeks' throat and told her he would kill her. A reward of \$100 was paid to the man who captured Burts.

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## WILL MEET AT FRANKFORT

Democratic Legislature to Hold Session There Tomorrow.

Speculation as to What Course They will Take.

They May Adjourn to Avoid an Embarrassing Contest.

Expected Agreement as to Court Cases Not Yet Recorded.

## LAWYERS WILL MEET IN CONFERENCE TODAY—DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS CLAIM THEY HAVE VOTES ENOUGH TO UNSEAT TAYLOR.

Louisville, Feb. 17.—At the session of both houses of the legislature this afternoon the democrats adjourned to meet at Frankfort Monday. For the first time in a week a quorum was present in each house. It is stated on good authority that when the legislature meets in Frankfort Monday it will adjourn sine die. It is stated by democrats that this will be done in order to avoid conflict if the republicans insist on Lieutenant Governor Marshall presiding. The democrats have selected Senator Carter for that office. It is an open secret that Blackburn's efforts to have the contest stopped are bearing fruit.

Frankfort, Feb. 17.—The democrats of the Kentucky legislature met at the state house Monday, having so resolved at a meeting in Louisville today. Opinion here is divided as to what they will do. If they swallow their pride, and admit they have been acting illegally and take up the election contest as if nothing had ever been done about it, they can, if they have enough votes, complete Kentucky's change in less time than it takes to tell it, and Taylor will have to walk out of the executive building without an appeal to any court to save him. A section of the constitution provides for the settlement of the contested election for governor and lieutenant governor by the legislature. The democrats say they have votes enough to unseat Taylor, but the republicans declare they have not.

The expected agreement between the republican and democratic lawyers regarding the trial in the courts of the cases brought by each side to determine the legality of the democrats' stand, was not reached today. Tonight the lawyers went to Louisville and tomorrow they have a joint conference there. It is believed to be certain that an agreement will be reached.

## INSTRUCTED IN CENSUS TAKING.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—Assistant Director of Census Wines arrived today and held a conference with the census supervisors of Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida to advise them of their duties. Some difficulty is experienced in getting enumerators.

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