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> More Rumors of Negotiations by the Boers.

Roberts' Forces Preparing to Cross been ordered to join the commander-inthe River.

Bombardment.

THE BOERS SAID TO BE PREPAR-ING TO MAKE A STAND IN THE ORANGE FREE STATE-BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS GOING FOR-WARD-KRUGER AND STEYN WERE AT THE BATTLE OF MARCH 7.

London, March 10.-While official and semi-official telegrams from Pre- ious thought to the possibility of Russia toria speak emphatically of stiffening taking advantage of the Transvaal war from 60c., 65c. to 75c. of Boer resistance in the face of reverses and the prevalence of a spirit of Special 49c. the yard. desperation, several English correspondents continue to declare that not | with the Afghans would mean a generonly are the Free State Boers demoralized and anxious for peace, but that the Transvaal also wants peace by for less than half price. which it may escape a prolongation of the exhausting struggle. Kruger and Steyn are credited with approaching the times her power Russia could not Millinery one-fourth British government with a proposition fight Afghanistan and India successof the terms on which they are prepared fully. Afghans prefer death to slavery to negotiate peace. The vast bulk of and their women and children are being original price, trimmed opinion in Great Britain continues to be wholly opposed to peace on any terms except unconditional surrender by the two republics and that is the same view held by the government.

> Rumors have been current in the lobbies of parliament for two days that the republics have made representations looking to peace, but these are inadmissible. Meanwhile nothing of importance has been received concerning the military movements in South Africa. It is pretty clear that Roberts' operations on March 7 failed in claring they could not stand against the In Order to Save General Wood From their main object through the skilful rapidity of the Boer retreat.

TO CROSS MODDER RIVER.

London, March 9 .- A later despatch from General Roberts, dated Poplar Grove, March 9, was received at the war office tonight. It says: "Clements reports he has occupied Norval's pont and the adjacent drift. On the arrival of the engineers and pontoons the troops will cross the river, when necessary repairs to the railway bridge will be commenced. Gatacre occupied Burgherdorp March 7. The loyal inhabitants were most enthusiastic. Scouts report that many rebels in that neighborhood were anxious to surren-

MAFEKING BOMBARDED.

Bloemfontein, March 7 .- News has just reached here from Petersburg that Boer scouts captured 150 horses belonging to the British in the Koodoosrand district. They discovered that the British had remained stationary since the surrender of Cronje, at Paarde-

The latest intelligence from Mafeking shows that the town is subjected to continuous fierce bombardment by

Boer besiegers. A BOER DEFENSIVE LINE.

Pretoria, March 7:-The Boer commander at Van Reenan's pass reports that there has been no advance of the British since the republican forces retreated from the vicinity of Ladysmith.

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Commandant General Joubert has been CENTRAL AMERICAN actively organizing a defensive line in the Biggarsberg range.

MOVING FORWARD.

London, March 9.-Lord Roberts has moved ten miles nearer Bloemfontein, evidently with a view of seizing and utilizing the railroad possibly to reach the Free State capital in three or four days, whence he may begin repairing the railroad southward, meeting the British advance from Cape Colony, which may be expected to be hastened as soon as General White takes com-

The British occupied Jamestown unopposed yesterday and the Boers are reported as retreating beyond Aliwal north, so that Cape Colony is practically clear of armed Boers.

Reinforcements from Natal are going to Roberts. General Warren's division and some artillery have already chief, so that the latter is preparing for all eventualities, including possible desperate opposition to his crossing the are in stock at the fol- Mafeking Subjected to Continuous of Pretoria, where thousands of natives are reported to be employed in the conconstruction of defensive works, concerning which such secrecy is maintained that no one is allowed to walk or drive on the outskirts of the town.

The Prince of Wales this morning inspected Paget's Horse and Dunraven's sharpshooters, attached to the imperial yeomanry, prior to their departure for South Africa.

AMEER'S POSITION.

London, March 9 .- The ameer of Afghanistan has authorized his agent in London to publish the following | York until 1897, when he was convicted statement of the policy of Afghanistan towards Great Britain and Russia. After saying he had devoted much anxto advance through Afghanistan on In dia, his highness adds:

"I have come to the conclusion that Russia feared Afghanistan, as war al rising of all Islam, which would spread through Russian Asia. Russia has not troops enough to combat with such a rising. Her hold on the Mussulmen countries she has conquered is insecure. They hate her and with ten taken by Russians."

The ameer says: "England must remember that I am always ready to fight for her on land, here or in India." PRESIDENTS THERE.

The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts: "Poplar Grove, March 9:-Presidents Kruger and Steyn were both present at the fight on March 7 and did all in their power to rally their troops. The rout. however, was complete, the men de-British artillery and such a formidable force of cavalry."

CAUTIOUS TACTICS.

Chicago, March 9 .- The Record's correspondent at London cables:

It is expected now that the Orange Free State and Transvaal Boers will make a stand on the ridge of hills between Ventersburg and Senekal, northeast of Winburg. Lord Roberts, however, may have anticipated such a development when he ordered General Buller to move westward from Ladysmith and if possible to force his way over Van Reenen's pass. It is thought that Gneral Buller's objective is Bethlehem, Orange Free State, on a direct road running southeast to Senekal and only fifty miles distant therefrom. Thence, if General Buller gains the position, he can move against the rear of the Boers when they lie massed in the hills northeast of Winburg waiting to meet the advance of the British coming up from the south.

Wednesday's battle is interpreted as disclosing plainly the fact that the Boers intend henceforth to fight with extreme caution and strictly in defense, with no unseemly scruples about running away to save themselves for another fight.

TO CLEAR ORANGE FREE STATE. No doubt is entertained of Lord Roberts' intention to clear the Orange Free State of Boers before beginning his march to Pretoria. The overanxious fear that has obtained in some quarters in London seems to have been victories of the war followed by an immediate rush to the Transvaal's capital; for surely Roberts is too good a vast deal of it-behind. It is believed tained in the semi-peaceful districts. that the Orange Free Staters, caught between the forces of General Clements, Brabant and Gatacre and those of Lord Roberts, will dribble off to their farms and disappear as a fighting element in the contest. Otherwise it is expected that they will be hopelessly

SKIRMISHING IN THE TRANS-VAAL.

According to unofficial advices the Transvaal has been invaded by a Britthe eastern border from Zululand February 28. It is asserted that the British column was first thrown forward to repel a large party of Boer thence to Manila. raiders who had occupied Melmoth, and the British force is said now to Swift & Company, and is the first con-Catasa hill, nine miles inside the Transvaal boundary. Many skirmishes are reported to have taken place, in which several Boers were killed, the British escaping without loss.

REBELLION IN CAPE COLONY. Considerable uneasiness is felt in London regarding the reports of wide-

(Continued on fifth wase.)

WAR INEVITABLE

Such is the Report From Nicaragua-President Zelaya Actively Recruiting Men.

New Orleans, March 9.-Passengers who arrived from Bluefields, Nicaragua, and Porto Linion, Costa Rica, today declare that war between Nicaragua and Costa Rica is inevitable. President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is actively recruiting men. It is reported that he has sent emissaries to Costa Rica to endeavor to start a revolution there against President Igleza. Zelaya has grainted amnesty to fifty Americans who were charged with being implicated in the Reyes rebellion, and will endeavor to obtain their aid in organizing an American legion for use against Costa Rica. Americans in Josta Rica have offered the government of that country their services in the event of war.

The British warship Tribune has rived at Porto Limon. Fedrico Mora, with 800 men, well armed, and equipped, is said to be on the Nicaraguan side of the boundary, making preparations to invade the province of Guanacaste and march to the city of San Jose. The Costa Rican governmen has about 1,000 men on the border awaiting the invasion, and does not seem to consider it of great importance, although taking every precaution possible to prevent the success of Mo-

Mora, who is a native of Costa Rica, was editor of a paper known as th Spanish-American Agricuralist in New of counterfeiting and sentenced to two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$2,-000. He served his term in Sing Sing, shown that he was entirely without means. Last August he went to Nicaragua, where he has since been patronized by President Zelaya, who is supposed to be secretly backing his attempt to arouse a revolution in Costa Rica.

It is supposed that Zelaya wants to get Mora into power in order that he may cede to Nicaragua a strip of territory, about 8,000 square miles in area along the lakes and San Juan river. This territory was long in dispute, and President Cleveland was asked to arbitrate between the two countries. After a thorough investigation he decided in favor of Costa Rica, and now having failed to secure control of it by diplomacy, Zelaya is trying to get it by force, because in that case the canal would be entirely within Nicaraguan territory.

The United States has se two gunboats down there to look after our interests in case of a war, which would suggest that the naval authorities anticipate serious trouble.

RUNCIE RESIONS FROM CUBAN COMMISSIONS

Embarrassment.

Havana, March 9 .- Runcie, the author of the article in the North American Review which aroused the anger of Cubans, today resigned from the finance, laws and electoral commissions. The Cuban members of the commissions, many of whom are cabinet officers, sent word to Runcie today. that they intended resigning unless he did. Runcie's step was taken to prevent embarrassment to General Wood. Secretary Root and General Wood visited Pinar del Rio today.

Tomorrow Root with General Ludlow will inspect the Havana depart-

The editor of cubano says that as a majority of the Cubans are so strongly for independence the coming election will likely be largely fought on the personal fitness of the candidates.

The cruiser New York and the gunboat Machias arrived today. The Texas and Detroit are expected tomorrow.

PROCRESS OF CAMPAICN IN THE PHILIPPINES

Gen. Bates' Troops Occupy Two Districts-Vigilant Patrol.

Manila, March 9 .- A despatch from the Laffan Bureau correspondent at Nueva Cacres province of North Camarimes, March 7, states that General born merely of the enthusiastic desire Bates' troops occupied Daet and the of Britons at home to see the first real Mambulao gold fields without resistance. The first named district is about fifty miles from Nueva Cacres, while the latter is on the east coast of the province of Luzon. The situation in the soldier ever to dream of seeking trouble province of South Camarines is rapid-In front while eaving trouble-and a ly clearing. Vigilant patrols are main-

BEEF FOR SOLDIERS.

A Big Shipment Bound for Manila Leaves Chicago. Chicago, March 9 .- Thirty-two refrig-

erator cars-700,000 pounds-of ham and bacon, cured under government formula with a view to preservation in fropical climates, bound for the American solish flying column, which first crossed diers in the Philippines, has left Chi-the eastern border from Zululand cago on the Chicago & Alton railroad, and will go direct to San Francisco, where it will be transferred from the refrigerators to a waiting transport and The meat is from the packing firm of

have occupied and intrenched itself on signment of meat prepared in this new way by the company. After the hams were smoked and cured in the usual manner, they were placed in a white muslin sack. Then a thin coating of oat hulls was placed around the ham and another sack of white drilling was drawn over all. Then the ham was drawn over all. Then the man packed in salt. Stockyards men say that hams thus treated will reach Matha heat condition, rains, damp nila in the best condition, rains, dampness, fog and tropical winds having no
effect on them. The oat hulls keep

out the moisture and the salt the heat.

The bacon which formed a part of
the shipment was prepared with quite as much care. One-third of the bacon was put up in three-quarter pound tin cans. This bacon was mad from the chicest hogs, specially selected in the pens. After it was placed in cans a powerful pump was attached and as it was being sealed all the air inside was drawn out, making the can air-tight.

One of these cans of bacon constitutes a day's ration for one man. The balance of the bacon in this shipment is put up in strips wrapped in white muslin and drilling and then placed in ventilated cases so that air is given free access to circulate between the layers of meat. The train conveying this meat to San Francisco over the Alton and Union Pacific railroads should reach the coast in five days, be transferred to the transports in one and reach Manila in fifty days.

STILL BRINGING BODIES FROM THE RED ASH MINE

Twenty-Five Rescuers Overcome by Private Pension Bills Occupy Sessions

Thurmond, W. Va., March 9.-The work of recovering the bodies from the Red Ashe mine has progressed more slowly today than at any time since the search was inaugurated. During the day fully twenty-five persons engaged in the search were overcome owing to the presence of afterdamp. Six bodies, badly decomposed, had been taken out up to a late hour tonight.

POWDER WORKS DESTROYED.

but his fine was remitted when it was Terrible Explosion in New Jersey-Four Men Killed.

> Patterson, N. J., March 9 .- The Julius Smith powder works at Pompton blew up this afternoon, killing four employees of the fuse mill. The main powder building was wholly destroyed. and the damage will be \$50,000. It is said the explosion was due to the careessness of Patterson men. Houses within a mile were wrecked.

KNOCKED OUT BY McGOVERN.

New York, March 9 .- McGovern, the champion featherweight pugilist of the world, had a narrow escape from defeat at the hands of Oscar Gardner, the 'Omaha Kid," at the Broadway Athetic club tonight. Gardner was knocked clean out in the third round by a left hand swing to the jaw, after shetaining five knock downs in the second

The westerner had no chance. It was in the first round that McGovern came within a shade of losing his title. Gardner managed to catch the champion on the point of the chin with a right hand swing. The punch was glancing, yet it sent him to the boards. Terry was so ratled that he took hold of Gardner's leg and almost upset him as he was trying to get to his feet. As soon as Mc-Govern recovered, by wonderful speed and strength, he showed beyond doubt that he is the most remarkable fighter in the world at his weight. He was a hot favorite at 10 to 4.

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FAVORABLE

The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Amended Before Presented to the Senate.

The Canal May be Fortified if Necessary.

Bill for Appropriation to Porto Ricans Reported.

in the House.

MASON'S BOER SYMPATHY RESO-LUTION DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS-THE GALLER-IES DISAPPOINTED.

.Washington, March 9 .- The feature of today's proceedings in the senate was the reporting to the senate by the foreign relations committee of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty favorably, after it had been amended on the motion of Mr. Davis, providing that none of the provisions contained in certain articles of the treaty shall apply to any measure the United States may find it necessary to take "for securing by its own forces the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public

Mr. Morgan, who opposed the adoption of the amendment, reserved the right to present a minority report. The majority report is voluminous and mainly consists of a historical resume of the negotiations of the United States with England and Nicaragua in regard to the construction of the canal. The negotiations leading up to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty are reviewed at considerable length and a portion of that treaty, together with the treaty of 1860 between England and Nicaragua, the treaty of 1867 between the United States and Nicaragua and a newspaper interview with Adimral Dewey declaring the fortifications of the canal important though impractica-

ble, are contained in the report. Previous to the submittal of the treaty Mr. Lindsay discussed the injustice of the imposition of duty on Porto Rican products, in a speech in opposition to the Porto Rican tariff bill.

The reporting of the house bill, makng an appropriation for the benefit of Porto Ricans, and discussing of Mason's resolution of sympathy with the Boers were the only other important events of the session.

A recess was taken until evening, and the evening session was devoted to the reading of the bill providing for a civil code for Alaska.

MINORITY REPORT. Washington, March 9 .- Mr. Morgan this evening submitted to the senate the minority report on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He concurs with the statements contained in the majority report with regard to the negotiaions and conclusion of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and reviews the contentions of the government in regard to the status of that treaty, and says that article one of the present reaty removes all objections that might arise under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to the exclusive right of the United States to construct, own, regulate and manage its canal. He opposes Davis' amendment, on the ground that the only legal effect it can have on our rights and powers is to annul the neutralization of the canal, as provided by article two of the

MASON WAS CHECKMATED.

Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Washington, March 9 .- The action of the committee on foreign relations in declining to report back to the senate Mason's resolutions of sympathy for the Boers probably will be sustained. It

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