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ENGLAND'S ONLY TERMS

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More Rumors of Negotiations by the Boers.

Roberts' Forces Preparing to Cross the River.

Mafeking Subjected to Continuous Bombardment.

THE BOERS SAID TO BE PREPARING TO MAKE A STAND IN THE ORANGE FREE STATE—BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS GOING FORWARD—KRUGER AND STEYN WERE AT THE BATTLE OF MARCH 7.

London, March 10.—While official and semi-official telegrams from Pretoria speak emphatically of stiffening of Boer resistance in the face of reverses and the prevalence of a spirit of desperation, several English correspondents continue to declare that not only are the Free State Boers demoralized and anxious for peace, but that the Transvaal also wants peace by which it may escape a prolongation of the exhausting struggle. Kruger and Steyn are credited with approaching the British government with a proposition of the terms on which they are prepared to negotiate peace. The vast bulk of 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 circles 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 their main object through the skillful 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 post 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 Burgerdorp March 7. The loyal inhabitants were most enthusiastic. Scouts report that many rebels in that neighborhood were anxious to surrender."

MAFEEKING 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 Paardeberg.

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 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 command.

The British occupied Jamestown unopposed yesterday and the Boers are reported as retreating beyond Allwal 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 been ordered to join the commander-in-chief, so that the latter is preparing for all eventualities, including possible desperate opposition to his crossing the Vaal river and the necessity of a siege of Pretoria, where thousands of natives are reported to be employed in the construction 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 statement of the policy of Afghanistan towards Great Britain and Russia. After saying he had devoted much anxious thought to the possibility of Russia taking advantage of the Transvaal war to advance through Afghanistan to India, his highness adds:

"I have come to the conclusion that Russia feared Afghanistan, as war with the Afghans would mean a general 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 Mussulman countries she has conquered is insecure. They hate her and with ten times her power Russia could not fight Afghanistan and India successfully. Afghans prefer death to slavery and their women and children are being 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' TALK.

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 declaring they could not stand against the 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, north-east 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 Reenan's pass. It is thought that General 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 over-anxious fear that has obtained in some quarters in London seems to have been born merely of the enthusiastic desire of Britons at home to see the first real victories of the war followed by an immediate rush to the Transvaal's capital; for surely Roberts is too good a soldier ever to dream of seeking trouble in front while eaving trouble—and a vast deal of it behind. It is believed 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 beaten.

SKIRMISHING IN THE TRANSVAAL.

According to unofficial advices the Transvaal has been invaded by a British flying column, which first crossed the eastern border from Zululand February 28. It is asserted that the British column was first thrown forward to repel a large party of Boer raiders who had occupied Melmoth, and the British force is said now to have occupied and entrenched itself on 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 widespread rebellion in the Cape Colony.

CENTRAL AMERICAN 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 Linton, 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 Iglesias. Zelaya has granted 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 Costa Rica have offered the government of that country their services in the event of war.

STILL BRINGING BODIES FROM THE RED ASH MINE

Twenty-Five Rescuers Overcome by Afterdamp.

Thurmond, W. Va., March 9.—The work of recovering the bodies from the Red Ash 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.

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 carelessness 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 Athletic club tonight. Gardner was knocked clean out in the third round by a left hand swing to the jaw, after sustaining five knock downs in the second round.

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 rattled that he took hold of Gardner's leg and almost upset him as he was trying to get to his feet. As soon as McGovern 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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MASON WAS CHECKMATED.

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

Lenten Dishes.

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BEEF FOR SOLDIERS.

A Big Shipment Bound for Manila Leaves Chicago.

Chicago, March 9.—Thirty-two refrigerators—700,000 pounds—of ham and bacon, cured under government formula with a view to preservation in tropical climates, bound for the American soldiers in the Philippines, has left Chicago 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 thence to Manila.

REPORTED FAVORABLE

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

The Canal May be Fortified if Necessary.

Bill for Appropriation to Porto Ricans Reported.

Private Pension Bills Occupy Sessions in the House.

MASON'S BOER SYMPATHY RESOLUTION DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS—THE GALLERY 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-Pauncfote 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 order."

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 Admiral Dewey declaring the fortifications of the canal important though impracticable, are contained in the report.

Previous to the submission 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, making 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-Pauncfote treaty. He concurs with the statements contained in the majority report with regard to the negotiations 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 treaty 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 Hay-Pauncfote treaty.

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