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## SALISBURY REFUSES

### To Assent to the Independence of the South African Republics.

### His Reply to President Kruger and Steyn

### Throws Responsibility for the War on the Boer Government.

### United States Government Has Made No Offer to Mediate.

### Mafeking Has Not Yet Been Believed—Silence Regarding Operations Near Bloemfontein.

London, March 13.—Presidents Kruger and Steyn, in their proposals for peace, which are dated Bloemfontein, March 5, say: "The blood and tears of thousands who have suffered in this war and the prospect of ruin with which South Africa is threatened makes it necessary that both belligerents ask themselves dispassionately and in the light of the truce God what they are fighting for, and whether the aim of such justifies the all appalling misery and devastation."

After reciting why the war was undertaken the document goes on to say that the war is only continued to secure the independence of both republics as sovereign national states and to obtain assurance that those of her majesty's subjects who participated in the war shall suffer no harm. The proposal concludes in part as follows:

"On these conditions are we desirous of seeing peace re-established. While her majesty is determined to destroy the independence of the two republics there is nothing left to us and our people but to persevere to the end in the course already taken. We have hesitated to make this declaration earlier, as we feared, so long as the advantage was on our side, that such a declaration might hurt the feeling and honor of the British people, but now that the prestige of the British empire is assured by the capture of one of our forces, and we are thereby obliged to evacuate other positions, that this difficulty is over, and we no longer hesitate to inform your government and people in sight of the whole civilized world why we are fighting and on what condition we are ready to restore peace."

### SALISBURY'S REPLY

Salisbury in reply says that at the beginning of October last peace existed between England and the two republics, and negotiations were then proceeding with a view of redressing certain grievances under which residents of South Africa were suffering. He refers to the armaments of the two republics during these negotiations and says that on two days' notice the South African republic, after issuing an insulting ultimatum, declared war on her majesty's government, and the Orange Free State took a similar step. He refers to the invasion of her majesty's dominions and accuses the South African republics, in anticipation of these opportunities, with accumulating military stores, which by their character could have only been intended for use against England. He concludes as follows:

"The result of these preparations, which were carried on with great secrecy, has been that the British empire has been compelled to confront an invasion which has entailed upon the empire a costly war and the loss of thousands of precious lives. In view of the use to which the two republics have put the position which was given them and the calamities which their unprovoked attack has inflicted upon her majesty's dominions, her majesty's government can only answer your honors' telegram by saying we are not prepared to assent to the independence of

either the South African republic or the Orange Free State."

### ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, March 13.—Despite the news despatches from London and many reports in circulation here as to the attitude of this government with regard to the proposals of the Boer presidents for peace, and although members of the cabinet are pledged to secrecy concerning the character of the Pretoria message and the action of the administration in connection with it, Laflin's correspondent can affirm on official authority that the United States government has not sought to exercise its good offices between the British and Boers and has not rendered its services in the capacity of mediator. This is the most important aspect of the case so far as Washington is concerned. What the future will bring forth depends practically altogether on the British government. It is regarded here as certain that anything short of an absolute rejection by England of the Boer overtures will not only mark the beginning of the end of the South African troubles but will compel the United States to assume the role of mediator. It is hinted from reliable sources that the Pretoria message contains a proposal to England that she invite the United States to tender its good offices toward bringing the war to an end.

### NEARER BLOEMFONTEIN.

Ventersvl, March 12, 7:25 P. M.—The farm belonging to Chief Justice Gregorowski, of the Transvaal, was occupied by Lord Roberts as his headquarters this morning. The Boers evacuated this place at dawn. They had many wagons but no artillery. Lord Roberts is now within two hours ride of Bloemfontein. The British have not been in contact with the Boers for two days.

The continued successes have had an obvious effect on the spirits of the British troops, and the men are now anxious to force matters. During the sixteen mile march today the pipers of the Highland brigade, under orders from Macdonald played nearly all the time.

The burghers of the Orange Free State have practically abandoned the war. The surrender of Cronje militated against any good effects that might have resulted from Kruger's visit. Commandant Delarey, who apparently succeeded Cronje, has not the ability of the latter and has not enough of the Transvaal followers to overcome the Free State.

### ROBERTS' CAMPAIGN.

London, March 14.—A despatch from Roberts, supplementing his telegram of yesterday morning, was expected last night, but did not arrive, and as a result the operations around Bloemfontein are therefore unknown.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Kimberley reports that Methuen occupied Boshof March 11 without opposition. He left a garrison there and returned to Kimberley Tuesday.

The railway northward has been repaired to Silyp Klip. It is understood that the line between Fourteen Streams and Vryburg is not damaged badly.

Kimberley is very busy owing to the operations in the Orange Free State and those contemplated northward. Troops are arriving and departing almost daily.

The foregoing disposes of the suggestion that Methuen was leading an expedition against Mafeking. The relief of that town, notwithstanding many rumors to the contrary, has not yet been achieved.

### AT MAFEKING.

London, March 13.—A despatch to the Times from Mafeking, dated March 5, says the garrison at that place was then facing acutely the stress of the siege. They were reduced to the use of horseflesh and bread made from horseflesh, while the water was parasitically contaminated. Typhoid, dysentery and diphtheria were epidemic, but it was impossible to isolate the victims. The sufferings of the women and children were terrible, and there were deaths in the women's laager daily. The native population is starving.

### ROBERTS' ADVANCE.

The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts at Ventersvl:

"Our march is again unopposed. We are now about eighteen miles from Bloemfontein. The cavalry division is astride the railway six miles south of Bloemfontein. There are about 31 men. About sixty or seventy killed or missing.

"Colonel Umphely has died of wounds. Lieutenant Pratt, of the Essex regiment, was severely wounded. The wounds, as a rule, are more serious than usual, owing to expanding bullets, which are freely used by the Boers."

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### COMPROMISE LIKELY ON FORAKER BILL

#### Republican Senators Meet in Caucus But Fail to Reach a Conclusion on Porto Rican Legislation.

Washington, March 13.—For more than three hours today the republican senators sought behind the closed doors of the caucus room to harmonize the conflicting factions and agree upon a plan of action in regard to the Porto Rican question. No definite settlement was arranged at the caucus, and it adjourned until tomorrow. Before today's conference ended each senator pledged his honor not to reveal what had taken place. It was the general opinion tonight that a compromise on the Foraker bill, which was tentatively agreed on yesterday would yet win. The advocates of free trade with Porto Rico displayed such strength that it was impossible to reach a formal agreement of any kind.

One thing seems to be certain, the provision in the Foraker bill for the civil government of Porto Rico will not be withdrawn. The president is determined on this, and may send a special message to congress emphasizing the importance of establishing civil government.

### ALLEN AND BUTLER'S POSITION ON SILVER

#### House Adopts Conference Report on Finance Bill.

Washington, March 13.—Personal explanations in the senate today by Senators Allen and Butler, in which both declared they had been misrepresented in the newspapers regarding their position on the silver question, and in which both avowed that they favored the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 by the United States alone, led Mr. Aldrich to sarcastically express his pleasure at obtaining from Butler an explicit statement that he favored free and unlimited coinage of silver by the United States alone, claiming that repeated queries by him (Aldrich) on a former occasion failed to elicit such an explicit statement. Mr. Butler angrily retorted that he had made the statement explicitly last Tuesday. Mr. Aldrich replied that he had failed to give a reply. The remainder of the session was devoted to a speech by Turney in opposition to the Porto Rican tariff bill. He described it as so revolting that no person in the republican party from the president down was willing to admit its paternity. He entered into a legal and constitutional argument against the right to impose duties on trade between the United States and Porto Rico. Without completing his speech the senate went into executive session, and subsequently adjourned.

### IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, March 13.—The house today adopted the conference report on the financial bill by a vote of 166 to 120. Nine democrats and all the republicans present voted for its adoption. Previous to the vote the day's session was almost wholly devoted to a discussion of the report. Mr. Overstreet presented the report and explained the provisions of the bill as agreed upon by the conference. Several democratic members spoke in opposition to the bill. Saturday was set aside for eulogies on the late Senator Hayward, and the house adjourned.

### PROBLEM OF CUBAN INTERNAL REVENUE SYSTEM

#### Disagreement Over Taxation of Sugar and Tobacco.

Havana, March 13.—The commission engaged in working out the system of internal revenue for the island have gotten into a tangle. Rubens, the American member of the commission, opposes taxing sugar and tobacco while the sub-secretary of the treasury, Cancio, favors the imposition of such a tax. Rubens contends that the planters have suffered most by the war and if the burden is increased by additional taxes it would prevent a rehabilitation of their estates. A committee of the planters association called on Secretary Root with regard to the matter today and there was a general discussion of the subject. Root received a number of callers today. Tomorrow he and Wood will visit Mariana.

### FIGHTS WITH CONVICTS.

#### Fatal Results of Attempt to Escape in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., March 13.—Convicts working on the state farm car and the Columbia chain gang broke from the guards today. The guard was attacked by five men with rakes. He drew a pistol and shot one dead and wounded a second. One surrendered and one escaped. The guard was badly injured, and in the Lauren county chain gang Jack Coleman mashed a guard's head with a rock, killing him. He seized a rifle and ran. He was pursued and on being taken a sharp fight ensued. A deputy sheriff was shot down. Coleman surrendered when fired with lead.

### KOBBE MADE GOVERNOR.

Washington, March 13.—General Otis has notified the war department that he has appointed Brigadier General Kobbe military governor for the province of Albany, Luzon, and of the island of Catanduanes, and temporarily to supervise the immediate purposes of the islands of Samar and Leyte. General Kobbe is directed to occupy several forts with troops.

### TENNESSEE REPUBLICANS.

Nashville, March 13.—The republican state executive committee today selected Nashville as the place for holding, and April 19 as the date, of the state convention. The fight between Congressman Brownlow and H. Clay Evans for control of the state organization is likely to come before the convention.

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### GOLF AT HOT SPRINGS.

#### A Pretty Exhibition Game at the Wana Luna Links.

Hot Springs, N. C., March 13.—The golf course of the Mountain Park hotel has recently been altered by Geo. Nichols, the expert golfer of Boston, Mass., who has made several improvements to the course in the way of sand bunkers, etc., and lengthened the course to 2,600 yards, and it is now in first class condition. Next year all the greens will be sown in grass, and the links of the Wana-Luna Golf club will, without doubt, be one of the finest in the south.

At the opening of the new holes on Monday, March 12, an exhibition match was played between Bernard Nichols (who a week or two ago defeated Harry Vardon, the English champion, at Ormond, Fla.) and Mr. Gilbert Nichols, of Boston.

The game was one of the most exciting ever witnessed in the south, Bernard Nichols winning by two up, and laying his brother, Gilbert Nichols, a stymlie at the 17th hole.

The score follows:

Bernard Nichols—  
Out ..... 3 5 3 4 4 5 4 4—37  
In ..... 5 6 5 4 4 3 4 4—39

Total ..... 76

Gilbert Nichols—  
Out ..... 4 5 5 4 4 4 4 5—39  
In ..... 4 5 4 5 3 4 4 5—38

Total ..... 77

### WAYNESVILLE ITEMS.

Waynesville, March 13.—The democratic county convention met here today. A fairly good crowd was present. Hon. G. S. Ferguson was orator. In the course of his remarks he said the voters should remember that the amendment must be ratified by the people while the election law was made by members of the legislature only. This was perhaps thoroughly understood before Mr. Ferguson mentioned it. The people had nothing to do with the formation of the election law which is so corrupt and partisan that no democrat in this section has had the nerve to defend it.

Mr. J. G. Moore is here representing Asheville Register. He appears to be doing considerable business.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wright left yesterday for Richmond, Va., where they will purchase their spring stock of goods.

Mr. C. G. Logan went to Asheville yesterday, returning today.

Mr. Samuel Felmet, of Blue Ridge, Ga., is here visiting his relatives and friends.

Mr. C. L. Seehorn, flour drummer, was in town today.

Mr. W. H. Benedict, of Jamestown, N. Y., is in the city.

### NORTH CAROLINA MILITIA.

Washington, March 13.—Among those who appeared before the house committee on militia today in advocacy of an increase in the annual appropriation for the militia from \$400,000 to \$200,000 was Adjutant General Royston, of North Carolina. As a result of the hearing, Chairman Marsh introduced a bill increasing the annual appropriation to \$2,000,000.

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### KENTUCKY'S LEGISLATURE

#### Ends Its Brief But Historical Session at Midnight Last Night.

#### The Goebel Law Remains on the Statute Books.

#### Amended Answer in the Beckham-Taylor Case to be Filed.

#### Another Arrest of an Alleged Goebel Murder Accessory.

### THE MEN WHO FIRED THE SHOTS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN HARBORED AT THE LAKELAND ASYLUM—THIS CAUSED THE ARREST OF HAZLIPP.

Frankfort, March 13.—The most historical session of the legislature of this state closed today. It was a day of rushing business and fully a dozen extra enrolling clerks were busy enrolling bills to be signed by the speaker. Among the last resolutions to be passed was the Triplet resolution to appropriate \$100,000 for the equipment of a state militia under Castleman and the capture of the military stores under charge of Taylor and Collier.

The day was one of little incident other than the rushing and closing up of legislative business, and it was nearly 12 o'clock tonight before the closing of the assembly, with a small quorum present, which concluded the reading and comparison of the bills passed.

No amendment to the election law reached its final passage. The Goebel law remains on the statute books. Twenty bills and resolutions, the smallest number ever passed at a regular session, were passed including the McChord railroad bill, and the resolutions appropriating \$100,000 for the appropriation of Goebel's assassin and \$100,000 for the equipment of a militia under Castleman. There has been little development of interest in the case of the parties under arrest.

### THE INJUNCTION CASE.

Louisville, March 13.—An amendment to the answer to the consolidated injunction of Beckham vs. Taylor will be filed Thursday before Judge Field by attorneys for Taylor. As far as learned the case against Hazlipp, who was arrested yesterday hinges on the belief that the man or men who fired the shots, one of which caused the death of Goebel were harbored at the Lakeland asylum, and that Hazlipp was cognizant of the plot. It is alleged that detectives have evidence that two mountain men who were guards at the Asylum were overheard laying plans for the assassination. They went to Frankfort on memorial day, accompanied, it is alleged, by Hazlipp. Since then the two men have left the asylum for parts unknown. Hazlipp claims that his only connection with politics was to collect the funds for the Taylor contest.

It was learned from reliable sources that an important arrest was made today but the authorities refuse to give any information regarding the matter until tomorrow, presumably in order that premature publication might interfere with other arrests which are to follow.

### ANOTHER ARREST.

Frankfort, March 13.—Gilbert Taut, of Breckenridge county, was today arrested, charged with being accessory to the murder of Goebel.

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