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EASY WORK FOR GATACRE

Boers Fall Back Before his Advance into Orange Free State.

Report that Boer Forces are Disintegrating.

A Line of Defence, However, is Forming on the Vaal River.

Kruger Declares Orange Free State Annexed to the Transvaal.

RUMOR THAT STEYN IS READY TO SURRENDER—BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF BLOEMFONTEIN—BURGHERS GIVEN ASSURANCES IN A PROCLAMATION.

London, March 17.—As far as can be gathered from reports from British sources all serious opposition to the British invasion of the southern part of the Orange Free State has ended. General Roberts' despatch to the war office indicates that the railway south of Bloemfontein was not damaged and was not threatened. With Gatacre across the Orange river at Bethulle, Clements at Norval's pont and Pole-Carew at Springfontein it seems that the Boers who have been defending the Orange river can only choose between fight and surrender. Gatacre's occupation of Bethulle was not opposed. As the British approached the town a deputation of the inhabitants met them with a white flag and intimated that no defense was intended. They said the Boer forces had left town during the night, moving, it is understood, in the direction of Dewetsdorp. Mounted infantry were sent in pursuit. The Union Jack was hoisted on the court house at noon, the troops cheering it and singing the national anthem. The inhabitants informed the British that Kruger on March 13 annexed the Free State to the Transvaal. The telegraph at Springfontein is not interrupted. Brabant has reported that he crossed the river at Allwalth north some days ago, the Boers having moved northward for three miles, where they formed a laager. Fighting followed but the result is not known. Thirteen trains, each consisting of forty crowded cars, went northward before the line was cut, some thousand residents thus escaping. Those who resolved to continue their resistance joined Joubert, who is supposed to be at Brabant, though his actual whereabouts are unknown.

BOER LINE OF DEFENSE. The Daily News correspondent at Lorenzo Marques reports that the Boers are intrenching along the Vaal river at Vereeniging, which, presumably, will be their subsequent line of defense. The same correspondent states that persons who recently arrived from Pretoria declare that the Boers admit that their cause is hopeless. Lucas Meyer, it is said, has refused to continue fighting and returned to his farm. Commandant Schalkburger has done the same. The burghers are returning to their homes by hundreds. These statements need confirmation, but if they are true it is clear that President Kruger is losing his hold. There is no definite news from Natal.

AT BLOEMFONTEIN. London, March 16.—The war office makes public the following from Roberts: "Bloemfontein, March 16, 12:30 p. m.—Clements crossed the Orange river yesterday. Repairs to the railway bridge at Norval's pont will be commenced at once. Grouard reports that it will shortly be ready for traffic. Meanwhile passengers and stores will cross on pontoons. General Pole-Carew has arrived at Springfontein. Bloemfontein is now practically in rail connection with Cape Town. "My proclamation is having an excellent effect. Several hundred burghers express their intention of delivering their arms and returning to their occupations. Resident Commissioner Y. at Basutoland reports that 800

Boers have lately arrived there from Bloemfontein. A further contingent which has been with Oliver at Allwalth North are only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender. The refused to attend the council at Kroonstad, to which they had been summoned by President Steyn." Bloemfontein, March 16.—General Prettyman is succeeding admirably as governor of the town. He issued a proclamation today requesting the burghers within a radius of ten miles to deliver up their arms, assuring them that they would be paid for the confiscation of their property. Lord Roberts is about to issue fresh proclamations which, it is considered, will have the effect of dispersing further opposition upon the part of the Free Staters. Great quantities of stores captured at Waterfall have been recovered. As a result of Hunter and Weston's lightning-cutting the British have secured twenty-six engines and the line has been cleared to Kaffir river. Rumors are current that former President Steyn is willing to surrender. Much unrest exists among the Dutch population. The burghers described the soldiers as locusts, saying they were innumerable and identical with them.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Celebration Will be Greater than ever Before in London. London, March 16.—St. Patrick's day will be observed here as never before, owing to the queen's order for "The Wearing of the Green." Dealers in flags are completely sold out of their supply of green flags. Freight stations are crowded with crates of shamrocks from Ireland and the delivery of packages of the Irish emblem by parcels-post equals the Christmas deliveries. The wearing of the shamrock tomorrow will not be by the Irish only, but by the "hated Saxon," who will wear it partly out of loyalty and partly out of honor to the brave Irish troops in South Africa.

ADMIRAL AND MRS. DEWEY'S SOUTHERN TRIP

To be Entertained at Savannah, Macon and Jacksonville. Washington, March 16.—Admiral Dewey and wife leave Washington Sunday for a ten days' visit to places in the south to which they have been invited. Two days will be spent in Savannah, two at Macon and the rest of the time at Jacksonville and Palm Beach. Macon, Ga., March 16.—Admiral Dewey will be given a royal reception at Macon next Thursday. All of the plans have been arranged for the two days and two nights that he is to spend here, and it is to be said that it will be the greatest reception ever tendered an American by the Macon people. The idea of having a big military parade has been abandoned. The military day in Savannah was the primary cause, as nearly every company in the state is going to take part in that city. The admiral will arrive here from Savannah on the afternoon of March 22. He will be met at the train by the reception committee and the Macon military Country Riding club, consisting of some 200 people on horseback, will act as an escort from the depot to the residence of Mr. Plant. At night a tremendous public reception will be tendered at the armory of the Macon Volunteers by the mayor and council. Five hundred dollars will be spent on the decorations in the armory. This reception will last for several hours, and the people will be given an opportunity to meet the hero of Manila. On the following morning, the school children of the city and county, some 6,000, will be formed and reviewed by the admiral on Tattalrod square. Following this review will be an exhibition drill by the two cadet battalions. In the afternoon the admiral will be given a drive over the city, and a dinner will be given in his honor by Mr. and Mrs. Plant. At night the Cherokee club will give a swell dinner, to which the ladies have been invited. Admiral Dewey will remain in Macon that night and will leave on Saturday morning over the Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad for Palm Beach, Fla. He will travel in the private car of President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern railway.

SOUTH CAROLINA TOWN TERRORIZED BY REGULATORS

Appeal to the Governor for Help—Troops to be Sent. Columbia, S. C., March 16.—The station agent and other citizens of Neuces, Orangeburg county, telegraphed the governor at midnight tonight begging for troops to protect them from white regulators, who had twice visited the town and beat the people, white and black, and promised to return tomorrow to kill them. Work on surrounding farms has been stopped and people driven from business. The governor telegraphed the sheriff to ride across the country tonight with a posse and give protection till the troops could be sent. The cause of the lawlessness is unknown.

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DAVIS, POWERS AND CULTON ARRAIGNED AT FRONKFORT

Monday Fixed as Day of Examination—Hazlpp Gives Bail.

Frankfort, March 16.—Secretary of State Powers, Captain Davis and W. H. Culton were brought here from Louisville today. Davis was recognized by only a few old friends, because he had removed his beard. The prisoners were arraigned before County Judge Moore, who fixed Monday as the date of the examining trials. Hazlpp will also be arraigned at the same time. The latter was released today on \$10,000 bail.

The date fixed for the arraignment will probably be postponed as the attorneys for the commonwealth say that important witnesses cannot reach here by that time. Attorney Ramsey moved that the court permit his client, Culton, to remain at home with his wife under guard. Culton's wife is very ill. Judge Moore made an order permitting Culton to be taken home twice a day. The prisoners with the exception of Hazlpp were all remained to jail.

A VIGOROUS DEFENSE. Frankfort, March 16.—The defendants' attorneys in the four cases set for Monday have summoned a large number of witnesses and will make a vigorous defense of their clients. Subpoenas for a number of representatives, Colonel Chinn, Epps, Lillard and the attending physicians of Goebel and several nurses were issued tonight by the defense.

FOR FEDERAL AID. Frankfort, March 16.—Republican National Committeeman Yerkes and several others today conferred with Governor Taylor. As a result, Taylor will call on President McKinley to prove him in holding the state buildings until the gubernatorial contest has been passed on by the United States court. Lexington, March 16.—Yerkes passed through here tonight from Frankfort on his way home. He denied he had a conference with Taylor or that he was going to Washington on any mission. He admitted calling on the governor.

SNOW FELL HEAVILY OVER A WIDE AREA

Fruit and Early Vegetables Killed in the South.—New York Snow Bound. New York, March 16.—Nine inches of snow and sleet cover the streets of New York today and four thousand men battled with it in Manhattan. Three thousand more are at work in Brooklyn. Traffic has been partially paralyzed in some sections of the city since early this morning. During the early hours Brooklyn bridge traffic was practically blocked. Sleet on the cables supplying the electric power to the bridge cars cut off the current and a general blockade was the result. Trolly lines over the bridge were not much better. Surface traffic in the city was of course everywhere delayed. Shamokin, Pa., March 16.—This place is now completely snowbound, seven inches having fallen. Six thousand men and boys employed at the various collieries are idle owing to the blockade. In a number of mountain passes traversed by the trains the snow has drifted from five to fifteen feet.

Chattanooga, March 16.—The worst to be feared by fruit growers in the mountain section of Tennessee and north Georgia was realized in the visit of the cold wave last night. The mercury dropped to twenty-four and everything was frozen over the entire section. The loss by this freeze will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. New Orleans, March 16.—The weather in this city and throughout Louisiana continues cold, and the local bureau sends out predictions of frost for tonight. Snow fell and ice formed not only generally in north Louisiana last night, but in the southern section as well. Birmingham, Ala., March 16.—This city was visited by a snowstorm lasting all day yesterday and far into the night. It is said to be the heaviest fall in recent years.

REV. MR. SHELDON'S VENTURE

Regular Readers of the Paper Not Satisfied with it. Topeka, Kan., March 15.—The Sheldon editions of the Topeka Capital are failures as newspapers. The first page of the paper today, as yesterday, does not contain a single news item. Very little of the news of the day appears in the telegraph columns, and this is greatly abbreviated. Much of the local news of Topeka is cut out and no reason is given. A dozen county republican conventions were held in Kansas yesterday, but the correspondents in these counties who offered stories of the proceedings were told that the matter was not wanted. Fraternal beneficiary associations, such as the Ancient Order of United Work-

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SUGAR ESTATES IN CUBA MAKE CLASS DISTINCTION

Must be Divided and Diversified to Induce Democracy. Havana, March 16.—There is much criticism of Secretary of Agriculture Rivera's statement, in which he seeks to discourage excessive cultivation of sugar, because of the liability of the destruction of fields by bandits. La Lucha sharply rebukes Rivera for saying anything to discourage the rehabilitation of the sugar industry. Secretary of Finance Varona, in an interview printed in La Lucha, agrees with Rivera that the Cubans should turn their energies to other things. His views indicate that the present existing class distinctions result from enormous sugar estates, held by a few aristocratic families, and until these estates are broken up and devoted to the cultivation of various crops by the peasant class, no real democracy can exist.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN COSTA RICA

American Arrested Charged with Conspiracy in Inciting Revolution. New Orleans, March 16.—Passengers arriving from Costa Rica announce that President Iglesias, taking advantage of the threatened war with Nicaragua, and the attempt of the Nicaraguans to precipitate a revolution in Costa Rica, has proclaimed himself dictator and declared martial law. United States Minister Merry, stationed at San Jose, Costa Rica, has gone to Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, to endeavor to induce resident Zelaya to cease military preparations against Costa Rica. An American has been arrested in San Jose charged with conspiring to create a revolution. It is claimed that incriminating papers were found on him. Managua is filled with soldiers, of which Zelaya is said to have ten thousand under arms. There are two thousand soldiers in San Jose. Traveling through Costa Rica is difficult without passports, because of the vigilance of the authorities. Germs cannot live in air impregnated with Dowling's Chlorides. This is why it cures catarrh. Get circular at Grant's.

WANT PORTO RICAN FREE TRADE.

Indianapolis, March 16.—Thirty republicans of this city, many of them prominent in the politics of the state, have joined in a telegram to Senator Beveridge urging him to vote against the Puerto Rican tariff bill now pending in the senate. The telegram represented that the people of Indiana, irrespective of party, oppose the proposed legislation and are convinced that the ports of Porto Rico should be open to the products of this country, and the ports of this country open to the products of that island. The list of signatures to the telegram is headed by Governor Mount.

MORE BIG COTTON MILLS.

Columbia, S. C., March 16.—The Ice-man mills, McColl, \$200,000, and the Alpha mills, Jonesville, \$100,000 have filed incorporation papers at the state capitol. The Anderson yarn and knitting mill increases from \$50,000 to \$200,000. The total capital projected in cotton mills this year is \$4,525,000.

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House Bill Appropriating \$2,000,000 Passed by the Senate.

Refused to Declare Regarding the Constitution.

The Quay Case to be Taken up for Action on April 2.

Resolution Calling for a Copy of one of Aguinaldo's Letters.

THE DAY IN THE HOUSE DEVOTED MAINLY TO THE CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE BILLS—PENROSE AND GALLINGER MAKE UP THEIR DIFFERENCES.

Washington, March 16.—After a protracted debate the senate this afternoon passed the house bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the relief of Porto Rico, without resorting to a yeas and nays vote. Previous to the passage of the bill Senator Allen's amendment, which declared that by the Paris treaty the constitution was extended over Porto Rico was tabled, yeas 36, nays 17. The only other proceedings of interest was the conclusion of the reading of the Alaskan judiciary bill, fixing April 2 as the date for considering the Quay case, the adoption of a resolution calling for a copy of Aguinaldo's letter to the American commander, dated Bacoor, July 15, 1898, and the making up by Messrs. Penrose and Gallinger of their recent difference in connection with the Quay case.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, March 16.—Today's session of the house was chiefly devoted to the consideration of private bills in committee of the whole. Several of the bills were subsequently reported to the house and passed.

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