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IS GATACRE CAPTURED?

Boers Claim to Have Him and His Staff in Their Possession.

His Forces Reported to Have Suffered Disaster.

No Official Reports Obtainable Regarding the Battle.

Acute Interest in Operations About Mafeking.

CONTRADICTORY RUMORS REGARDING THE SITUATION THERE—STEYN NOT HAVING AN EASY TIME RALLYING HIS BURGHERS.

Kroonstad, March 19.—It is reported here that General Gatacre and his staff have been isolated and captured by Commandant Olivier's commando. It is said the prisoners are now en route to Pretoria.

THE MAFEKING CAMPAIGN.

London, March 23.—Commandant Snyman's sound tactics aiming at the defeat of Plumer's relieving force before it is able to co-operate with the British besieged at Mafeking have rendered more acute the interest in the operations which center around Baden-Powell's gallant defense of the town. The most sanguine British reports leave matters indecisive, while the Boer accounts claim a British defeat. The rumor that Mafeking itself has been relieved was again abroad last night but the war office at midnight declared it was unable to confirm the report. The Boer report of the capture of Gatacre and his staff excites less uneasiness than they would if they emanated officially from Pretoria. The British have learned to respect the Boer official reports. The war office denies knowledge of disaster to the British in any form.

Little is known of the strength and plans of the Boer army at Kroonstad, though it is claimed that Steyn has had poor success in rallying the Free Staters since Roberts' pacific intentions toward the inhabitants became known.

SHARP FIGHTING.

Pretoria, March 19.—Sharp fighting continues in the vicinity of Warrenton. The Boers have successfully repulsed attacks by the British. The railroad in the direction of Mafeking has been completely destroyed.

TWELVE CANNON TAKEN.

Kroonstad, March 21.—It is reported that Commandant Olivier's commando has captured twelve cannon from the British after a hard fight. According to advices received here the British have made no attempt to advance from Bloemfontein.

GATACRE IN BATTLE.

Kroonstad, Orange Free State, March 21.—The Boers led by General Olivier have engaged the British troops under General Gatacre in the vicinity of Bethulle, repulsing the British, who have lost many men.

Burgers are arriving here in great numbers. General Dewet arrived today.

Desultory firing with Colonel Plumer's column has occurred near Gaberones.

BOERS ADVANCING.

Lobatsi, March 19.—The Boers under command of Snyman are advancing in force from Mafeking towards Lobatsi. Colonel Bodle made a reconnaissance March 18 and found Pletzn and Polthugo occupied by Boers. He returned to Goode siding and made a demonstration.

He found the Boers in strength at a sharp curve in the railway. They had mounted a gun on the line and were lying in wait for the construction train.

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Brisk firing occurred a few miles south of Lobatsi yesterday. The Boers' Maxim was freely used. Colonel Bodle came in touch with the Boers just in time to prevent the camp being surprised. The Boers attacked the advance party and captured a few boxes of ammunition and nearly secured a Maxim. Lieutenant Tyler was killed and Lieutenant Chapman was captured.

Colonel Bodle coming up put the Boers to flight with heavy loss. The Boers yesterday were within a few miles of here.

Yesterday the Boers pressed closely on Colonel Plumer's main camp and kept up a hot fire with their Maxim, killing one white man and one native. They placed the Maxim and a 12-pounder on a hill on the east side of the line, 4,000 yards from camp. The British right was protected by Chief Bathien, who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory.

Colonel Plumer's present plan is to insure the safety of the railway north of here and watch well the left flank. It is probable that the before the Boers retire toward Pretoria they will tackle the Rhodesians in force.

It is reported that the burghers are abandoning the environments leaving only a sufficient number of artilleryists to man the big guns. There are none at Ramathlabama, where they were supposed to have their base. Colonel Plumer's scouts were at Ramathlabama yesterday.

The usual Mafeking despatches are overdue, but no anxiety is felt on that score.

Dynamite explosions, wrecking the railway, are proceeding south of Lobatsi.

A STIR IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, March 22.—There was considerable excitement in the house of commons this afternoon, resulting from attempts on the part of Irish members to secure more of the house's time, in which they succeeded after noisy displays of passion on the part of both the Irish and the opposition. Only the tact of Balfour, the government leader, saved the uproar from developing into a scene of violent disorder.

BOTH COMPANIES NOW CONSOLIDATED

Carnegie and Frick Come to Terms—\$15,000,000 in Stock for Frick.

Pittsburg, March 22.—The Carnegie Steel company and the Frick Coke company issued a joint statement this afternoon setting forth that the partners of the Carnegie company and the stockholders of the Frick Coke company had agreed upon a plan of reorganization, vesting control of said companies in one company incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The statement says the effect of the reorganization will be to terminate the equity proceedings against the Carnegie and Frick companies and that the reorganization on a corporate basis to meet that large and growing business which has been decided upon in preference to a limited partnership. All the various interests, according to the statement, including the Frick company, will remain as now under the Pennsylvania charters, but as no charter can be obtained under the laws of Pennsylvania under which all the various interests can be consolidated, it will be necessary to obtain a charter under the laws of New Jersey. The new company absorbs the Frick Coke company. Schwab will continue as the executive head of the new company. The agreement for reorganization is signed by all the stockholders except those in Europe. Frick and those who took part in the different suits against the company signed papers withdrawing the suits.

The capital stock of the new company will be \$25,000,000. Frick receives \$15,000,000 worth of stock as representing his holdings in the Carnegie and Coke companies.

MURDER NEAR RALEIGH.

Negress and Five Children Killed and House Burned.

Raleigh, March 22.—Tom Jones, colored, went to the home of Ella Jones, a negro woman living in the suburbs of Garner, six miles from here, and murdered her and her five children, then set fire to the house.

There were two children that escaped, aged five and seven years, and they say Jones committed the deed. The murder was not committed until this morning, and Jones was arrested, but will say nothing. There is great feeling against him.

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AGAIN WARLIKE IN KENTUCKY

Trial of Prisoners Charged With Being Accessories to Goebel Murder.

Gatling Guns Again Reloaded and Made Ready.

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Preparations Caused by Information That Mountaineers Would Attend.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION STORED IN JAIL AND COURT HOUSE TO WITHSTAND ATTACK—EVERY ONE ENTERING COURT HOUSE WILL BE SEARCHED AND DISARMED.

Lexington, March 22.—Kentucky is excited tonight over Beckham ordering the state guards from here and Winchester to Frankfort, ostensibly to prevent the rescue of prisoners who are to be arraigned for examination there tomorrow charged with being accessories to Goebel's assassination.

The rushing of empty passenger coaches to Washington over the Chesapeake and Ohio has given rise to a rumor that President McKinley is going to send federal troops to prevent a conflict between the troops of Beckham and those of Taylor.

Sergeant Golden, who has turned state's evidence, is in hiding, as it is feared he will be killed.

Beckham issued a proclamation at Frankfort explaining his position, outlining the situation and saying he has ordered troops to Frankfort to uphold the law and maintain order, and to protect the courts and prisoners. He asks all law-abiding citizens to assist him by moral support.

TROOPS ARRIVING AT FRANKFORT.

Frankfort, March 22.—The first detachment of soldiers to arrive here was the company from Lexington under Captain Longfere. They marched from the train to the court house and were viewed by the Taylor soldiers. As the Beckham soldiers passed by the court house the Taylor soldiers sent up a loud cheer, as the men had previously served with the Taylor soldiers here. The soldiers from Winchester joined the Lexington men later. They have two Gatling guns. The soldiers are quartered at the court house.

Deputy sheriffs and police are watching the trains and roads leading to the city. The special train from Barbourville bearing mountaineers will not arrive before morning. A few mountaineers have arrived on regular trains.

Frankfort, Ky., March 22.—Political excitement is again running high here and threatens to burst into fury tomorrow in the event of an attempt to release any of the prisoners now confined in the Franklin jail as accessories to the assassination of Goebel. Information that a large body of mountaineers has left Barbourville for Frankfort, to be present at the examining trial of Powers, Davis and Culton tomorrow has resulted in the sheriff summoning a large body of deputies to prevent an attempt to take the prisoners from custody and to preserve order. In addition to the deputies 200

soldiers under Adjutant General Castleman will be on hand in the vicinity of the jail and courthouse.

Guns and ammunition were today stored in the court house and everything made ready to fortify the jail and court house in the event of attack.

Every man who enters the court house tomorrow will be searched and relieved of his weapons. In case of trouble the trials will be postponed indefinitely. The Gatling gun in the court house square was reloaded and made ready for action today.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

Frankfort, Ky., March 22.—A large consignment of guns and ammunition was received today and enclosed in the buildings adjacent to the jail where Suspects Powers, Davis, Wheeler and Culton are entombed.

This action was ordered yesterday when it was seen that armed bodies of men from the mountain counties might come here to the preliminary trial tomorrow. These rumors were accompanied by hints that an attempt might be made to rescue the prisoners.

BUILDINGS WRECKED IN PHILADELPHIA

Explosion Causes Loss of Life—Men Buried in the Ruins.

Philadelphia, March 22.—An explosion of chemicals blew out the rear wall of McCullum's blue print factory in South Eleventh street this afternoon and set fire to the building and several surrounding properties, including the Jefferson Hospital. One man was killed.

The patients were hurriedly removed from the Jefferson hospital to the Pennsylvania hospital. A few minutes after the rear wall of McCullum's factory fell the fourth floor sank, burying twenty-five people at work on the third floor. They were all rescued. Soon afterward other floors fell and it is said that two men were buried in the ruins. Two firemen may also be in the ruins.

A L. I. DRILL.

Announcements of Prize Drill and of Arrival of Equipment.

The Asheville Light Infantry drilled on the square last evening, the first open air drill since last fall. After returning to the armory, squad drill was continued some time. At the business meeting, three new members were elected and four applications received. Captain Nichols announced that the company would give a prize drill in the armory April 12th, in which every member of the company is to participate. In preparation for this squad drill will be held every Monday evening at 8:30, and regular drill Thursday evening, as usual. The non-commissioned officers school will be held Monday evening before 8:30. Captain Nichols also announced that he had been informed that the additional equipments are at the depot and that they would be issued to the members as soon as possible.

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TESTIMONIALS FROM THE CHORUS TO DUNKLEY AND FLORIO—SUCCESS OF FESTIVAL WILL REVIVE INTEREST IN AN AUDITORIUM.

The Asheville Music Festival of 1900 ended with the grand concert last night. In every way the festival has been a success. As a musical event it was one of the most noteworthy in the history of this state. In a financial way the results realized the highest expectation of its promoters. With expenses approximating \$3,000 the managers realized from the beginning that they could hope from the proceeds to do little if anything more than pay the costs of the festival. It was stated last night that the receipts have exceeded the expenditures by a few dollars. This result, it is believed, will insure the life of the festival association and a repetition annually of the splendid concerts. With a spacious auditorium such as Asheville needs, and through the festival association it may some time be able to obtain, the Asheville music festival would be placed within the reach of many who did not attend its first series of concerts because of the high price of admittance. Last night the full capacity of the opera house was tested, standing room being sold in the upper gallery. Among those who attended the concluding concert were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, Colonel and Mrs. A. B. Andrews, Miss Andrews and Mr. Thomas Andrews and Miss Otis, daughter of Major General Otis. Especial credit is due to Mr. Charles McNamee, president of the Festival association, and Mr. Ferdinand Dunkley, musical director, and Mr. John A. Nichols, chairman of the committee on hall and tickets, for the success that attended the festival throughout. The grand concert last night closed with an addition to the program in the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by the orchestra. The audience rose from their seats during the singing of the anthem. The enthusiasm was extreme during the entire evening, when Mr. Dunkley was forced to announce from the stage in reply to the repeated applause that it was necessary on account of its length to proceed with the program. Many floral tributes were sent to the stage during the afternoon and evening performances. Mr. Dunkley was presented with a pair of silver "military" hair brushes, and Mr. Florio with a director's baton covered with white roses as a testimonial from the chorus.

The house was even better filled at the matinee than at the first evening performance, and with an equally enthusiastic and considerably more vociferous audience. The parquet seats were occupied by those holding season tickets, and there was a goodly contingent of the Bingham boys in the galleries and the matinee girl was in evidence in the dress circle. Applause was frequent and prolonged and evoked encore performances several times. Mr. Thomas appeared in an especially genial mood and the orchestra played

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