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HOPES FAIL AS TO MAFEKING

Col. Plumer's Whole Force Was Compelled to Retire.

Methuen's Advance Meets Stubborn Opposition.

Free State Boers Ordered to the Defense of the Transvaal.

Also Mobilizing in Large Numbers at Kroonstad.

KRUGER REURTOED TO HAVE ISSUED A PROCLAMATION—LENIENCY TO THE PRISONERS AT CAPE TOWN CRITICISED.

London, March 24.—With the confirmation of the repulse of Colonel Plumer's advance guard and the retirement of his whole force on March 16 from Lobatsi to Crocodile Pools the hopes of an early relief for Mafeking are again seriously disappointed. A report comes from Pretoria through the Daily News correspondent that Commandant Eloff is isolating Plumer's force near Gaberones. General Methuen's advance from the south, if, indeed, its objective is really Mafeking, proceeds slowly. A despatch from Warrenton reports stubborn Boer opposition to his passage of the Vaal river. The Free State Boers in the northwest, who have returned to their farms, have been again commandeered and ordered into the Transvaal, presumably to resist the British advance.

From the Boer camp at Kroonstad come renewed assurances of the burghers' determination and confidence. Commandos are now mobilizing in great numbers. The Free Staters, who were away on leave of absence, are returning in crowds, the president's proclamation having shown that the government was standing firm. The situation at Bloemfontein seems to be unchanged. Nothing more has been heard from either side as to the rumored disaster to General Gatacre.

FREE STATE TOWN OCCUPIED.

Cape Town, March 23.—Major Cummings occupied Rouxville, Orange Free State, on Tuesday. Landrost took the oath of allegiance and was appointed magistrate. Attorney Smuts and sixty others have also taken the oath of allegiance.

RELIEF IS FAR AWAY

London, March 23.—Colonel Plumer apparently has retired to Crocodile pool, and Mafeking seems further off than ever from relief. This news is contained in a dispatch from Buoloyao, dated Monday and published in the second edition of the Times. These advices add that the base of the hospital had been brought back to Gaberones. The correspondent further states that the object of the Boer demonstration Monday and Tuesday was to cover the movement of siege guns from Mafeking.

General French's activity in the Orange Free State may well be the preliminary to a forward movement, by order of Lord Roberts of the main army.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein dated yesterday says: "Krugler is reported to have issued a proclamation declaring that Great Britain is in dire straits and that the Russians have occupied London."

A Springfield telegram published in the second edition of the Times says: "The apparently submissive attitude of the Free Staters should be accepted with caution. The large proportion of obsolete inferior weapons being turned in by them to the British is giving the impression that the largest stores of modern mausers are being concealed."

The Outlook's special correspondent at Capetown says: "Feeling is running

strong against the leniency with which the rebels of Cape Colony and Natal are being treated by the British authorities."

PLUMER ATTACKED.

London, March 23.—General Forester-Walker has cabled to the war office:

"Cape Town, March 23.—Colonel Nicholson (commanding general of Rhodesia) telegraphs from Bulawayo, March 16, as follows: 'I have received the following from Colonel Plumer, dated Lobatsi, March 14: 'The Boers advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They first advanced from Goode's siding. After a sharp little engagement the advanced outposts were compelled to retreat, which was excellently carried out. Our losses are three wounded, two prisoners and two missing. The Boer casualties are not known.' Several were shot at very close range. In the afternoon the Boers advanced and shelled our position from a ridge to the left. The artillery fire was kept up until sunset. A lieutenant and a native were killed.'"

ERNE WINS LIGHT WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Unfortunate Accident in the Twelfth Round Gives Him Decision.

New York, March 23.—Frank Erne is the light weight champion of the world. He earned the title at the Broadway Athletic club tonight when he was pronounced conqueror of Joe Gans in the twelfth round. But the battle was not decisive enough to prove to the adherents of Gans he was outclassed. The end was due solely to an unfortunate accident. The twelfth round had scarcely begun when the pugilists tried simultaneous swings. As they ducked their heads collided with a crash. Gans received an ugly wound over the left eye and also a perceptible dent in the bone. The blood came in torrents and the Baltimore man was quickly blinded. He was also in so much agony that he did not seem to know where he was. Erne was about to sail in when Gans told the referee that it would be impossible for him to continue, so White was compelled to give the verdict to the Buffalo man, although some of Gans' friends declared their man had been foully butted. In justice to Erne it must be said that there were no grounds for such a charge.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CARNEGIE COMPANY

Preparations for Obtaining Charter Will be Completed Today.

Pittsburg, March 23.—The reorganizing of the Carnegie steel company began today. Corporation Lawyer J. D. Dill had a conference with Schwab today. At its conclusion the two went to the meeting room of the board of managers where they were joined by Secretary Moreland, Henry Phipps, F. T. E. Lovejoy, L. C. Phipps and a few others. The papers and documents were produced and the entire morning spent in going over them. All the stockholders of the Carnegie and Fick coke company who are in Pittsburg signed the incorporation papers today. Frick remained in his office and the papers will be taken there for his signature. Dill expects to have all preparations for obtaining the charter completed by tomorrow night.

MINISTER CORREA DEAD.

London, March 23.—Chevalier A. Desouza Corret, Brazilian minister to England, was found dead in bed at his residence today. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN

Muncie, Ind., March 23.—By the explosion of a boiler at the Niccum saw mill near this place today four were killed and three injured.

Probably the most attractive stall in the market is that of C. U. Monday, the green grocer. Everything looks like spring. He has just received a shipment of strawberries that tempt the appetite of all passersby. Besides his select stock of fresh vegetables arriving daily and delivered promptly, to all customers.

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PORTO RICAN RELIEF BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE

Tillman Attacks the Foraker Bill—Tariff Likely to Prevail.

Washington, March 23.—The conference report on the \$2,000,000 Porto Rican bill was agreed to in the senate today by a vote of 35 to 15. Most of the session was devoted to debate on the report, in which Mr. Tillman's remarks, which were made in his characteristic outspoken way, were the feature. After declaring his unalterable opposition to the report he proceeded to lash the republicans, whom he characterized as a "happy family." He demanded to know whether McKinley stood for free trade, or whether he was, figuratively speaking, a prisoner of war doing the bidding of certain interests in Porto Rican products. He challenged Mr. Foraker to explain his position, and the latter declared he had done so in the committee's report.

Messrs. Spooner, Perkins and Galinger were the other conspicuous participants in the debate. They all defended the report and resented Tillman's assertions. The debate was closed by Mr. Tillman during the republicans to submit to a vote on the question whether the constitution extended to Porto Rico or not. Mr. Spooner, speaking for the republicans, declined the challenge, saying they would probably transact their business in their own way.

The house received the conference report on the \$2,000,000 Porto Rican appropriation bill near the close of the session today, and an agreement was made to vote on its adoption tomorrow. A number of miscellaneous bills and private pension bills were passed before adjournment.

Washington, March 23.—Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, presented a resolution in the house today directing attention to the fact that several persons have been indicted in New York for producing a play called "Sappho," declaring the transmission of that publication through the mails a violation of the law, and directing the postmaster general to take steps to prevent such transmission.

The bill introduced by Representative Lane, of Iowa, providing for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana territory by holding an exposition of art, industries, manufactures, and the products of the soil, mines, forest and sea at St. Louis calls for two commissioners to be appointed by the governor of each state and eight commissioners at large to be selected by the president, who will have direction over the exposition. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000. It goes into all the details of the exposition and is lengthy. It is understood this measure will meet with considerable opposition, as the appropriation is large. Claims are made that Speaker Henderson is opposed to the bill, and if this is true it will be a difficult matter to have the measure adopted.

The plan of procedure in the matter of Porto Rican legislation that seems likely now to be determined upon by the republican "peace" committee of the senate, is that some time next week a bill following the general lines of the house measure, imposing a duty of 15 per cent of the Dingley tariff rate upon Porto Rican products entering the United States, and vice versa, shall be called up for passage. The bill will not differ in any essential particular from that which the house passed a couple of weeks ago. In fact it will be practically the same. This program is different from the one originally proposed by the "peace" committee in that the duty is to be levied at both ends instead of only at our end.

The plan differs in another respect also, namely, that the house tariff bill, instead of being incorporated as an amendment in the Porto Rican government bill, will be acted upon separately. Pending the calling up of the tariff measure the debate on the government bill will continue. In this latter respect the original proposition of the committee will be carried out. It is claimed by the advocates of a duty that the house bill will certainly pass, despite the efforts of the free trade element to prevent it.

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spite the efforts of the free trade element to prevent it.

It is asserted with emphasis that a canvass of the senate has shown that there is a safe majority in favor of the tariff proposition. After the house bill is disposed of, it will receive the signature of the president who favors such a measure, and then the debate on the government bill will continue.

Frank Jones, of New Hampshire, undisputed leader of the Granite State democracy for a quarter of a century, is in Washington this week. Mr. Jones has renounced all connection with the democratic party, and will vote and work for McKinley this year. "More than that, I expect to see McKinley elected," he said. "I do not think there is any doubt of this." For sixteen years, up to 1896, Mr. Jones was the chairman of the delegation from New Hampshire to the democratic national convention. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated Bryan, but when he found that free silver was a certainty in the platform he broke away from the party before the convention opened. He voted for McKinley in 1896, but did not announce any change in party affiliations until this year, hoping the democrats would give up silver. Recently he declared himself a republican, and he has just been elected a delegate to the Philadelphia convention by the New Hampshire republicans.

CHAIRMAN JONES WILL BE UNSEATED

Several Candidates for the Position Mentioned.

New York, March 23.—Influential democratic national authorities close to Bryan tonight made an authorized statement that Chairman Jones, of the national democratic committee, will not succeed himself. It was stated also on competent authority that either ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri; E. M. House, of Austin, Texas; ex-Representative John Ohio or Elliott Danforth will be selected as his successor.

A YOUNG NEGRO HANGED

Richmond, March 23.—The first negro ever hanged in Virginia for rape on one of his own race was Reuben Grigg, 17 years old. He was executed at Cumberland court house today for assault on a colored girl seven years old. The sheriff had to call five men to his assistance and a violent struggle took place before the rope could be adjusted and the boy placed over the trap. His neck was broken at the fall.

A LYNCHING IN TENNESSEE.

Brownsville, Tenn., March 23.—Louis Rice, a negro, was lynched at Ripley this morning for having testified in court in favor of another negro charged with killing a white man four years ago in a crap game.

DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENT.

There was a joint discussion of the proposed constitutional amendment at the school house at Grace last night, Captain T. W. Patton speaking in opposition to the amendment and J. H. Coggins speaking in favor of it. There was quite a large attendance and much interest was manifested. The judges after some consultation declined to render a decision.

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THE KILLING OF GOEBEL

Trial of Men Accused as Accessories Begun in Frankfurt.

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Eight of the Prosecution's Witnesses Examined.

Secretary of State Powers the First Man Placed on Trial.

EFFORTS TO SHOW THAT SHOTS CAME FROM POWERS' OFFICE—SOME SENSATIONAL STORIES COME TO NAUGHT.

Frankfurt, March 23.—The trial of Secretary of State Powers, W. H. Cullton and John Davis, charged as accessories to the crime of the murder of William E. Goebel, began today. The general public were excluded by order of Judge Moore, only attorneys, relatives of the accused, witnesses and officers of the court being admitted. The Lexington and Winchester companies, armed with Winchester rifles, were scattered through the various rooms.

The examination of eight witnesses consumed the entire day. The commonwealth selected Powers, of the three persons under arrest, to be tried first. The court house was filled with the deputies and soldiers, and deputies were stationed in the adjoining houses, heavily armed, ready to quell any demonstration on the part of the prisoners' friends. The trial proceeded without any unusual incident. County Attorney Palsgrove and two other lawyers conducted the prosecution while several lawyers, headed by ex-Governor Brown, appeared for the defense.

Each side summoned a large number of witnesses. Among the witnesses summoned by the defense is Undertaker Menninger, who prepared Goebel's body for burial. He failed to answer and an attachment was asked for him.

Despite objection by the prosecution, Judge Moore sustained the motion by the defense that the commonwealth present the names of all its witnesses. Wharton Golden is the most important witness in the case and on his testimony the prosecution mainly relies to obtain conviction.

Eph Lillard, warden of the Frankfurt penitentiary, was the first witness. He was with Goebel when the latter was shot. He was just entering the state house when the shot was fired. He looked toward the executive building and saw the second window in a corner room slightly raised. This was the office of the secretary of state. He thought the shot had been fired from this room. The first shot was evidently fired from a rifle, while the others seemed to be from pistols.

Policeman Wingate said he saw armed men at the entrance to the executive building and recognized John Davis and Berry Howard among them. Detective Armstrong, of Louisville, said that after the authorities allowed detectives to enter the executive building, several days after the shooting, he visited various offices for the purpose of securing names of persons in the building at the time of the

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