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LOOKS LIKE WAR.

With Governors in Kentucky Under Military Protection. Beckham's Friends Organize a Company and Guard Against Threatened Arrest of Democratic Officials. Taylor States Why He Pardoned Those Charged With Assassination of Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., March 11.—The Democrats and the Republicans in Kentucky today, for the first time since the recent political complications assumed definite form, divided into two armed and organized factions. Surrounding the capitol and the State executive building and camped in the grounds around Gov. Taylor's home are nearly 200 State militia, well provided with ammunition, while in the corridors of the Capital Hotel, in which the Democratic state executive offices are located, and in the streets adjacent to that building, are sixty special officers, and the men and boys of a militia company that was organized in Frankfort today as the nucleus of Gov. Beckham's state guard, besides scores or more of heavily armed citizens, partisans of the Democratic claimant.

Only two days more remain for the legislature to remain in session, but the developments of those two days are looked forward to with apprehension by leaders of both sides.

The first move on the part of Gov. Beckham's followers toward the formation of a state guard under his administration was taken here today. City Clerk Ben Marshall circulated a paper and enlisted the requisite number of men who are to compose a new company. The guns for this company have been provided by citizens here, most of them being either needle guns or Winchester.

This afternoon a report gained currency that Taylor had given his soldiers orders to arrest Gov. Beckham and other officers of the Democratic state government. On account of this report, the men enlisted by Capt. Marshall were assembled at the city hall, armed and sworn in as special police for the purpose of protecting the Democratic officers, who are still quartered at the Capital Hotel. A large number of citizens also volunteered, and were assigned to various posts in the vicinity of the hotel to offer a resistance in case the talk of arrests were attempted.

Gov. Taylor's soldiers, who are on guard at the state house, were reinforced today by the arrival of the Barboursville company of seventy-one men, all of whom are fully armed and equipped. More troops are looked for tonight. The Pineville and London companies are expected some time during the night or tomorrow.

Gov. Beckham has appointed Col. David R. Murray, of Clover Point, assistant adjutant general with the rank of colonel, and he was sworn in. The official announcement was made that this appointment is only temporary. This was regarded as significant, it being understood that Col. Murray accepted the appointment on account of the gravity of the present situation and with the understanding that he could resign when the conditions in the state become more quiet.

Harlan Whitaker and W. H. Conlton, charged with complicity in the assassination of Goebel, have been removed to Louisville. It is understood they will be kept in the Louisville jail till April term of the circuit court, when they will be returned here for trial.

Looks Ugly for the Prisoners.
Lexington, Ky., March 11.—The adopting of such disguise as was used by Davis and Powers in order to get out of Frankfort puts an ugly phase on the matter for the prisoners, in the opinion of some of their friends here, although they explain that they only did so merely to get away from the local Goebel influences, which they allege would work to their detriment in securing a fair trial.

Gen. Castleman came here tonight, but he says he has issued no orders and will issue none. He says he will do all in his power to preserve peace.

Brothers of Goebel Caused Arrests.
Frankfort, Ky., March 11.—The reward of \$1,500 for the arrest of Powers and Davis was offered by Justus Goebel and Arthur Goebel, brothers of the late William Goebel. Justus Goebel is here, and had the offer of the reward telephoned to the Lexington officers as soon as it was learned that the state officers had escaped in soldiers' uniforms on the train. It is claimed by some that the Goebel brothers will be reimbursed by

the state commissioners having charge of the \$100,000 fund, but they acted on their own account. Arthur Goebel is in Cincinnati. The brothers were in communication during the night by wire and telephone, and both kept the wires hot to Lexington.

INTERVIEW WITH TAYLOR.

States Why He Issued Pardons to Goebel Suspects.

Louisville, Ky., March 11.—Taylor tonight made a long statement of why he granted pardons to all of the persons charged with the assassination of Goebel. He pretends that a conspiracy exists to fasten the crime on all or some of the Republican state officials. He claims the state courts are so partisan that it is practically impossible for any besides Democrats to obtain a fair trial. He says they are courts of conviction instead of courts of trial.

Taylor says: "Under this state of affairs, believing that each one of said persons is innocent of any complicity in said crime, and further believing that the enormous reward will secure the conviction of these men, however innocent, I deemed it my solemn duty to issue pardons to them in order that those political conspirators might not be enabled to deprive them of their liberty or their life. The guilty men should be punished, but designing men controlling the courts should not be enabled to shed the blood of innocent men, and if it is in my power to prevent it I pledge myself in the name of God and humanity that it shall not be done."

Powers and Davis Sent to Louisville.

Lexington, March 12.—At 2 o'clock this morning Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Capt. John Davis, who were arrested here Saturday night, charged with being accessories to the murder of William Goebel, were taken from the Lexington jail, handcuffed together, and placed on board the 6 o'clock Louisville & Southern train and taken to Louisville for safe keeping. The local officers feared an attempt would be made to rescue the prisoners, hence the secret moving.

Immediate Trial Demanded.

Louisville, March 12.—Secretary of State Powers and Capt. John Davis, who were removed from Lexington jail last night, reached here today under heavy guard. Sheriff Bosworth says he shipped the prisoners out of Lexington to prevent their being rescued by the mountain soldiers. Powers and Davis demand an immediate trial. The story that Taylor will prevent the legislature from meeting is denied.

FALLING CREEK ITEMS.

March 12, 1900.

Mr. S. G. Kennedy visited near Coahoma Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parrott, of Lousin Swamp, visited at Mr. W. E. Askew's Sunday.

Mr. H. C. Brewer and family, of Kinston, spent Sunday at his father's, Mr. Mumford Brewer.

Mess. Needham and Machard Herring, of near LaGrange, visited at Mr. J. H. Darden's Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Hadley and little daughter, Muriel, returned from visiting near LaGrange Sunday.

A Sunday school has been organized at Trinity and we hope all will come out and help in the good cause.

Misses Bessie Temple, Clara Thornton and Jennie Rayner, of Kinston, visited Miss Bessie Parrott Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Adolph Gray and sister, Miss Daisy, of Institute, and Mr. J. E. May and sister, Miss Mena, of Breton, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Dempsey Wood's.

BLOEMFONTEIN TOTTERING.

British Occupy Two Hills Commanding That Place.

London, March 13.—Lord Roberts telegraphs that Gen. French occupied two hills commanding Bloemfontein, the remainder of Lord Roberts' forces quickly following.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. MEAKLE, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by J. E. Hood.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Caldwell county Democratic convention enthusiastically endorsed Aycock for governor.

The Boston base ball team will have its spring training at Greensboro, the men arriving about the 28th of this month.

The Hughes' building at Newbern caught fire in the attic Sunday. It was extinguished, but water damaged the stocks of goods in the stores underneath, including Bradham's drug store.

Last Thursday Joe W. Carson got caught in a belt at the Nansmond Truck and Package Co.'s factory at Bethel, and was so badly injured that he died Friday. His arms and legs were badly broken and he was otherwise injured. One arm was amputated, but medical aid could do little for him and he died Friday.

In the Burke criminal court two fines, each of \$2,500, have been imposed upon the Southern railway for issuing free passes, three years ago, from Raleigh to Morganton and Morganton to Washington. The railway claimed that the latter was interstate and beyond the court's jurisdiction. An appeal is taken.

There was a novel incident at the Confederate Soldiers' Home at Raleigh Sunday afternoon. W. N. Clanton, from Mecklenburg, was shot at Gettysburg, the bullet striking a testament and stopping at St. Luke, xviii:33. Clanton presented the testament to the chaplain, who immediately preached a sermon from that verse.

James H. Young, of Raleigh, one of the best-known negroes in the State and always a Republican politician, says the negroes want the white voters to settle the franchise amendment; that the negroes do not care about registering or voting, and that he does not believe there will be any negro delegates to the State convention or to other conventions.

King's (Greenville) Weekly: A gentleman from Belvoir told of a big mad dog scare in that section last week. John Randolph at the Bensboro place had to kill a fine bull, it being bitten by a mad dog. His hogs were also bitten and so many went mad that he had to kill all but one. We also heard that Mr. Rives had to kill a very fine cow last Thursday, because a mad dog had bitten her. Dogs stand very little show in that section now, and a great many have been made to bite the dust.

LAGRANGE ITEMS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.

LAGRANGE, March 12, 1900.

Mr. K. E. Sutton will leave today for Baltimore to wait on his trade in the city.

Sheriff B. W. Edwards, of Greene county, took the 10:32 train here this morning for Goldsboro.

Mrs. Geo. V. Richardson, of Dover, who had been visiting at Mr. S. I. Sutton's, returned home this afternoon.

Work was begun this morning on the new waiting room to be erected for the colored patrons of the A. & N. C. R. R.

Presiding Elder W. S. Rone, returning from the quarterly meeting at Trinity, took the train here today for Goldsboro.

Prof. Burner and family, who are to give free shows at the city hall during this week, arrived this morning and are stopping at Pitt's Hotel.

Mr. Richard Wooten, who is now selling manufactured tobacco, is here. He fell on the curbing Friday and hurt his hip, but he is able to walk with the assistance of a cane.

Class B of the Christian Sunday school will give an entertainment at LaGrange High School Friday night, March 16th, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the church. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boechie's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

APPEAL TO POWERS.

Kruger Asks Intervention in South Africa in the Interests of Peace.

A Refusal From Germany.

The Hague, March 12.—It is learned from a reliable source that President Kruger, through the consuls at Pretoria, has appealed for the intervention of the great powers in the Transvaal war, and has also appealed to the governments of Belgium, Holland and Switzerland.

Germany Refuses to Interfere.

Durban, March 12.—The Transvaal having appealed to Germany for mediation or intervention in the war with Great Britain, Germany has replied that she declines to interfere, as she is in no way concerned in the conflict.

Memorial to Salisbury.

London, March 12.—Leonard B. Courtney, M. P., and others, in behalf of the South African conciliation committee, will memorialize Lord Salisbury to make peace, now that the British arms are triumphant, on the basis of equal rights to all whites and disarmament, leaving the two republics' national life within their own borders.

OUR GOOD OFFICES.

They Are Probably Being Used in the Interest of Peace.

Washington, March 12.—There is reason to believe that the United States government is using its good offices to restore peace between Great Britain and the South African republics. This has not taken the shape of a proffer of mediation. That would be distinctly repugnant to Great Britain, and according to the rule of international law, which has, without exception, governed the state department in the past, could not be volunteered by us until it was known to be acceptable to both parties to the war.

But the United States might very properly serve as an intermediary to transmit an appeal for peace and the terms upon which peace can be secured. The United States has successfully served in this capacity in the past, notably in the termination of the Chinese-Japanese war, and it is believed its good offices in this line are now being extended. If this belief is well founded, then Adelbert Hay, United States consul at Pretoria, has been the instrument for transmitting to the British government, through the double intervention of the department of State, and Ambassador Choate an application from President Kruger and Steyn to be informed as to the terms upon which the war can be ended. The facts in the case will be fully developed in a day or two.

NEWBERN'S BIG FAIR.

Unusual Attractions Are Secured.

Streets of Cairo. Fine Parades.

Newbern Journal.

The Fair association has perfected arrangements for some exceptionally fine attractions for the coming fair. Among the number may be mentioned "The Streets of Cairo," a true reproduction of life in the Orient, showing how the people live and amuse themselves in their native country. Realistic scenes represented by native Oriental performers, male and female, all garbed and costumed as they would be in their own land, giving the bride's marriage, the wedding procession, the Oriental tournament and wedding festivities, such as the priests on high, sheik's proclamation, Arabian gun spinners, acrobatic exercises by a native troupe forming the famous Egyptian pyramids, sword fighters, howling and whistling dervishes, cymbal and Tom-Tom players.

THE TURKISH THEATRE.

Here a program will be rendered replete with Oriental novelties, magicians, mauls, songs in the native tongue, dancing girls and their whirlers.

THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS.

All the best in the illusion line will be here represented. The flying lady, Pharaoh's daughter turned to stone, the living half lady, etc.

The wild and tamed animal exhibit, showing dancing bears, tame wolves, performing lions, etc.

The military parade and competitive drill on Wednesday of fair week promises to be an exceptionally attractive feature. A cash prize of \$50 in gold is offered by the association for the best uniformed and drilled company belonging to the North Carolina State guard. Several companies have already signified their intention of entering the contest, among the number being the divisions of Naval Reserves at Elizabeth City, Windsor and Newbern; the Washington light infantry and Goldsboro rifles.

The handsome silk flag, offered by the Fair association last year was won by the Elizabeth City division of Naval Reserves.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The steamer Counte collided with another steamer off Sable Island, and the captain and 21 men were drowned.

Fifteen persons, mostly children, were burned to death in an Italian tenement house in Newark, N. J., Monday morning. An Italian named Vito Credava has been arrested on suspicion of having set the building on fire.

Boston firemen fought six hours to subdue a fire in the Mass. Maccaroni building Sunday, which caused a loss of between \$75,000 and \$150,000. One fireman was killed, another fatally hurt and three others injured.

Near Sioux City, Iowa, Sunday Christ Bauer was killed by Ernest Myers, his brother-in-law. Both are farmers. Bauer met death in defending his mother, with whom Myers had picked a quarrel. Myers had been drinking.

Residents along the Little Vermillion river, in LaSalle, Ill., were driven from their homes Sunday by the high water and an ice gorge which threatened the destruction of their homes. The police rescued them in boats. Many had narrow escapes.

Jacob Upshur Payne died at New Orleans Sunday, aged 61 years. For a quarter of a century Mr. Payne was the largest cotton dealer in the world, and for half a century he was one of the foremost citizens of New Orleans. A bosom friend of Jefferson Davis, it was at Mr. Payne's residence in New Orleans that the ex-president of the Confederacy was taken ill and died.

Word was received at Valdosta, Ga., Sunday night of a double murder and lynching near Jennings, Fla., close to the Georgia line. It appears that two white men of the name of Carver were killed by a negro, whose name could not be learned. The negro was captured by the sheriff. A mob quickly gathered, took the murderer away from the officers and swung him up to a neighboring tree.

The suburban residents of Norfolk, Va., are terrorized by crime and go readily to shoot. Many armed negroes have been arrested. An epidemic of assault, burglary and highway robbery leads to talk of a vigilance committee. Women there live in a state of dread. A highwayman was shot Saturday night and one captured by his intended victim. Several highwaymen had been previously shot.

During last week Mexican troops and Yaku Indians fought four engagements, in which about 200 Indians were killed. The Mexicans suffered very little loss of life, but about 25 were wounded. The fact that the Maya Indians have also taken the warpath and are harassing the troops a great deal, gives rise to grave surmises as to how long it will take to bring the uprising to a termination.

Dockery's Witness Arrested.

Michael F. Dawling, the principal witness in favor of Dockery in his contest for Bellamy's seat in congress, was arrested in Washington City Friday night. The police caught Dawling and an accomplice robbing a drunken drummer.

Republicans Draw the Color Line.

Wilmington Dispatch. The Republicans of Georgia are drawing the color line right along. Of four delegates elected by the state convention to the national convention three are negroes.



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