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## THE GOEBEL MURDER.

### THE SITUATION IN KENTUCKY LOOKING SERIOUS.

**Military Power Again in Complete Control of the Executive Building and Refuse to Allow Civil Officers to Enter in Order to Arrest Two Officials Charged With Being Accessories to the Goebel Assassination—A Decision Against Taylor—The Fleeing Officials Captured by Police in Lexington.**

Frankfort, Ky., March 10.—The situation has reached a point of excitement to-day almost approaching that of the stirring times immediately following the assassination of Goebel. The reinstatement of the military power in complete control of the State Executive building and the refusal of the military authorities to allow the local police and civil officers to enter the building for the purpose of arresting Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Captain John W. Davis, charged with being accessories to the Goebel assassination, and the probability of a conflict between the civil and military authorities has made the situation look serious. This morning City Marshal Richardson applied at the executive building and demanded to be admitted for the purpose of arresting Powers and Davis, but was turned back and the warrants were then turned over to Sheriff Suter. The latter also presented himself at the executive building and demanded admittance. He was referred by the officer in charge to Colonel Morrow, and the latter being found, said: "I am sorry, Mr. Sheriff, but it is against Governor Taylor's orders to let any one into the building to-day."

Sheriff Suter then held a consultation with County Attorney Polsgrove, Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin and other officials. Meantime the police force had been doubled and a detail guarded each of the entrances to the State house grounds to prevent the men wanted from escaping. At the conference between the officials it was decided that the sheriff should summon a large reserve force of deputies, to be called into use in the event it was decided to attempt to enter the building by force to make the arrests, and in pursuance of this, the sheriff swore in fifty men, who were stationed in the neighborhood of the sheriff's office during the afternoon.

Sheriff Suter made another attempt to get an audience with Governor Taylor this afternoon, but was unsuccessful. The streets were fairly blocked with people in the vicinity of the State House, but there was no open demonstration, though it was evident that the populace was on the side of the civil authorities. At 3 o'clock Sheriff Suter, having failed to get any sort of understanding with the military authorities as to the arrest of the parties, submitted the question to Democratic

Governor Beckham to decide to what extent the civil officers should go to gain admittance to the building for the purpose of making the arrests.

Secretary of State Powers and Captain Davis were slipped aboard a Chesapeake and Ohio train at 8 o'clock and speeded toward Lexington. A squad of soldiers, coming from the Governor's mansion at double-quick, caught the train just before it pulled out. With them were Powers and Davis, dressed in soldiers' uniforms, and before the guard of deputy sheriffs became aware of what was going on the train left.

Lexington, Ky., March 10.—A telegram to Colonel Williams, commanding the Second Kentucky Regiment of the State Guards, came this afternoon in reference to moving the local troops under Governor Taylor's orders. Colonel Williams only an hour before had left for Connellyville, Ind., and Captain C. W. Longmire, who is in charge of three companies and the arms in the local armory, under orders of the Beckham administration, took fifteen men to the armory and proposed to hold the arms against any orders from the Taylor administration.

Captain Longmire is now in charge and says he will resist any attempt at moving the arms under Taylor's orders. No clash is expected here, because most of the local militia are Beckham's sympathizers. The Taylor officials at Frankfort were notified at once of Colonel Williams' absence.

Lexington, Ky., March 10.—Almost without warning the storm center of excitement in the present gubernatorial struggle shifted to Lexington to-night, and until a late hour the town was in an uproar. The 8:40 Chesapeake and Ohio train from Frankfort brought with it in one car to themselves Secretary of State Caleb Powers, Captain John Davis, Capitol Square policeman, and Lieutenant F. R. Peake, of Covington. Intelligence had preceded them that they were on their way to Lexington, and were trying to make their escape. When the train pulled into the depot the entire police force of this city, under Chief John McD. Rose and Sheriff Henry Bosworth, with a large force of deputies, boarded the train. On entering the coach, the officers found it contained about twenty-five soldiers with Powers and Davis, the soldiers being under command, apparently, of Lieutenant Peake. Lieutenant Peake sprang to his feet at once and commanded the soldiers to clear the car. In an instant twenty revolvers were drawn by the officers, and they were all leveled at Peake, who gamely tried to pull his own revolver, but, as he drew it from the scabbard, a policeman smashed him across the hand with his club and then prevented what would have undoubtedly resulted in a tragedy.

The sheriff commanded the conductor to cut off the car. The conductor remonstrated, stating that the train carried United States mail, and the demand was then not pressed.

A local attorney recognized Powers and also pointed out Davis. They were seized and hurried to jail. As the procession swept toward the jail some people started the report that there was to be a lynching, and soon the streets were packed with people, an enormous crowd gathering about the jail. Davis, Powers and Peake were hurried to the upper cells, but Peake was later released on bond on a common warrant on the charge of resisting arrest.

The Associated Press correspondent saw Lieutenant Peake in company with his attorney. But he refused absolutely to

say a word. The correspondent sought interviews with Powers and Davis, but the officers refused to permit anyone to see them at that time.

Davis and Powers were both disguised. Both wore the regular soldier uniforms complete, even as to the leggings. Davis had shaved off his moustache and goatee.

### SIGNS OF PEACE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

**President Kruger is Quoted as Saying that the End of the War Would Come Within the Next Month.**

London, March 9.—From various quarters come signs of the possibility of peace in South Africa being shortly within the bounds of practical politics. All the dispatches from Lord Roberts' headquarters, including those of the commander-in-chief himself, indicate that lack of a guiding spirit among the Boers and individual demoralization portending disintegration unless speedily stemmed.

The flight of the burghers from Poplar Grove, according to all accounts, was wholly inglorious. A Times dispatch from Poplar Grove, under yesterday's date, goes so far as to assert that the rout of the Boers was so complete that the submission of the Free Staters being demanded by the burghers by their unwilling President, and it is expected that its submission will be made within a week.

The correspondent adds: "Probably the Boers' wisest course was flight, but it was most undignified, and is certain to produce consternation at Bloemfontein. There is a growing outcry against any further identification of the Free State with the Transvaal's interests."

Dispatches from the Boer camp at Glencoe, via Lorenzo Marques, depict President Kruger as donning a bandolier, seizing a rifle and inviting volunteers to accompany him, as he wished to have a shot at the enemy himself.

President Kruger is also quoted as having declared in his address to the troops that he "did not know whether arbitration or intervention would end the struggle, but that it would end quickly, within the next month, he strongly believed."

Meanwhile the British are not staying their advance. Lord Roberts has moved ten miles nearer Bloemfontein, evidently with the view of seizing and utilizing the railroad, possibly to reach the Free State capital in three or four days, whence he may begin repairing the railroad southward, meeting the British advance from Cape Colony, which may be expected to be hastened as soon as General White takes control. The British occupied Jamestown unopposed Thursday, March 8th, and the Boers are reported to be retreating beyond Allwal North, so that Cape Colony is practically clear of armed Boers.

Reinforcements from Natal are going to Lord Roberts. General Warren's division and artillery have already been ordered to join the commander-in-chief so that the latter is preparing for all eventualities, including possible desperate opposition to his crossing the Vaal river and the necessity of the siege of Pretoria, where thousands of natives are reported to be employed in the construction of defensive works, concerning which such secrecy is maintained that no one is allowed to walk or drive on the outskirts of the town.

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