

BRITISH ENTER THE FREE STATE

Lord Roberts, with 50,000 to 70,000 Men, Makes an Advance Against Gen. Cronje's Position.

Captures Five Laagers—Gains Large Tactical Advantages—Movement was Brilliant—Can Overwhelm Cronje's Smaller Army—Boer Intentions Unknown—Cut Off from the Road to Bloemfontein—Success of British Transport—Situation at Kimberley—Affairs Around Ladysmith—Conditions at Mafeking—Boer Women in the Trenches—British Losses to Feb. 14, 10,515—Liberals in England Condemn the War as a Crime and Blunder.

[Early Dispatches.] London, Feb. 14.—The total British mortality returns up tonight are: Officers: Killed, 152, wounded, 380; men: Killed, 1,477, wounded, 5,650; missing, 1,731; other fatalities reported, 112. Grand total, 10,515. This does not include the list of deaths from disease in the garrisons of Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking, where people are reported to be dying at an appalling rate.

IN THE FREE STATE. 11:40 p. m.—The war office has issued the following message from Lord Roberts received this evening: "The Drift, Feb. 14, 8:10 a. m.—The French left this point at 11:30 yesterday morning with three brigades of cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, including several colonial companies, in order to seize a crossing of the Modder about 25 miles away. He reports by dispatches dated 5:35 a. m. that he had forced a passage at the Drift and has occupied the hills north of the river, capturing three of the Boer laagers with supplies, including Gen. Gordon of the fifteenth Hussars, with his brigade, who had made a feat at Rondoval Drift, four miles west, has seized it and another day between it and the Drift, together with two more laagers.

Gen. French's performance is brilliant, considering the excessive heat and blinding dust storms which regarded the latter part of the day. The Boer army is reported to be in a very bad position, his losses being small. The only officer reported severely wounded is the only officer reported severely wounded. The only officer reported severely wounded is the only officer reported severely wounded.

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ROBERTS' BIG ARMY. Feb. 11, 4:30 a. m.—The British army, for the first time since the war began, totals the Boer frontier. Lord Roberts has at least 40,000 infantry, 7,000 cavalry and 150 guns, has turned the Tugela line, and has captured three of the Boer laagers. He has been encamped for two weeks, and with half of his corps is already operating on Free State territory. A battle has not yet been fought, but large tactical advantages are being gained. The relief of Kimberley will be within measurable reach, and the way to Bloemfontein is appreciably open.

Lord Roberts' dispatches, wired from the Free State, and on the 13th, 10:30 a. m., and on the 14th, 10:30 a. m., show that he has not been opposed by the Boers in force. His patrols melted away as the British moved forward. The Boer army is likely to be felt in a few days, and a battle is consequent.

As to what forces Gen. Cronje has at his disposal, and as to where they are making a stand against the British, no one here connected with the war office knows anything. The data for conjectures are wholly wanting.

The forces immediately at the disposal of Lord Roberts are placed at the Free State. These figures are revealed by the reports of the British to the dispatches as having been sent to the division known to be with Lord Roberts. Quite possibly Lord Roberts has 10,000 or 20,000 men. The above dispatches of Lord Roberts sketch Lord Roberts' three days' march. The forward movement began on Monday, when Col. Hannay set out with a brigade of mounted infantry from the Free State. The British moved on Monday, Gen. French, with the cavalry division, seized the crossing of the Riet river at Deklis drift, south of the Free State, and eighteen miles east of the Free State. He skirmished with the Boers and cleared the way for 20,000 infantry, who followed across.

On Tuesday, with his three cavalry brigades and the horse artillery, Gen. French rode to the Modder river, a distance of twenty-five miles, and took his forces with him around beyond the river, and five Boer camps. He had few casualties in brushes with the Boers. Gen. French has now fixed his headquarters at Bloemfontein, and the British infantry, with twenty-two guns, are being pushed up to support him.

GOOD NEWS FOR BRITAIN. Speaker Wilkinson, in the Morning Post today, says: "There is good news today, for a new campaign has begun. The movements of Lord Roberts are a practical illustration of the principle of concentration in action. The unexpected presence of the sixth division makes Lord Roberts stronger by 10,000 men. He has ordered Gen. MacDonnell's division to Koodoosberg in order to draw the Boer's attention westward away from the contemplated crossing of the Free State. The Boer army is barred from the route to Bloemfontein, and even if it were to dash off it would be exposed to a flank attack during the night.

Gen. Cronje, on learning of Lord Roberts' dispositions on Tuesday, and that he must have had an interest in what he had to do, he had to consider whether to hold on to his position at Mafeking, at Magersfontein or northward to Kimberley, or to raise the siege of Mafeking, and if so, in what direction. The Boer army is barred from the route to Bloemfontein, and even if it were to dash off it would be exposed to a flank attack during the night.

must wait patiently for the result of these operations, remembering that the distance to be covered is considerable, and the heat great. Possibly enough, there may be no general action until Friday.

RENSBERG IS INSIGNIFICANT.

It is now realized that the incidents at Rensberg have been seen out of all proportion. Merely skeleton lines were maintained there, while troops were being secretly and rapidly concentrated on the Modder river. The facility with which 30,000 men have already been sent beyond the rail terminus shows that Lord Kitchener has been fully successful in organizing transport. He is now supposed to be down the line, sending forward more troops and getting together more transport. About five miles of ox and mule wagon trains are estimated for each division, so that Lord Roberts, who is reputed to have more skill than a circus manager in handling field transport, has immense labors in hand.

The London morning papers take rather sober views of the situation, but are generally pleased and hopeful of what is to come. They have been fed, however, on such a low diet of British successes that they are disposed to cautions and given to measuring developments with considerable reserve. They fully realize that serious fighting is yet to come. Lord Roberts' announcements make the minor operations in other parts of the field shrink.

AFFAIRS AT LADYSMITH.

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NEWS FROM TRANSVAAL.

The Times publishes the following from its correspondent at Lorenzo Marques: "Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior of the United States, has emphatically repudiated an alleged interview with him published by the Standard and Diglers' News, attributing to him the statement that, in his opinion, the Boers would never be conquered. "It is asserted that since the beginning of the war 6,000 new burghers have been enrolled in the Transvaal. A refugee asserts that on February 6th 1,200 men, including the Irish brigade, were sent from Ladysmith to assist in a contemplated night assault on Kimberley, and that the Irish brigade was expected to lead the onslaught. "Republican officials are circulating reports that the British wish to sue for peace. It is asserted that Chief De-

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As explained by Supt. Houghton, of the Maritime Commission, the port of New York is the immediate object of the proposed law is to prevent the decoying of seamen from ships on arrival. The vessels are boarded by sailors' boarding house runners in quarantine as soon as pratique is given. The seamen are piled with liquor, incapacitating them for service, even in docking the ship. That, however, is only the beginning of the trouble with the runners, shipping masters and others. The seamen are enticed to sailors' boarding houses, where they become practically

GROWING OLD

TO THOSE who have passed the meridian of life the thought of growing old and becoming helpless is not a pleasant one. There is little to fear, however, providing one looks carefully after one's health. With this conserved, age comes on like a kindly winter and life's allotted span is lived out with pleasure.

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subject to the will of their keepers until they are shipped to sea, when the landlubber gets their advance wages. "There are sailors' homes of reputable character like those maintained by the American Seaman's Friend society and the Protestant Episcopal church, whose representatives will not violate the law. The moralizing class, Congress, continually violate all laws. It is believed that the presence on board of a United States official, clothed with the proper authority to act, as provided in the new law, would prevent a series of outrages at the beginning.

Cattlemen to Meet.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—A meeting of the cattlemen of California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Arizona, will be held in this city on March 5th, for the purpose of taking steps to secure the passage of the Forest bill now pending before Congress. This bill provides for the delimitation and leasing of the grazing lands on the public domain to stockmen for terms of ten years, with the right of their use.

COMMEND PETHIGREW.

Anti-Imperialists Laud the South Dakota Senator. Boston, Feb. 15.—The following communication has been sent to Senator Pethigrew of South Dakota, signed by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, William Lloyd Garrison, Ganahel Bradford, Marshall Story, Erving Winslow, Winslow Warren and fourteen other anti-imperialists:

"The undersigned, citizens of Massachusetts, cordially inviting the co-operation of lovers of liberty and their country in other States, desire to express to you their thanks and congratulations for your courage in the cause of free speech in the United States Senate. "For months the government press has groaned under the production of documents aiming to convince our people that their opponents in this war are savages, with no rights which we are bound to respect; that they are entitled for self government and entitled only to such as we may see fit to bestow on them; and that they must bow in abject submission before there can be any negotiations for peace. "Against this you have asked for the printing, as a congressional document, of a certain paper issued by the partner of these opponents, setting forth in temperate and courteous language the history and basis of the war. This paper, if it proves nothing else, shows that he is no savage, but an accomplished and honest statesman, and that, if his people believe it to be true, they are as much justified in accepting him as their guide and leader in resistance to us as were our ancestors in following Washington in the struggle for independence. "For doing so you have been stigmatized by more than one senator on the floor as a traitor, while the presiding officer, who was also a member of the President's Paris commission, looked on without a word of reproach or enforcement of parliamentary rules. "The government has had one sufficient warning of the danger of interfering with the private and freedom of the press. We congratulate you, sir, that it has fallen to your lot to protest before the country against the violation of a right which for more than a century has been one of the most precious to the English-speaking race, and we trust that on all proper occasions and by all proper methods you will insist on the maintenance of this right to the end that, when the people of the United States are shortly called upon by the action of our cherished institutions to exercise their sovereignty, they may have before them full materials for the formation of their judgment."

LIBERALS CONDEMN WAR.

London, Feb. 14.—Supporters of the liberal party to the number of 300 or 400 held a private meeting at the Westminster Palace hotel this afternoon, to protest against the government's war policy. Sir Wilfrid Lawson, M. P.; David Lloyd-George, M. P.; and C. Schreiner, the husband of Mrs. Olive Schreiner, were among those present. The resolutions adopted denounced the war as "a crime and a blunder," committed at the instigation of irresponsible capitalists; demanded the publication of the full correspondence regarding the Jameson raid; protested against the increasing armaments; affirmed the liberals' gratitude to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, John Morley and John Bryce, and decided to open a permanent fund to carry on a vigorous political propaganda for the principles thus enunciated.

STAMP OUT "LAND SHARK"

Sailors to be Protected from the Evil in American Harbors. Law to Prevent Boarding-house Keepers Getting Away with Seamen's Wages.

New York, Feb. 15.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Congress proposes to vest in the secretary of the treasury authority to stamp out the "land shark" evil in American harbors, and to protect sailors from being the prey of those who board incoming vessels in violation of law. The bill for this purpose, which has been favorably reported to the House from the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, is warmly supported by the International Allied Seamen's Aid societies and other organizations, and the chances are excellent for speedy legislation.

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CONCEALED FROM LONDON EYES.

Clever Strategic Movement of Lord Roberts Toward Kimberley.

IT WAS ALL KEPT SECRET.

Supposed to Have Missed Even the Boers, and Caught Them at the Weakest Point.

[Early Dispatches.] New York, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The silence at the front has been broken and whatever occurs anywhere else is of little account. General Roberts and Kitchener, having concentrated a full army corps, with a cavalry brigade and artillery, could be trusted to find better employment for it than that of lining the railway between Orange and Modder rivers. They have done so, and their secret is at last out. Gen. French's cavalry brigade, which has been maneuvering around Coleberg, seized on Monday the crossing of Riet river at Deklis Drift and the sixth and seventh divisions are now encamped on the east bank of the river. The sixth division is Kelly-Kenny's, which has been reported to be co-operating with French and Gatacre for the clearance of the country south of the Orange river. His division is now officially reported on the Riet river with the seventh division Tucker's, which has been believed to be at Modder river. These two divisions with French's cavalry brigade and the new infantry brigade made up from battalions lining the railway from De Aar Junction, and now co-operating with General Methuen's army in a great flanking movement on the Riet below Kimberley. It is a concentration of British forces on a large scale in an unexpected quarter, and the whole movement has been cleverly concealed that no military writer in London has been able to forecast the precise direction of Lord Roberts' advance.

What is more important, the Dutch themselves have apparently been misled for they have weakened their forces in a quarter where the attack will be made and strengthened them where the British will remain on the defensive. The general flanking movement has been supported by a movement of mounted infantry from the Orange river railway crossing to Ramah. This was a strong column, described as a mounted infantry brigade, and Col. Hannay, who commanded it, had an engagement with the Boers on the hills and finally pushed his force through to its destination Tuesday, with comparatively slight losses, the casualty list amounting to 35. This entire movement, with its concentration of nearly all the British battalions outside Natal, and slender columns left under Gatacre and Clements, has been brought about by scientific strategy under a rigorous operation of the censorship, the utility of which has been demonstrated at last. An army corps and strong auxiliary forces have been massed where the enemy are the weakest, and the previous balance of forces in the military problem has been suddenly upset. This column on the Riet has a promise of potency for the relief of Kimberley and a subsequent advance upon Bloemfontein, and is so great a diversion of military resources that Ladysmith may yet be rescued.

At midnight a report from Lord Roberts described a brilliant cavalry raid by General French with three brigades of cavalry and a strong force of horse artillery, in which three Boer laagers were captured and a supporting movement, conducted by General Gordon, by which two laagers were taken. These dashing movements, which recall the best work of cavalry raids in the American civil war, are proofs that the British campaign has entered upon an entirely new phase. The relief of Kimberley will evidently be the first work of Lord Roberts, and a march upon Bloemfontein is the sequel to it.

PETITION TO UTAH.

This State and Others Asked to Protect Antelope. New York, Feb. 14.—The officers of the League of American Sportsmen met in this city today. There were twenty-two members present, and ten States were represented. President George O. Shields of this city presided. A resolution was adopted petitioning the legislatures of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Utah to pass a law prohibiting for ten years the killing of the prong-horned antelope. The resolutions set forth that the slaughter of these animals will soon exterminate them, and extol the beauty of the antelope and the need of a stringent law to prevent further killing. Copies of the resolution will be sent to all the States mentioned.

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Boer Relief Funds. New York, Feb. 15.—From Dr. Moller, in Europe, Secretary Van Riecken, of the Boer relief committee, has received a letter saying that the Netherlands Red Cross committee has all the money it needs at present, all ambulances needed having been provided and furnished through the Capetown committee. The committee, therefore, has topped receiving money for this purpose.

Lost With All on Board.

New York, Feb. 15.—The coal barge Blossom and Alice Tryon, foundered off Port Chester, N. Y., Tuesday morning, with six persons, all of whom were probably lost. On the Tryon were the captain, his wife and two children. Their names are not known. On the Blossom were the captain's brother, Charles H. Lacey and Aaron Wisner, a deckhand.

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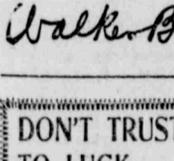
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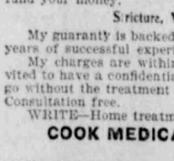
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