

FIFTIETH YEAR. SAYS HE DID IT WITH 300 MEN.

Gen. Delarey Tells How He Held Back the British Army of 40,000 from 9 a. m. Till Sunset on Saturday.

Says the Burghers Fought Like Heroes, and the British Loss Was Heavy—Does Not Know His Own Loss—Armies Were Less than Fifty Yards Apart at Sundown—Orange Free Capital to be Removed from Bloemfontein to Kroonstadt—Awaiting News from Gen. Roberts—Sharp Fighting Believed to Have Occurred—Mateking in Sore Straits—Colonial Insurgents Collapsing—Cronje for St. Helena—Cecil Rhodes III—Comments on the American Offer—Washington Statement of Salisbury's Reply.

Pratoria, Tuesday, March 13.—Commander Delarey's report of the fight at Abraham's Kraal Saturday says: "The British were estimated to number 40,000 men. Their first assault was repulsed. Only two Boers were wounded. The second assault was made on the hills to the left of our position. These hills were of great strategic importance. Appreciating this, I and 300 men defended the position from 9 in the morning until sundown. The burghers fought like heroes and three times repulsed masses of the British, who kept relieving their tired men. Every attempt to storm was defeated. At sundown there were not fifty yards between us. The British lost heavily. No accurate returns of our losses available."

A dispatch from Bloemfontein says: "In view of the military situation the seat of government may be removed to Kroonstadt."

LOOKING FOR NEWS FROM ROBERTS.

London, March 14, 2 p. m.—A few hours should bring important dispatches from Lord Roberts. No word has come from Bloemfontein today, although sharp fighting is believed to have occurred since the commander-in-chief was last heard of. London confidently expects the occupation of the Orange Free State capital will occur today, as previously forecasted.

MAEKING ALMOST GONE.

In the meantime, attention turns to Mateking. That hamlet of the plains can scarcely hold out much longer. The news of Col. Plumer's approach has given substance to the rumors of its relief, but those best informed are inclined to think the relief is more likely to become accomplished by Col. Peckham's column from Kimberley.

Private advices have set forth that Col. Plumer had almost given up hope of accomplishing anything more than harassing the Boers, though since these were written, it is stated that the diminished number of the investing force may have rendered Plumer's task more feasible.

COLLAPSE OF COLONIAL INSURGENTS.

Judging from the lack of news everything is quiet in Natal, while from Herold comes the statement that the total collapse of the insurgent colonists is imminent.

Gen. Cronje, according to a Capetown special, calls for St. Helena, March 15th, accompanied by all the Paardeberg prisoners.

Cecil Rhodes is suffering from catarrh of the stomach and is unable to sail for England.

PLEASED IN NATAL.

Natal dispatches recount that the greatest satisfaction is felt there at Lord Salisbury's reply to the Boer president's peace overtures.

A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, published in the second edition of the Times, says:

"The reply, especially the last paragraph, relating to independence, has been received in Natal with a feeling of great relief, and is dispelling all doubts."

A private dispatch from Johannesburg has been received in London, dated Saturday, March 10, contradicting the reports that the mines are flooded.

THAT PUERTO RICAN BILL, No Decision Yet as to What is Best to Do.

Washington, March 14.—The Republican senators spent the early hours today discussing among themselves plans for the continuation of the caucus on the Puerto Rican bill called for this afternoon. While many still felt bound to observe the secrecy imposed in recent days, many of them freely admitted that a deadlock with numerous voices of opinion demanding recognition existed. None would admit, however, that there was any serious doubt of reaching a harmonious solution of the problem.

There is an apparently increased disposition to adopt the House measure presented in the Senate measure to those who favor this course that a large majority of the Republican members can be brought to this view, but it is admitted that the minority is very persistent in its determination to oppose this course in the interest of absolute free trade.

Senator Foraker and other members of the Puerto Rican committee are still holding the Senate bill.

One suggestion which it was believed would be the basis of a compromise is to have the 15 cent duty in the bill and to adopt an amendment providing that it shall only be collected until a

COMMITTEE HAD A TROPICAL TIME

Representative Lentz Told He is Not the Whole Thing.

HULL IS CALLED TIMID.

Stevens Tells Sulzer He Had Better Get a Little Deceit—Sinclair Contradicts a Witness.

Washington, March 14.—The President today nominated F. L. Glass as postmaster at Martinez, Cal.

Irish Scrapping Over the Queen.

Dublin, March 14.—At a meeting of the corporation the lord mayor moved that the queen welcoming her to the capital city of her kingdom in Ireland. His speech was frequently interrupted by the occupants of the public gallery.

Alderman Meade, in the midst of hostile demonstrations from the gallery, seconded the motion.

Mr. Timothy Harrington, M. P., protested against the resolution.

After repeated scenes and uproar during which the lord mayor threatened to clear the gallery, an amendment was moved, to the president's address, but the lord mayor ruled the amendment out of order.

A division on the lord mayor's motion was taken amid much excitement, the occupant of the gallery drawing every one supporting the measure and cheering its opponents. The resolution was carried by a majority of eight.

Meeting of Philippine Commission.

Washington, March 14.—Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission, notified his fellow commissioners that the commission will convene in this city March 27th.

Judge Taft's resignation of his judicial office takes effect tomorrow. It had been supposed that the new commission would be called together immediately thereafter, but it is probable the task of closing up his affairs preparatory to his departure from the United States has made it necessary for Judge Taft to defer the first meeting to the 27th. Meanwhile the old commission is winding up its affairs.

Inquiry as to British Fortifications.

Washington, March 14.—In the House committee on military affairs today, Mr. Sulzer of New York called up his resolution directing the secretary of war to inform the House what fortifications Great Britain is erecting along the northern frontier of the United States, especially at Puget Sound and in the northwest border country. An amendment was made, striking out the reference to Great Britain and making it refer to "any foreign power."

A motion to postpone consideration of the matter for a week prevailed on a party vote of 6 to 4, and the resolution went over without action.

Tau Did Not Do It.

Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—Gabriel Tau, arrested in connection with the Goebel murder, will be released today. The detectives say there is nothing in the charge against him.

Gov. Tanner III.

New Orleans, March 14.—Gov. Tanner of Illinois arrived here today. He was taken at once to a hotel. Mrs. Tanner said his condition was such that he could not leave his room. The party will leave for New York tonight, if the governor is able to travel.

No Hope of Intervention.

Paris, March 14.—The majority of the French papers confine themselves to printing the text of the communications exchanged between Lord Salisbury and President Kruger and Steyn without comment. The Temps, however, in a leading article dealing with the subject, expresses the opinion that Lord Salisbury's reply means "a war of conquest and annexation, but also a war to the death, for in President Kruger's message appears a resolution to resist a touts outrage, which should cause England to reflect."

The Temps concludes: "After the example given by the United States, it would be vain to place any hopes of intervention in the foreign powers."

France Willing to Give Time.

Washington, March 14.—The state department has been advised formally of the willingness of the French government to extend the period allowed for the ratification of the pending French-American reciprocity treaty. In the absence of an agreement on this subject, the treaty would fall on the 24th inst. through the omission of the necessary ratification.

The length of the extension to be granted has not yet been arranged.

Mrs. Stone Dead.

Kalamazoo, Mich., March 14.—Mrs. Lucinda H. Stone, widely known as the mother of women's clubs, and a writer and educator of note, died today at the age of 86. Kalamazoo college, which for many years was under the tutelage of Mrs. Stone and her husband, was the first institution in the West in which women were taught the higher studies.

The Usual Chestnut.

Washington, March 14.—The President has commuted the sentence of William Steele, former cashier of the Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia, from six years six months to eighteen months imprisonment. Steele was convicted in 1898 of aiding and abetting an officer of the bank in appropriating the funds of the institution for his personal use. The sentence was commuted upon the recommendation of the district attorney and the trial judge. It appears from the testimony that Steele was a tool of the officer in question and did not participate in the misappropriation.

Glory to the Irish.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 14.—The government has proclaimed St. Patrick's day as a public holiday as a tribute to the bravery of Irish soldiers in South Africa.

Gallant Soldier Dead.

Cleveland, O., March 14.—Gen. John W. Ellwell, one of the best known citizens of Cleveland and a hero of the Civil war, died late last night. Death was due to old age but probably hastened by injuries received during the Civil war, from which he never fully recovered. His military service extended from 1861 to 1866. For gallant service he was four times brevetted and came out of the service a brevet brigadier general.

U. S. Naval Attaché to London.

Washington, March 14.—Commander Richardson Clover, the newly appointed naval attaché of the United States embassy at the court of St. James, sailed today on the St. Paul, accompanied by his wife and the Misses Dora and Beatrice Clover.

UTAH STATE CAZETTEER.

Splendid Volume of Public Information Issued from the Press Today.

Calculated for Widest Circulation—Contains Data of Great Value to Business Men and Officials.

The Utah State Gazetteer and Business Directory published by R. L. Poole & Company was issued from the press today. A very brief glance over its pages shows that it surpasses any previous effort in the same direction. To business men and public officials it will readily supply a want that has long been lacking and bring within immediate reach information that is often needed but always difficult to obtain. The volume appears to have been prepared with extraordinary care and is neatly bound and printed. It contains 665 pages, every one of which bears the impression of valuable data. As shown by the introductory paragraph:

"The general features of the work consist of a full descriptive and business directory of each city, town, village, postoffice and railroad station in the State, embodying location, population, nearest shipping point, distance and geographical direction from the county seat, location of nearest bank, and other valuable statistics, all of which will be found arranged in alphabetical order. Following this is a list of land owners, arranged by counties. Following the farmers' list will be found the classified business directory. In this section of the work every line of business and profession is arranged in alphabetical order, with the names of all persons engaged in such business or profession following under each heading."

The Gazetteer also contains a complete list of State government officials, including the executive, judiciary, State institutions; the names of the members of the Legislature, together with their district and politics; counties, county seats, county officers, county superintendents of schools and trustees throughout the State; United States officers located in Utah and a vast miscellaneous information all under intelligent classification. As a part of the preface to this very valuable work is an article from the facile pen of Judge E. T. Colborn on "Utah," in which these concluding paragraphs occur:

"It is an empire within itself. This fact will be easily realized by a study of the endless varieties of products it annually yields. Although but half a century has been devoted to its development, the extraordinary scope of its possibilities in mining, agriculture, ranch and range production, and internal commerce, already established, far beyond question, is that the State is destined to be one of the greatest commonwealths in the West, and that even now much of what is imported into the State might easily be produced there should it become necessary."

Almost every variety of climate, which is generally salubrious and agreeable, can be found in Utah. There are valleys for the farmer, the gardener, and the fruit-grower; mountainous slopes and terraces for the sheep-raiser; mountains for the miner; scenery, hunting, fishing and bathing for the pleasure seeker; hot springs and pure air for the invalid; and plenty of opportunity and occupation for men of business and enterprise.

WYOMING APPOINTMENTS.

Payson, Utah, Girl is One of Three Named for Places.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Miss Mabel A. Hayford, Laramie, has been appointed a \$1,000 clerk in the Cheyenne, Wyo., land office.

Miss Mae S. Glone, of Payson, Utah, has been appointed teacher at the Shoshone Indian school, Wyoming.

Dr. Martinez Jesurun has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Douglas, Wyoming.

D. A. & M. MEETING.

A meeting of the directors of the D. A. & M. Society is called by President John R. Winder for Monday, March 19th, at 2 p. m.

ENTERTAINED BY A RIVAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown Receives Such a Reception in New York.

A dispatch from New York this morning announced that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown of this city, who were secretly married at Farmington last August, were given a royal reception in Gotham last evening by a former rival of Mr. Brown. Whether or not this rival is Mr. Ed. Maddox, is not stated, though that is the presumption.

It will be remembered that Mr. Brown left Salt Lake a couple of weeks ago for Washington, D. C., to meet his bride, who was attending the cent of the Visitation, where she was completing her education. From the national capital the young couple went east as far as New York, where it is understood they will only remain a short time. Several large points of interest will be visited before Mr. and Mrs. Brown return to Salt Lake to take up their abode and receive the congratulations of their friends at home.

REPORT OF THE BANKS.

Showing of Institutions in Idaho and Wyoming—Idaho Pension.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Washington, D. C., March 14.—The abstract of the condition of national banks in Idaho at the close of business on Feb. 12th, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve to have been \$1.20 per cent.

against 27.75 per cent on December 2nd. Loans and discounts increased from \$1,190,529 to \$1,381,584; gold coin decreased from \$270,550 to \$234,730; lawful money reserve from \$499,969 to \$584,892; individual deposits from \$3,712,967 to \$3,471,952.

The banks of Wyoming show the average reserve to have been 27.00, against 21.25 per cent. Loans increased from \$2,654,635 to \$2,338,573; gold coin decreased from \$129,582 to \$12,144; lawful money reserve increased from \$310,563 to \$319,776; individual deposits decreased from \$3,518,005 to \$3,418,724.

A pension has been granted to Joseph L. Houston, of Boise, Idaho, for \$6.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Warrant Out for the Arrest of Wm. Rayford.

Josephine Washington, a colored woman, swore to a complaint before Justice Timmony today, charging William Rayford with assault and battery. Rayford resides on a or a booth back a and in the McCornick building. He had some difficulty with the Washington woman and struck her in the mouth. A warrant was issued for Rayford's arrest.

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MASSONS DEMAND A YOUNG MAN KILLS HIMSELF.

Dale Harris of Benson, Cache County, Ends His Own Life.

HE WAS TIRED OF LIVING.

Wrote a Note to that Effect and Then Shot Himself with a Double-Barrelled Shotgun.

Special per Deseret Telegraph.

Logan, Utah, March 14.—Dale Harris, a young man, seventeen years of age, son of the late Lafayette Harris of Benson ward, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself in the left breast with a charge from a double-barrelled shotgun.

Young Harris was living with his uncle, Jesse Harris, and was left in the house alone while his uncle went to Newton to purchase stock. When the elder Harris returned, he found his nephew lying near the bed, weltering in blood, with the shotgun by his side. He was still alive at that time, and a doctor was summoned from Logan, but arrived too late to render assistance.

The boy left a note, saying he was tired of life and wished to end it.

LORD ROBERTS IN BLOEMFONTEIN.

British Occupied Orange Free State Capital Today—Union Jack on the State Building—Attempt of Boers to Escape at Simonston.

London, March 14, 9 p. m.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has occupied Bloemfontein and that the British flag is flying from the top of the capital.

Capetown, March 14.—Another plot has just been discovered to free the Boer prisoners at Simonston. The remarkable quantities of water melons received by the prisoners aroused comment, and an investigation discovered that compromising letters were contained in the melons, the writers planning the escape of the captives.

Great satisfaction is felt here at the fact that transports with the bulk of the prisoners sail for St. Helena tonight.

WHAT CANADA HAS DONE.

Plan for Extending Irrigation Regarding Irrigable Arid Lands in the West.

Washington, March 14.—"No investigation by the census office has aroused a more active and sympathetic interest than that relating to land reclamation by irrigation," says Hydrographer Newell, in charge of irrigation in both the census office and the geological survey. "The East is quite as much alive to the importance of the subject as the West. Its manufacturers and jobbers see in the growing West a market of great absorbing capacity."

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FATHER KYNASTON DEAD.

Well Known Davis County Citizen Dies of Pneumonia.

Father John Kynaston, a well known citizen of Davis county and a patriarch in the Church, died at his home in East Bountiful today, of pneumonia after an illness of three weeks.

The deceased was born in Ayr, North Devon, England, June 20, 1822, came to the United States in 1856.

GREAT INTEREST IN IRRIGATION.

Hydrographer Newell Says it Excites East and West.

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WANT INCREASE IN WAGES.

Officers of the Fire Department Petition the City Council.

Claim that Salaries of Other Members Have Been Advanced—Referred to Committee.

The officers of the fire department, including Chief Devine and Secretary Earl, petitioned the Council last evening to restore their salaries to the former standard.

In support of their petition reasons were advanced, the first of which states that the present schedule of wages was not adopted as the result of any investigation or recommendation of the fire committee, or the head of the department.

Under the present system, petitioners say, it is a notorious and unparalleled fact that the apprentice receives the same pay as the lieutenant, who has risen from the ranks.

The wages of all the men in the service, petitioners further say, have been raised to the scale in effect six years ago, but no advance has been given the officers.

The extension of the service and growth of the city, they contend, involve greater responsibility and increased duties. In conclusion, petitioners say:

"We may add that in almost all other classes of employment wages have been advanced, in keeping at least with the increased cost of living; consequently we feel that in common with other citizens we are entitled to share the prosperity of the day."

The petition was referred to the committee on fire department.

BUSINESS AND REALTY.

A warranty deed was filed in the office of the county recorder today, conveying from Nellie M. Libby and Fred S. Libby to A. R. Derge, for \$3,500, 3x7 rods in lot two, block 66, plat A, the same being on Third South between First and Second West. The transfer is subject to a mortgage of \$1,000 in favor of John Weir, Jr., as trustee.

Another deed filed today conveys from the Utah Loan & Building Association to Nellie I. Smith, grantee, for \$2,300, part of lot 7, block 20, plat B, the same being on Fifth East between Sixth and Seventh South.

Deputy Sheriff Cumcock has sold under foreclosure to the Utah Store & Hardware company, for \$2,625, 8x12 1/2 feet of ground and a right of way near the corner of Fourth and S streets. The sale was had at the suit of Isaac Merrill vs F. A. Grant, et al, and other lien holders.