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## ON TO PRETORIA

**Lord Roberts Unable to Head a Column Into Bloemfontein as Intended,**

LONDON, March 17.—Lord Roberts' success in handling the civil problems at Bloemfontein and the manifest equanimity with which the residents of the capital of the Orange Free State accept the British occupation momentarily eclipse in interest the military situation. It is believed here that the commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa will soon push on to Pretoria, but Great Britain is quite content to listen for a few days to the acclamations of the people of Bloemfontein and permit the troops to enjoy a few days rest before expecting further success. Lord Roberts made a quaint speech to the guards at Bloemfontein when, in his first congratulatory words, he expressed pride in their splendid march of 88 miles in 28 hours and gave ample assurance of his ultimate design.

"Through a small mistake," said Lord Roberts, "I have not been able to march into Bloemfontein at the head of the brigade, as I intended. I promise you, however, that I will lead you into Pretoria."

General Gatacre is holding Bethulie and the whole line of the railroad south of Bloemfontein is now in the hands of the British, and General Brabant's column has crossed the Orange river after a forced march at Aliwal North, on Sunday, and General Clement's column began to cross at Van Eyl, the three columns will form an army of 15,000 to 20,000 men, which is expected to replace the forces of Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein as he pushes northward. Just where the Boers will attempt to oppose that march is an important question, but it cannot be easily answered until General Joubert is more definitely located. Further news has reached the outside world from Mafeking, dated Friday, March 9, showing that though the garrison was in hard straits, they were buoyed up by the knowledge that their plucky fight was appreciated at home.

**Pretoria as Governor.**

General Pretoria is succeeding admirably as governor of Bloemfontein. He has issued a proclamation requesting the burghers within a radius of ten miles to deliver up their arms, assuring them that they would be paid for the confiscation of their property.

Lord Roberts is about to issue fresh proclamations, which, it is considered, will have the effect of disarming further opposition on the part of the Free Staters.

Mr. Collings has been appointed landrost, vice Papphenus, deposed, and Mr. Fraser will act as mayor.

Great quantities of stores captured at Wasseraff have been recovered. As a result of Hunter and Weston's line cutting the British have secured 26 engines, and the line has been cleared to the Kaffir river.

Rumors are current that former President Steyn is willing to surrender. Much unrest exists among the Dutch population. The burghers described the soldiers as locusts, saying they are innumerable and of identical color with them.

General Roberts reports that he found 7 British officers and 43 men wounded in the hospital at Bloemfontein, and that they had been well cared for. He adds:

"I rejoiced the wounded Boers by telling them they will be allowed to proceed to their homes, instead of being made prisoners, as soon as they can leave the hospital."

### JOUBERT CUT OFF.

Intercepted by British While Hurrying to the Defense of Bloemfontein.

LONDON, March 17.—Events are moving in the South African campaign in a speedy and satisfactory manner, from both the military and political points of view. It could hardly have been expected by the most sanguine Englishmen that they would take a turn so favorable.

It appears that when Major Weston cut the railway north of Bloemfontein he thereby intercepted General Joubert, who, far from having retired from the campaign, was then coming southward with 3,000 men, presumably to superintend the defense. Elaborate defense works three miles long had been pre-

pared outside the town.

No Boer wounded were left in Bloemfontein. When asked the reason by Lord Roberts, Mr. Fraser replied:

"The burghers don't like fish and would not care to go to Cape Town."

The evidence goes to show that so far as the southern part of the Free State is concerned there will be no further resistance. It is understood that Mr. Fraser, Mr. Wessels and other leaders are quite prepared to accept the position of a self-governing British colony.

The cheers which greeted the reading in parliament of the correspondence with the United States are re-echoed throughout the country. The speech of M. Delcasse has increased this satisfaction, and, taken with the general belief that Emperor Nicholas is personally averse to any intervention, these incidents spread the idea that there will be no further serious attempt to interfere from any quarter.

### MR. REITZ' STATEMENT.

Transvaal Secretary Disputes the Arguments in Salisbury's Reply.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, March 14.—State Secretary Reitz' refutation of Lord Salisbury's arguments in the reply to the Bloemfontein joint note was issued today. Mr. Reitz says:

"The British government, after the Bloemfontein conference, endeavored to enforce by threats certain changes in the internal government of the Transvaal republic contrary to the London convention. They also imported troops in great numbers and broke off negotiations with a threat to take their own means to remove the grievances of their subjects."

"After waiting a fortnight, while an army corps was prepared and the reserves were being called out by the British, President Steyn asked the reason of these proceedings. Sir Alfred Milner refused to reply."

### Chamberlain's Attitude.

"Meanwhile Mr. Chamberlain, in his speeches, showed the world that England had decided on war. Accordingly the Transvaal republic addressed to the British government a demand for the withdrawal of their troops, as otherwise it would accept the presence of the troops as a declaration of war. That was not necessarily intended as a message of war."

Concerning the armaments Mr. Reitz says:

"These were bought openly in England and in Europe and the high commissioner boasted full knowledge of them at the Bloemfontein conference and also full descriptions of those armaments were found among the officers' papers at Dundee."

### Methuen's Opinion of the Boers.

CAPE TOWN, March 17.—Lord Methuen, speaking at the town hall, Kimberley, said: "Although some of the enemy's men were guilty of dastardly tricks, we must remember that their army is not organized with the same discipline as our own. I never wish to meet a braver general than Cronje and I never served in a war where there was less vindictive feeling between the two armies than in this one."

### Boers Massing at Warrenton.

LONDON, March 17.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Lourenco Marques dated Thursday says that strong commandos are massing at Warrenton, where the Free Staters are going to make a stand.

### New Trial Denied.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Judge Waterman has refused to grant a new trial to Banker Edward S. Dreyer, former treasurer of the West Park board, who was recently convicted of the embezzlement of \$316,000 of the board's funds, and sentenced him to the penitentiary.

### Fisher and Wolmarans Sail.

LOURENCO MARQUES, March 16.—Mr. Fisher, the Orange Free State secretary, and Mr. Wolmarans of the Transvaal executive council, sailed for Europe today by the steamer Kaiser.

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## HALF WAY HOUSE

**Bloemfontein Regarded As a New Base For Operations in the Transvaal.**

PRETORIA, Wednesday, March 14.—State Secretary Reitz this morning posted the following announcement:

"Yesterday Bloemfontein was occupied by the British after the burghers had retired in a northern direction. The seat of the government of the Free State has been already transferred to Kroonstad."

LONDON, March 16.—At precisely 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, a union jack specially made for this purpose by Lady Roberts was hoisted over the presidency at Bloemfontein, amidst the acclamations of the commander-in-chief's battalions, in which, curiously enough, the Orange Free State burghers appear to have joined with remarkable heartiness.

The opposition to the entry of the British troops into the capital was insignificant. Boers were found occupying a few hills south of the place, but a few shells drove them off, and at 10 in the morning, some newspaper correspondents entering the town, found Mr. Fraser and other officials and guided them to where Lord Roberts stood, on top of a hill, waiting for them. As spokesman, Mr. Fraser asked protection for life and property.

### And Surrendered the Keys.

Lord Roberts, accompanied by his staff, rode at the head of a cavalcade a mile long to the presidency, receiving an ovation throughout the route culminating in a remarkable demonstration at the Market Square. Reaching the government buildings, Lord Roberts took possession of the city in the name of the queen, and then repaired to the presidency where the ceremony of hoisting the union jack ended forever, according to universal opinion here, the Boer government of the Free State.

During his progress through the town Lord Roberts stopped and ordered the instant replacement of goods which were being looted from the artillery barracks by Kaffirs, thus giving the populace an earnest assurance of the treatment they might expect from the victors.

President Steyn fled to Kroonstad without replying to Lord Roberts demand for his surrender, and the commander-in-chief remarked, afterwards, during the course of conversation while breakfasting at the farm of President Steyn's brother, that the ex-president "had become a nonentity."

The British troops, with the exception of those necessary to police the town, remain outside.

The press dispatch giving most of the above interesting details also settle the point raised about the cutting of the railroad telegraph north of Bloemfontein, showing that it was a plucky act.

Major Hunt Weston of the Royal Engineers, accompanied by 10 men, traversed the Boer lines and succeeded in cutting the wires and blowing up the tracks.

Bloemfontein is now regarded there as a sort of half-way house or base of operations for the advance on Pretoria.

### Expect a period of Quiet.

The military authorities here expect a period of quiet while Lord Roberts is establishing railroad connection with Norval's Pont and Bethulie, and giving the men and horses the rest necessary to fit them for the severe struggles which are believed to be still inevitable. It seems likely that the next news of fighting may come from Natal. General Warren's division, which had reached Durban, has been ordered to rejoin General Buller, indicating that the outflanking movement, through the neck of Zululand, referred to in these dispatches March 10, is about to commence.

It is reported at Bloemfontein that General Joubert is at Brandfont, but other reports locate him at Biggarsberg.

### BOERS WITHDREW.

Lord Roberts Occupied Bloemfontein After Evacuation by Steyn.

LONDON, March 16.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has occupied Bloemfontein and that the British flag is flying from the top of the capitol. The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 13.—By the help of God and by the bravery of her majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the presidency, evacuated last evening by President Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State. Mr. Frazer, member of the late executive department; the mayor, the secretary to the late government; the landrost and other officials met me two miles from town and presented me with the keys of the public offices."

"The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seems quiet. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

### Sold to the Leather Trust.

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