

DEFEAT OF DE WET.

Victory For Kitchener and Methuen at Rhenoster.

Boers Scattered and British Communication Reopened.

Roberts In a Stubborn Fight With Botha, but the Latter Was Not Defeated.

LONDON, June 13.—After a week's silence Lord Roberts has been heard from, his line of communications having been practically restored by means of a complete victory gained by Generals Methuen and Kitchener over General De Wet at the Rhenoster river yesterday, June 12. The Boer camp was captured, and the burghers, it is added, were scattered in all directions.

Lord Roberts, on being notified of the cutting of his line of communications, sent General Kitchener in all haste to join General Methuen. June 11 Lord Roberts attacked General Botha, who was in strong force 15 miles southeast of Pretoria. After strenuous opposition the British forces gained considerable ground, but General Botha, when Lord Roberts left the field, was still undefeated.

All is quiet at Pretoria and Johannesburg, and Lord Roberts says the government need have no apprehension about the security of the army in South Africa, as it will not take long to remedy the reverses and repair the railroad.

A lengthy dispatch forwarded to the war office by Major General Knox from Koonstadt, presumably sent there by messenger, reads as follows: "We have been requested to forward you from Lord Roberts the following dispatch from the Pretoria residency at 8:08 a. m. today:

"Pretoria and Johannesburg are perfectly quiet, and several of the inhabitants have expressed gratitude for the peace and order which prevail. "After surrendering the city Botha retired to a place about 15 miles east on the Middleburg road. He had a small force at first, but during the last few days his numbers increased, and his being so near the town kept up the excitement in the country, prevented the burghers from laying down their arms and interfered with the collection of supplies. It therefore became necessary to attack him. This I did yesterday. He held a very strong position, practically unassailable in front, which enabled him to place the main portion of his troops on his flanks, which he knew from former experience were his vulnerable parts. I sent French with Porter's and Dixon's cavalry brigades and Hutton's mounted infantry round by our left and Ian Hamilton, with Broadwood and Gordon's cavalry brigade, Ridley's mounted infantry and Bruce Hamilton's infantry brigade round by our right. Both columns met with great opposition. At about 3 in the afternoon I saw two of Hamilton's infantry battalions advancing to what appeared to be the key of the enemy's defense on their left flank. This was almost gained before dark, and I ordered the force to bivouac on the ground they had won.

POLE-CAREW'S MOVEMENTS. "Pole-Carew, with his division, occupied our center.

"As I have explained, he could not attack, but he gradually advanced, so as to support Ian Hamilton, and when I left the field he was on the line held by the enemy's outposts in the morning. "I hurried back to get news of Methuen's movement. On hearing that the Free Staters had taken advantage of our crossing the Vaal to intercept our line of communication I sent Kitchener with such troops as I could then spare to Ver (Vredfort) with orders to push south and communicate with Methuen, who, I knew, had a very compact force in the vicinity of Heilbron. I also dispatched a special messenger to Methuen, instructing him to push on at all speed to the main line of railway. These two officers met at Vredfort road station in the evening of June 10. They marched yesterday to Ithenoster river, where Methuen gained a complete victory over De Wet and took possession of his camp and scattered his troops in all directions. He and Kitchener marched today toward Koonstadt.

"Her majesty's government need have no apprehension as to the security of the army in South Africa. The enemy gained a slight success, which was unfortunate, but which will be remedied very shortly, and it will not take long to repair the damage done to the railway. As these diversions are all in existence, I am now able to hold the line between this and Rhenoster in strength. Methuen will arrange to guard it onward as he advances. "Hunter should be at Potchefstroom today. He will then move on Johannesburg.

"We have communicated with Buller, who will no doubt soon make the presence of his force in the field felt.

"Our losses yesterday were not, I trust, serious, but I deplore the death of that gallant soldier, the Earl of Airlie. The only other casualties reported as yet are: Seventeenth lancers—Major the Hon. Lionel Fortescue and Lieutenant the Hon. C. Cavendish, both killed." General Knox adds that Koonstadt is quite safe.

REGARDED AS SATISFACTORY. Lord Roberts' dispatch is regarded as eminently satisfactory. It ends a period of suspense caused by the cutting of his line of communications and indicates what a strong grip he has on the situation.

The result of the battle between Lord Roberts' forces and those of General Botha is eagerly awaited here, but it is believed the Boer commander will only complete his retirement, which he seems to have already commenced, though there is some hope in London that Lord Roberts will be able to surround him.

The decisive victory scored by Generals Methuen and Kitchener is regarded as likely to have a more far-reaching effect than any recent action in the Orange River Colony.

General Kitchener's progress south, it is believed, must have almost equalled the records of all forced marches. His detachment from headquarters was a merely routine procedure, as the chief of

staff is responsible for the line of communications. General Buller is rapidly fulfilling Lord Roberts' hope that he will make his forces felt. A dispatch from Houbert's farm, under today's date, announces the continuation of Buller's successful march, the occupation of Volksrust without opposition and the capture of a number of prisoners, while the Boer casualties yesterday are reported to have been very heavy. A special dispatch from Cape Town reports that the Boers recently captured a train at Smalheek and destroyed two miles of the line. But subsequent dispatches show that General Hunter routed all the Boers in that neighborhood.

The Earl of Airlie, whose death Lord Roberts deplores, was one of the most popular members of the nobility and commanded the Twelfth lancers.

Lieutenant Cavendish was the son and heir of Lord Chesham.

Major Fortescue was formerly aid-de-camp to Lord Seymour in Canada.

PLEGGED TO BRYAN.

Ohio Democrats Indorse Chicago Platform and Demand Nebraskan's Nomination.

COLUMBUS, O., June 13.—The Democratic state convention was called to order at the Auditorium at 11 o'clock by the Hon. W. S. Thomas of Springfield, chairman of the state central committee. Portraits of Bryan, Thurman, Jackson, McLean and others were conspicuous in the hall.

After prayer by Rev. John Hewitt, Chairman Thomas addressed the convention on the work of the past year and the prospects for the present political year. The following temporary organization was announced: Chairman, Webster P. Huntington of Columbus; secretary, Louis Reemelin of Cincinnati; and sergeant-at-arms, John McCarty of Defiance.

Chairman Huntington was received with great applause and made the keynote speech of the convention.

The following are the principal planks of the platform: "We reaffirm our adherence to the Democratic national platform adopted at Chicago in 1896. But new and grave issues have arisen, threatening the safety of free government itself, which should command at this time the most serious attention of all patriotic citizens.

"We enter our protest against the doctrine that the president or congress can govern acquired territory outside and independently of the constitution of the United States as a doctrine utterly subversive of every foundation principle of our government.

"We denounce the Porto Rican tariff bill as a palpable violation of the doctrine of the fathers and of fundamental principles of our government, which is based upon equal rights to all."

The platform denounces trusts and monopolies, favors the removal of all duties from imports monopolized by trusts and also demands the enactment and enforcement of such legislation as will prevent every species of discrimination. It denounces the "currency law passed by the present congress, which transfers to the banks the entire control of the paper currency, thus laying the foundation for a money trust which will have power to control the prices of all property and to stimulate or strangle business." In conclusion it says:

"We affirm anew our undiminished faith in the acknowledged leader of our party, William J. Bryan, and demand his nomination at Kansas City for president of the United States, and the delegates elected by this convention are instructed to so cast their votes."

Postal Fraud Developments. HAVANA, June 13.—The Post this morning publishes a sensational story connected with the postal frauds. It says it has an attested communication from Fred Spencer, the hospital nurse who attended Inspector Maynard during his last illness, alleging that the patient was called upon by two postal officials who persuaded Mr. Maynard, when he was in a semi-conscious state, to sign important postal documents. The next day the patient died. Spencer expresses the belief that the securing of the signature must have been a very important matter, as two men holding such positions as those held by the callers would not have risked contracting yellow fever for a slight reason. Spencer, the paper announces, gives the names of the men in question, but The Post does not publish them, simply saying that both are prominently connected with the postal frauds.

Historic Warship's Cruise. NEW YORK, June 13.—After a long and eventful voyage from San Francisco around Cape Horn, Admiral Farragut's old flagship, the Hartford, now a United States training ship, has arrived in the lower bay. This is the first visit of the Hartford since she went to the Pacific coast many years ago. She arrived at Hampton Roads on May 30 from San Francisco, the longest voyage ever made by an American training ship, with 350 apprentices aboard who had shipped at San Francisco.

Bryan Goes Fishing. LINCOLN, Neb., June 13.—W. J. Bryan, with Mrs. Bryan and their children, left last evening for Chicago. At that place Mr. Bryan will be joined by Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and Colonel Wetmore of St. Louis, and the three will go to Wisconsin on a fishing trip. Charles A. Towne is expected to join them in Wisconsin, but Mr. Bryan disclaims any knowledge of a prospective conference on the vice presidency.

Whittan President Dying. WASHINGTON, June 13.—The state department has received the following dispatch from United States Minister Wilson at Santiago, Chile, dated June 11: "President Errazuriz had third and dangerous attack of paralysis yesterday. Death simply a question of time. Executive functions transferred to Prime Minister Albano, as provided by constitution."

Our Coal In Germany. BERLIN, June 13.—The Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron company has established at Leipzig a general agency for Europe and will offer immediately 100,000 tons of bituminous coal at a price making importation possible. The Aachen Association of Employers of Textile Workers has voted to discharge 10 per cent of the weavers owing to lack of work.

RISE AT CHEFU.

Gunboat Yorktown Sent to Protect Americans.

Minister Conger Reports the Situation Still Critical.

United States Marines Sent From Manila to Re-enforce Admiral Kempff in China.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The navy department has been informed that the Yorktown has sailed from Shanghai for Chefu.

The United States consul at Chefu has informed the state department of Boxer disturbances at that place, but no particulars were furnished.

Chefu is on the northern coast of the Shantung peninsula. A cablegram has been received at the state department from Minister Conger, at Peking, stating that Tuan, the father of the heir apparent, has been appointed president of the taung-lyamen; also that three other new ministers have been appointed, all affiliated with the party opposed to foreigners. On the whole, Mr. Conger reports, the situation is not materially improved. Guards are repairing the railway, and as soon as they have arrived at Peking, it is Mr. Conger's belief that the safety of the foreigners at that capital will be assured.

A dispatch received today from Manila says: "The United States hospital ship Solace sailed at midnight last night, having on board 100 marines and 5 officers, Major Waller commanding. In response to the telegraphic request sent from Tong-Ku June 11 by Admiral Kempff for a battalion of marines from Manila, thirty others left last week on the United States gunboat Nashville, bound for Tien-tsin. The marines on the Solace had been destined for Guam. It is believed that others will be sent there later on. A supply ship will leave this week, and possibly the cruiser New Orleans will sail later."

Official dispatches received in diplomatic quarters in Washington show that the rioting in Peking has reached an acute stage, with the rioters directing a number of their assaults against members of the different foreign legations there. One of these dispatches states that the secretary of the Belgian legation was twice attacked on Monday and escaped after being maltreated by the mob. On the same day two officials of the British legation serving as student interpreters were attacked by a large crowd of rioters. The young Englishmen held the attacking party back for a time, but when the mob threatened to close in on them they drew revolvers and by a show of force made their retreat without bodily injury.

MAY FORGIVE TSI AN. The Powers Reported to Have Arranged Basis of Settlement. HONGKONG, June 13.—A dispatch from Shanghai says: "Extraordinary rumors are current here to the effect that the powers have settled the Chinese question by agreeing to forgive the dowager empress and her Manchou advisers, provided they promise to amend their future conduct."

The steamer Hatien has been chartered to convey 600 troops to Tien-tsin. She is being fitted by the artificers of the Terrible.

The troops today drew their field equipment. This date of their departure has not been made known.

UPHOLDS THE EMPRESS. Professor Starr Says She Should Not Be Criticized For Her Attitude. CHICAGO, June 13.—Professor Frederick Starr, head of the department of anthropology at the University of Chicago, in addressing the students on the Chinese question asserts that the dowager empress was justified in her action and that a protectorate established by the powers would be a failure. Dr. Starr, who has made a special study of the Chinese, said in part:

"The dowager empress should not be criticized for her attitude toward the missionaries. The Boxers are a new organization, formed to do away with conditions which have become intolerable. The party of the empress will succeed eventually, because any scheme to deter her by a coalition of the powers, such as is proposed at present, will be a failure. If control passes from China's hands, it will drift into Russia's. A joint protectorate of the powers would come to the same end as the protectorate in Egypt. The control and finally the possession of the country would pass to the strongest power. In Egypt England triumphed.

There are four possibilities of the outcome of affairs in China: First, the dowager empress will come out victorious; second, the so-called emperor may be restored under a coalition of the foreign powers; third, China may be divided among the nations; fourth, Russia may seize China.

The only probabilities are the first and fourth. The partition of China among the nations would lead to the development of a warlike spirit in the Chinese themselves, which would unite the nation and give it a strong sway as a world power."

Lucretia Hale Dead. BOSTON, June 13.—Lucretia Peabody Hale is dead in her eightieth year. She was the oldest surviving sister of Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., and like him was a writer of note. Miss Hale was deeply interested in educational work and the charities of this city. In a great measure it is indebted to her for the present movement in regard to vacation schools, the teaching of sewing and morals in the public schools.

Grant Wins a Victory. MANILA, June 13.—General Grant, who led re-enforcements, with artillery, against the insurgents in the mountains east of Samiguet, reports the capture of the rebel stronghold after four hours' fighting. The rebels were scattered, and the Americans are pursuing them.

General Grant's column had no casualties.

Merely a Suggestion. Husband—What's the matter with the biscuits this morning? Wife—It's the fault of the yeast. It failed to make the rise. Husband—Why don't you use an alarm clock?—Chicago Daily News.

To Be Expected. Housekeeper—Call these apples Rhode Island greenings, do you? Seems to me they are awfully small. Dealer—Yes, mum. Rhode Island is a small state, mum.—N. Y. Weekly.

Worth Boasting About. "Mrs. Prizzington pretends that she has long been accustomed to move in an atmosphere of refinement."

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Weather Prognostic. "Rain, rain, go away, Come again another day, Let me know what day you'll come, And I'll be sure to be at home."—Ally Sloper.

Not Particular. Brown—I hear Jones is looking around for new quarters. Smith—Oh, I guess he isn't particular about their newness. He borrowed an old one from me this morning.—N. Y. World.

Accounted For. "Are you boarding or do you keep house?" "Both." "Both?" "Yes, I'm a carpenter."—Harlem Life.

Two Kinds. "What is a bookworm, Uncle Jack?" "It is a person who would rather read than eat; or it is a worm that would rather eat than read."—Indianapolis Journal.

Triumph of Surgery. "And what do you regard as the greatest triumph of modern surgery?" "Collecting the bills," promptly responded the great practitioner.—Tit-Bits.

Defined. Tommy (reading about the war)—Pa, what's a galling fire? Pa—The one Bridget keeps up in the furnace on a warm day and allows to go out on a cold one.—Brooklyn Life.

Unnecessary. Maude—Did you give Tom permission to kiss you? Clara—Of course not. He didn't ask it.—N. Y. World.

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