

BOERS STILL RETREATING. Hastily Leaving Their Positions in Front of Gen. Roberts.

STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY. Correspondents Differ as to the Number of Boers in the Field—The Force of Lord Roberts is Much Superior However—The Boers Do Not Seem to Realize the Mobility of General Roberts' Army, Which Enables Him to Strike Swiftly. Standard's Words of Caution.

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Standard's Caution. The Standard cautions Englishmen against "rising to a height of serene contentment which the actual position does not justify," and thus measures the southern campaign as a large number of Boers still in the field. They have a wide range of country over which they can operate.

Lord Roberts has selected Lord Balfour, colonel of a regiment at the front, to command the escort to St. Helena, which was last month placed in cable communication with Cape Town and London. It is also asserted that the cabinet has resolved neither to propose nor to entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

From London Office. London, March 7, midnight.—The war office has just posted the following advice from Lord Roberts: "Poplar Grove, Wednesday, March 7, evening.—We had a very successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat."

Our casualties were about fifty. I regret to say that Lieutenant Kesswick was killed and Lieutenant Bailey was severely wounded, both of the Twelfth Lancers. Lieutenant De-Creschigny, of the Second Life Guards, was severely wounded.

General Dewart and Delany commanded the Boer forces. Osofontein, March 7.—Lord Roberts' force advanced early this morning. General French turned the southern part of the position of the Boers, who fled incontinently leaving a gun, immense quantities of forage and their tents. He is now in pursuit.

MANIFESTATIONS OF LOYALTY. The Queen Has Not Been So Conspicuously Since the Diamond Jubilee.

London, March 7.—At no other time since the diamond jubilee has the queen been so conspicuous an object in the public mind as she is tonight. This promises to be even more strikingly the case tomorrow. Her majesty's visit to London for a drive in semi-state from Paddington Station to Buckingham palace would be sufficient in itself to create great public manifestations of loyalty, but the announcement that she will go from Buckingham to St. Pauls and will drive thence from Holborn and Piccadilly to St. James, synchronizing with the new success of Lord Roberts, is bound to make tomorrow a gala day in the annals of London.

Beyond all this is the announcement of the queen's intention to visit Ireland—for the first time, it is said, since the death of the prince consort. This is regarded as the most remarkable act of the queen's life. No minister of the crown has ever dared to suggest such a remarkable undertaking.

PURE FOOD AND DRUG CONGRESS. Third Annual Session Held at Washington—Secretary of Agriculture Delivers the Main Address.

Washington, March 7.—The third annual session of the Pure Food and Drug congress began here today. Joseph E. Blackburn, food and dairy commissioner of Cleveland, Ohio, called the meeting to order.

After speaking of the detriment to exacting the people at home and more careful with their votes. The homes must be protected, the honest dealers must be protected and the rascals must be punished.

COULD NOT MAKE PEACE. A Stop-the-War Meeting in Edinburgh Proved a Starter.

Edinburgh, March 7.—A "stop-the-war" meeting, admission to which was regulated by ticket, was held in this city this evening. Long before the hour fixed, university students secured possession of the hall. It is alleged that several hundred gained entrance by counterfeiting tickets and the auditorium was packed with soldiers who were barricaded inside and outside.

More Tax on Bogus Butter. Washington, March 7.—The dairy interests of the country had a hearing today before the House committee on agriculture on the bill of Representative Groet, of Vermont, for a 5-cent tax per pound on imitation butter and giving states an authority over this matter even when brought from other states.

SENATOR LODGE ON PHILIPPINES. MARKED COMPLIMENT PAID MASSACHUSETTS ORATOR.

Thoughtful Utterances Upon the Important Question Are Listened to with Close Attention by Every Member Present and by Large Numbers in the Galleries—The Speaker Overwhelmed with Congratulations.

Washington, March 7.—The senate seldom accords to any of its members a greater compliment than it gave today to Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts. The announcement that he would deliver a speech on the Philippine question drew to the senate every senator now in the city, and to the galleries an unusually large number of auditors.

Mr. White Calls Attention to the Fact That a Hospital Ship Cannot be of Service to the Boers. Washington, March 7.—Mr. Montagu White, representative of the Transvaal in the United States, today authorized the following interview:

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. A Few Things That Are Wanted by Debs and His Party. Indianapolis, Ind., March 7.—The social democratic national convention tonight adopted the following platform on motion of Eugene V. Debs:

First—Revision of our antiquated federal constitution in order to remove the obstacles to full and complete control of government by all the people, irrespective of sex.

MONEY FOR PUERTO RICO. Senate Committee Authorizes Favorable Report on House Bill.

Washington, March 7.—The senate committee on appropriations today authorized a favorable report on the house bill providing that the revenues collected from Puerto Rico be expended in that island.

Miners Get an Increase. Sharon, Pa., March 7.—The coal miners employed at the Hickory coal company's mine in Green county have been granted an increase in wages of 5 cents per ton after a three days' strike. The coal diggers in the adjoining mines are still out for an increase of 5 cents per ton.

DAMAGE FROM FLOODS. Hundreds of Acres Submerged in Ohio.

Cleveland, March 7.—Telegrams from various points in Northern Ohio today indicate that great damage is being done. At Fremont the Sandusky river has overflowed its banks and submerged the lower part of the town. Cellars of business houses are filling with water, and many factories have been completely shut down.

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Killed by Iron Pipe. New York, March 7.—A bundle of iron pipe which fell from the window of the sixth floor of the rear of H. C. F. Cook & Co.'s department store on West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, today struck two men who were unloading a truck at the curbstone below.

Gift from Miss Gould. New York, March 7.—The Evening World today asserts that it has information that Miss Helen Gould is the donor of the \$100,000 for the erection of a "Hall of Fame" in connection with the university of New York.

Senators Buried at Arlington. Washington, March 7.—The remains of six soldiers who died in Cuba were buried at Arlington cemetery today with military honors.

In Honor of Irish Soldiers. London, March 7.—An army order issued today, announces that the queen has ordered that in future, on St. Patrick's day, all ranks in her Irish regiments shall wear as a distinction a sprig of shamrock in their head dress.

HONORING MEMORY OF MR. HARMER. DEATH OF FATHER OF THE HOUSE CAUSES DEEP GLOOM.

Remarks Made in the House on the Announcement of His Death. Sketch of a Continuous Service of Many Years—Recognized as "Father of the House" for Many Admirable Qualities as Well as for Long Term of Service.

Washington, March 7.—The death of Representative Harmer, of Pennsylvania, the "father of the house," cast a deep gloom over the house today. Although he was known to have been in feeble health, his death came as a shock to his colleagues, by whom he was universally beloved.

One of a Marked Group. He was one of a marked group of four men whom the city of Philadelphia sent to the American congressmen most exceptional in their usefulness and years of service to the people of their own home constituencies.

THE SIMPSON CASE. Mr. DeHuff Decides to Leave His Sister in the Hospital.

HIGHEST RATE EVER PAID. Fairmont Miners Receive an Increase in Their Wages.

TUBE COMPANY RAISES WAGES. Four Thousand Men Receive Increase of Ten Per Cent.

Coal Rates Advanced. Pittsburgh, March 7.—The Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio Traffic association met here today and advanced coal rates, effective March 21, 19 cents per ton, making the rate from Pittsburgh to the lake 90 cents; from Ohio coal fields to the lakes, 75 cents; and from Virginia, 85 cents.

Samoan Arbitration. Washington, March 7.—The ratifications of the Samoan arbitration treaty were exchanged at the state department at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Secretary Hay for the United States, Lord Pauncefote for Great Britain, and Dr. Hollander for Germany.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: FAIR.

- 1 General—Boers Suffer Another Defeat. Three-Scare Lives Lost in West Virginia Mine Disaster. Daily Work of the National Law Makers. Senator Lodge on the Philippines. 2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Theatrical Gossip. 4 Editorial, News and Comment. 5 General—Andrew Carnegie and Henry Frick. 6 Local—W. V. S. Thorne on the Proposed New Railroad. One Day's Work of the Courts. 7 Local—Explosion in Mt. Pleasant Mine Seriously Injures Three. Mt. Board of Health Lacked a Quorum. 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9 Round About the City. 10 Local—Live Industrial News.

MR. PAYNE DISCUSSES PUERTO RICO TARIFF. A Calamity to Have the Status of Puerto Rico, Cuba or the Philippine Islands Made Such as Would Entitle Them to Admission as States.

Milwaukee, March 7.—Henry C. Payne, member of the Republican national committee from Wisconsin, said today in regard to his views for a tariff for Puerto Rico:

THE ONLY SURVIVOR. The only person who entered the mine and who is known to have escaped alive is Electrician Evans, who was near the entrance. In relating his experience Mr. Evans said:

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Steamship Arrivals. New York, March 7.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm, from Bremen; Bremen, from Bremen; Sailed: New York, for Southampton; Southwark, for Antwerp; Germania, for Liverpool; Cleared: La Chaux-de-Fonds, for Havre; Celtic, for Liverpool; Southampton-Sailed: Lahn, from Bremen for New York; Sailed: La Chaux-de-Fonds, from New York for Liverpool and Antwerp.

New Brick Combination. Pittsburgh, March 7.—A new brick combination was formed here today with State Senator William Flynn as the prime mover. It is said that eighteen out of the twenty-four brick making concerns in western Pennsylvania have joined in the movement. A charter has been applied for the company, which will be capitalized at \$2,000,000 and have a capacity of 20,000,000 of brick a year.

"Gray Invincibles" Not Inevitable. Harrisburg, March 7.—An order is issued from National Guard headquarters today ordering the muster out of the Gray Invincibles, of Philadelphia, the only organization of colored troops in the guard, which is inefficient and in an unsatisfactory condition and had been recommended for disbandment by the inspector.

THE MINE DISASTER. From Fifty to Sixty Lives Lost at Fire Creek.

Fire Creek, W. Va., March 7.—This receding parties continued working hard at the Red Ash mine today in removing the debris and securing the bodies of the victims of the explosion of yesterday.

THE VARIOUS ESTIMATES. Most Conservative Calculation Puts the Number of Fatalities at Fifty-two—Others Insist That Sixty or Seventy Have Perished—The Work of Rescue Continues Night and Day, Though It is Certain That All in the Mine Are Dead—The Story of the Only Known Survivor.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, March 7.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair Thursday; day and Friday; warmer Friday.