

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 12, 1900.

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AT POINT OF THE BAYONET

Desperate Fighting Near Bloemfontein on Saturday.

KELLY-KENNY IN BATTLE

The Men Drive the Boers from Two Strong Positions at the Point of the Bayonet—British Troops Experience Considerable Difficulty in Their Advance on Account of Lack of Knowledge of the Country. Boers Suffer Heavy Loss—102 Dead Left on the Field.

London, March 12, 4.15 a. m.—The war office maps show a group of kopjes and a large water pan at Driefontein, a position which has apparently considerable defensive advantages. The Boers who retreated to Abraham's Kraal from Poplar Grove must have moved southward, or else a fresh force must have come from Bloemfontein or the Orange river.

The opposition met at Driefontein was somewhat unexpected, the idea being that if there were any resistance it would be at Petrusburg. Probing by their experience, the Boers were prepared for a British flanking movement, but in extending their position in order to avoid being outflanked, they probably weakened their center, thus making it possible for the British infantry to carry this with a bayonet charge.

Lord Roberts' dignified protest against the use of the white flag is regarded as the most important fact of the situation. According to the accounts supplied by the correspondents, the instance appears to have been most flagrant and there is no doubt that Lord Roberts will carry his threat into execution.

There is no confirmation of the rumors of the raising of the siege of Mafeking, concerning which the gravest anxiety continues to be felt. The British report casualties up to this date as follows: Killed, 2,618; wounded, 8,747; died of disease, 1,029; missing, 3,485; total, 15,677.

Severe Fighting. Dryfontein, Orange Free State, March 11, 8.35 a. m.—Broadwood's cavalry brigade, advancing on Bloemfontein unexpectedly found the Boers in a strong position in the Dryfontein kopjes yesterday. General Kelly-Kenny's division arriving, severe fighting ensued. The Boers resisted stubbornly, but were driven from their center position, leaving a number of dead and forty prisoners. The British force is moving forward today.

During the fighting, in which five regiments took part with artillery, the Boers, though forced from their center position, clung tenaciously to the other kopjes, shelling the British freely with their guns and two Vickers-Maxims.

The British cavalry began to turn the Boer position, but night fell before the movement was completed. The Boers retired during the night. London, March 11.—A despatch to the war office from Lord Roberts, dated Dryfontein, March 11, 7.15 a. m., says: "The enemy opposed us throughout yesterday's march, and from their intimate knowledge of the country gave considerable trouble. Owing, however, to the admirable conduct of the troops the enemy were unable to prevent us reaching our destination. The brunt of the fighting fell on General Kelly-Kenny's division, two battalions of which, the Welsh and Essex, turned the Boers one of two strong positions at the point of the bayonet."

A large number of Australians were engaged yesterday. The first Australian brigade, with the Scots Greys, advanced within 800 yards of the Boers under heavy fire. The New South Wales mounted infantry joined in the pursuit of the Boers northward.

An Artillery Duel. Driefontein, March 11.—All of yesterday was occupied in fighting. The Boers maintained a stubborn rear guard action along a running front of twelve miles on a very difficult ground. The British was advancing in three columns.

At Driefontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers were found posted in considerable strength on the ridges connecting several kopjes, where they had mounted guns. The action began at 8 o'clock in the morning with an artillery duel.

General Broadwood, with dogged perseverance, moved altogether six miles southward, trying to find a means to get around, but the Boers followed behind rising ground and even attempted to outflank him. Meanwhile, the Sixth division of infantry were gaining on the Boers' left, slowly forcing the enemy to retire. The last shot was fired at 7.30 p. m. This morning not a Boer was to be seen.

Boers Use Big Guns. Durban, March 11.—The Natal mercury had the following dispatch from Greytown, dated today: "It force composed of Bethune's mounted infantry, the Newell mounted rifles and the Natal police, with three maxims, under Colonel Bethune reached Pomeroy Thursday, March 8. The following morning the Boer pickets opened fire. A general engagement soon ensued.

MONROE DOCTRINE AND OUR NAVY

DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT BY CAPTAIN A. T. MAHAN.

The Settlement and Growth of Our Pacific Coast and Questions Arising About China Make the Nicaragua Canal and a Large Navy a Necessity—Our Control of the Sea Should Be Superior to That of Any Other Nation Save Great Britain.

PEACE PROPOSALS.

Presidents Kruger and Steyn Have Wired Conditions to Lord Salisbury—Foreign Consuls Called Into a Conference.

London, March 12.—The Daily Mail has received the following despatch from Pretoria, dated Saturday, March 10, and censored by the Boer government: "President Kruger and President Steyn have wired to Lord Salisbury peace proposals, on condition that the independence of the two republics be respected and the rebels colonials amnestied."

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ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

Demand for Larger Sizes Is Not Pressing.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—The Ledger, in its coal article tomorrow, will say: "The anthracite coal trade is not showing the demand for the larger sizes that coal managers would like to see, and it has fallen away so considerably that concessions in prices are made to induce buying. The pea and buckhead sizes, however, are in good demand, and coal for steam purposes meets a ready sale. The February output is estimated at 3,200,000 tons, a short month, but still some curtailment."

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LIVELY PROGRAMME IN THE SENATE

NUMBER OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

The Puerto Rican Bill, the Quay Resolution, the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty and Senator Mason's Boer Resolution May Come Up for Debate—Senators Rawlins and Turner Will Make Addresses Today. Full Days for the House.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: FAIR, COLDER.

1 General—Kentucky Is Divided Into Armed Factious. Boer Forces at Point of Bayonet. Captain Mahan on the Necessity of a Large Navy. Forecast of the Week in Congress. 2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Sermon by Rev. Charles Lee. Sons of Benjamin Instituted. 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local—Gory List for This Week's Grand Jury. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 Round About the County. 8 Local—Corporal Boyce Writes from the Philippines. Live Industrial News.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 11.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: East—rain; Pennsylvania—Fair and colder; Monday, Tuesday, fair, warmer; fresh northerly winds.