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JOYFUL RECEPTION TO LORD ROBERTS

On His Entrance to Bloemfontein.

DETAILS OF THE OCCUPATION BY THE BRITISH.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

LONDON, March 15.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts' despatch to the War Office, announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, Tuesday, March 13 8 p. m.

"By the help of God and by the bravery of His Majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command, I have taken possession of Bloemfontein."

"The British flag now flies over the presidency evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late President of the Orange Free State."

"Mr. Fraser, a member of the late Executive Government, the Mayor, the Secretary of the late Government, Handroost, and other officers met me two miles from the 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"The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seems quiet."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."

The above despatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the War Office until 7.30 p. m., on Wednesday. The delay is attributed to the field telegraph not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

LONDON, March 13.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle, from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday evening, March 13, says: "Bloemfontein surrendered to-day. It was occupied at noon. President Steyn, with a majority of fighting burghers has fled northward."

General French was within five miles of the place at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon. He sent a summons into the town threatening to bombard it unless it surrendered by 4 a. m., on Tuesday.

A white flag was hoisted on Tuesday morning and a deputation of the Town Council with Mayor Killner came out to meet Lord Roberts at Spitskop, five miles south of the town, making a formal surrender of the place.

Lord Roberts made a state entry at noon. He received a tremendous ovation.

After visiting the public buildings, he went to the official residence of the President, followed by a cheering crowd who waved the British flag and sang the National Anthem. The people were in a condition of frenzied excitement.

On Monday afternoon, previous to the

surrender, there had been a little sniping and shelling, but the enemy then retired.

Lord Roberts has his headquarters at the President's house, and there are many of the British wounded in the building. The railway is not injured.

MORE BLUFF.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Evening Journal prints the following from President Kruger, of the South African Republic, from Pretoria March 13th via Berlin March 14:

"To the Editor of the Evening Journal, New York

"The Burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are retreating in good order to our first line of defence on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than was expected. The British will never reach Pretoria. The Burghers, Steyn, Jonbert and myself, as well as all the others are united. There are no differences. God help us.

(Signed) KRUGER"

OPINION IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 15.—The general opinion, this morning, in the Continental as well as in the London press, is that the Free Staters have practically thrown up the sponge.

It is thought likely that a rear-guard action will be fought to Koonstadt by the irreconcilables of the Free State and Transvaalers, that retirement will be made from the Free State and Natal upon the Vaal where there is sure to be serious fighting.

Lord Roberts is not likely to lose much time in providing a provisional Government to administer the affairs of the Free State.

General White is considered the best man to take hold of affairs.

The commander-in-chief can now turn his attention to the Southern district of the Free State, where Generals Clements, Gatacre and Brabant have been holding the south bank of the Orange River, awaiting orders to push back the Boers.

The latter are now in a bad position between them and Lord Roberts' army.

No movement of any importance was made in that section yesterday. But a concerted advance will probably be made immediately.

The Dutch rebellion in the north-west of Cape Colony appears to be collapsing.

Lord Kitchener is directing operations, and pouring British troops into the district where there appears to be a serious quarrel between the rebels and Free Staters, each accusing the other of treachery, and threatening to shoot each other.

Though there have been rumors of the relief of Mafeking repeatedly, there is no definite news.

Every hour the condition of Colonel Baden-Powell's little force is becoming more desperate.

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DISMISSAL OF MR. BRACE

DEAR SIR.—I think it was a shameful act for Sir Louis Davids to dismiss Mr. R. K. Brace from the office of Gas Inspector. The excuse he writes to some of the petitioners appears to be very flimsy. But if it was done to enable him to fill his place by another man, I will guarantee that he will know something about it at the next election. I think, myself, that he was dismissed because he was an active member of a certain Loyal Society, with which Laurier, Tarte, Bourassa & Co., are not in love. It can plainly be seen that a pro-Boer would suit them much better than a loyal British subject who would not withhold his only son, but sent him to South Africa to fight the battles of the Queen, as R. K. Brace did. And I have no hesitation in saying that the man is hard-hearted and unsympathetic indeed who, claiming to be a loyal British subject, would not take the first opportunity of turning out of power the party who dismissed Mr. Brace—just as he was in receipt of the sad news that his only son was severely wounded on the battle fields of South Africa while making a brave and successful attempt with the rest of our noble Canadian boys in forcing Cronje to surrender. There is a day coming, and don't you forget it. Votes will count then.

R. A. P. M.

THE ISLAND CONTINGENT.

SIR.—The portion of the supplementary Canadian Contingent from P. E. Island was met at Mount Stewart by quite a large crowd to evidence their appreciation of the brave boys. Immediately upon the arrival of the train at the station, the noble fifteen, acting upon the energetic and courteous invitation of our station agent, Mr. W. A. Cheverie, dismounted to the platform, where they were loudly cheered and complimented upon their self-sacrifice and true devotion to the interests of the Empire.

Though, in a social sense, to most of us they were strangers, the instincts of true loyalty so predominant in the British soldier, as well as in the civilian, were so reciprocated that one, judging by the hand-shaking, the good wishes expressed, the farewells, and the singing altogether of the "National Anthem" when parting, would suppose the acquaintances were life-long. Truly, it may be said: "The hearts of the nation beat together."

But, while manifestations of loyalty of the character mentioned must be always highly commended, encouragement in a more tangible shape, especially when it is a national request, should not be set aside; for it must not be less sight of that, even in this loyal village, there are a few who darts off at a tangent to evade subscription to the "Patriotic Fund."

Alas! It would be unfair to diagnose such a course as unpatriotic. It would be improper treatment? Excuses preserve loyalty as well as money. My diagnosis is wrong. I shall erect for it a tomb. Yours &c.

BULLER.

Mount Stewart, March 13, 1900.

THE BRIDGE.

SIR.—It is to be hoped that no trickery will be practiced in connection with the Bridge, as one becomes suspicious by reason of the manner in which our Western member was spirited away. If the placing of the bridge is a matter of saving money, why not place it at the Asylum Point or farther up the River? The Province would then save \$400,000, and let us have the old Ferry service leading from the city. Even if the bridge is placed leading off one of our city streets the amount we are asked to pay for a wagon drive and walk appears to be exorbitant. Our City Council are said to be progressive. Would it not be well for them to interest themselves on behalf of the citizens, and call a public meeting. A few citizens should not decide this important matter. Perhaps it would be in order to publish the names of those who signed the petition so that the public may know the gentlemen that the Dominion Government has slighted. CITIZENS.



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