

The Transvaal War

FROM BLOEMFONTEIN

THE 'ORDERS' OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TO THE ARMY.

The Bloemfontein Friend, a four page paper published in what it now calls "the Steynless City," prints the following proclamation of Lord Roberts:

PROCLAMATION.

TO THE BURGHERS OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

In continuation of the Proclamation which I issued when the British troops under my command entered the Orange Free State, in which I ordered all burghers to desist from any further hostility, and undertook that those of them who might so desist, and were staying in their homes and quietly pursuing their ordinary occupation would not be made to suffer in their persons or property on account of their having taken up arms in obedience to the order of their Government, I now make known to all burghers that I have been authorized by the Government of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to offer the following terms to those of them who have been engaged in the present war:

All burghers who have not taken a prominent part in the policy which has led to the war between Her Majesty and the Orange Free State or commanded any forces of the Republic, or commandeered or used violence to any British subjects, and who are willing to lay down their arms at once, and to bind themselves by an oath to abstain from further participation in the war, will be given passes to allow them to return to their homes, and will not be made prisoners of war, nor will their property be taken from them.

ROBERTS.

Field Marshal,

Commanding-in-Chief Her Majesty's forces in South Africa.

Government House, Bloemfontein, 15th March, 1900.

The proclamation is printed both in English and Cape Dutch.

It also publishes the following, under the heading "Army Orders":

BLOEMFONTEIN,

14th March, 1900.

It affords the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief the greatest pleasure in congratulating the Army in South Africa on the various events that have occurred during the past few weeks, and he would specially offer his sincere thanks to that portion of the Army which, under his immediate command, have taken part in the operations resulting yesterday in the capture of Bloemfontein.

On the 12th February this force crossed the boundary which divided the Orange Free State from British territory. Three days later Kimberley was relieved. On the 15th day the bulk of the Boer Army in this State, under one of their most trusted generals, were made prisoner. On the 17th day the news of the relief of Ladysmith was received and on the 13th March, 29 days from the commencement of the operations, the capital of the Orange Free State was occupied.

This is a record of which any Army might well be proud—a record which could not have been achieved except by earnest, well-disciplined men, determined to do their duty and to surmount whatever difficulties or dangers might be encountered. Exposed to extreme heat by day, bivouacking under heavy rain, marching long distances (not infrequently with reduced rations), the endurance, cheerfulness and gallantry displayed by all ranks are beyond praise, and Lord Roberts feels sure that neither Her Majesty the Queen nor the British nation will be unmindful of the efforts made by this force to uphold the honor of their country.

The Field Marshal desires especially to refer to the fortitude and heroic spirit with which the wounded have borne their sufferings. Owing to the great extent of country over which

modern battles have to be fought, it is always possible to afford immediate aid to those who are struck down; many hours have indeed, at times, elapsed before some of the wounded could be attended to, but not a word of murmur or complaint has been uttered, the anxiety of all, when succour came, was that their comrades should be cared for first.

In assuring every officer and man how much he appreciates their efforts in the past, Lord Roberts is confident that, in the future, they will continue to show the same resolution and soldierly qualities, and to lay down their lives if need be (as so many brave men have already done) in order to ensure that the war in South Africa may be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

By order,
(Sd.) W. F. KELLY,
Major-General,
Deputy Adjutant-General, for Chief of the Staff.

The Friend has also the following example of colonial bravery:

"While scouting at Makouw's Drift, two troopers of Rimington's Guides were fired on from a small kopje at close range. One had his horse shot and the other, young Ewan Christian, son of Mr. H. B. Christian, of Port Elizabeth, rode back to bring him away. As he was bending down to help his comrade up behind he was himself fatally shot, the bullet passing through his back and out through his chest. He rolled off his horse and told his comrade to mount and ride away. Shortly afterwards Major Rimington and more men came up and heard the last words of the dying hero: "Tell my governor I died game." On retiring the party were under a hot fire, several horses, including that of Major Rimington, being shot. Mr. Christian was buried with military honors.

PRO-BOER MOVEMENTS.

It is announced that "the Netherlands Peace Society had addressed an appeal to President McKinley begging him to further the special object of the Boer mission, to investigate their case, to bring about arbitration and put a stop to the pernicious war in South Africa." It is further stated that a number of senators, members of the house of representatives, and citizens of Washington have decided to give to the Boer delegation a reception similar to those of Lafayette Kossuth and Parnell. The Grand Opera house at Washington has been secured, and the demonstration will occur on Sunday May 20th. Mr. Webster Davis is still on the warpath, with a style of oratory not described in any of the text books, and is preparing the way for the Boer envoys. In the Academy of Music in New York last Sunday evening he told the audience about British soldiers in South Africa whose foreheads are so low that if they cried the tears would run down their backs. In order to fill the academy with sons of liberty to hear Mr. Davis on that occasion it was necessary to abandon the idea of charging for the seats in the orchestra and dress circle. The audience was so pronounced in its ideas respecting

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May 1st, 1900.

freedom that it declined to be taxed for the seating privileges. But once installed in free-seats it generously applauded Mr. Davis, and yelled with delight when he smote luckless Briton with his mouth.

LETTER FROM PRIVATE REGINALD COX.

Bloemfontein, March 28th, 1900.

Dear Mother,—We did not hear anything about going home yet, but I expect to every day. I think that we will be home by the first of June. It is not so hard for us now; we are done marching and we get lots to eat. Some of us get to the town every day and bring out a supply of grub. We are camping about half mile out of Bloemfontein. It is a very pretty place and the people are very kind to us. I thought they would be just the opposite, but they treat us fine. Everything is very dear. A little can of jam costs three shillings, a loaf of bread one shilling; butter, you can't get for love or money. I suppose you get more war news from the papers than I can give you. We have not got the parcels yet or the Christmas cake, but we are living in hope.

April 7. We received our long-looked for box today. Although nearly six months on the road the goods were in very good order. My box was just as good as the day it was shipped; some of the cakes were a little moulded, but very few of them. Captain Stewart sent a cake to the boys of No 3 Company, (it was in excellent order,) and a lot of Scotch cake. I tell you that the box could not have come in a better time. We were just after coming in from a long march, and we had a

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April 8. As today is Sunday and there is no drill I will write a letter-card to as many of my friends as possible. Since we left Belmont we have had no tents, but had to sleep under the arch of heaven, rain or shine, but thank Providence we have the tents again. Everything is very uncertain just now. Some say we are going to do garrison duty here, and some say we may go to Pretoria, and some say we leave for home on the 27th, but we are all unanimous whatever may be the word. Good-bye, from your loving son,
Reg.

PRISONERS QUIT PRETORIA.

WOUNDED MEN TURNED OUT WITHOUT FOOD OR ATTENDANCE.

Fourteen discharged wounded prisoners who came down from Pretoria, to Lorenzo Marques last week left for Durban, by H. M. S. Magicienne. They were turned out at a moment's notice, without food or medical attendance, and were only supported by the kindness of the Britishers on the train. Nearly all are cripples, some are paralyzed, some minus limbs, and the two days' journey in a second-class carriage was positive torture to them. Among them is Cooper, of Montmorency's Scouts, who was with Captain de Montmorency at the finish, was himself wounded in three places, and shared his water bottle with Montmorency, who, although twice hit, never admitted his wounds, but continued shooting, lying down within a few yards of Cooper. Later on, when the Boers came up they found Montmorency stone dead. The released prisoners say that several trains loaded with men and supplies have gone north to Pietersburg this week, to protect the northern boundary against General Carrington.

Kroonstadt is most important strategic position between Bloemfontein and Pretoria. It commands the direct railway to Pretoria and also the loop line through Potchefstroom to Johannesburg. It is the key to the Transvaal and is the natural storehouse of sup-

plies for the army crossing the Vaal River by either line of railway. Possession of this stronghold is of greater importance than the direct co-operation of Buller with Lord Roberts' army. It will enable Gen. Methuen and Gen. Hunter to co-operate with Lord Roberts from the west and will give direction to the turning movements in the level reaches of the Transvaal towards Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The London Standard in an editorial predicting that the Boer peace delegation will achieve nothing in the United States says: "Even in the excitement of a presidential election, the American people are not likely to go to dangerous lengths, or to do anything which would commit their administration to an utterly unwarranted quarrel with Great Britain. If the old world is expected to keep its hands off the new world, the obligation is reciprocal; and it is quite inconceivable that the American people would engage in such colossal folly as a crusade in favor of the Boers."

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The rate of assessment on Real Estate and Personal Property under said Statute, commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1900, is hereby specified and the rate of seven-eighths of one per cent on the value of Real Estate, as assessed by the Assessors of the City of Charlottetown, and on Personal Property liable to taxation in said City, all persons liable to pay Poll Tax made and duly returned by them on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1900.

The rate of assessment on Personal Property for such general civic purposes, for commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1900, and ending the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1900, is hereby specified and the rate of seven-eighths of one per cent on the value of Personal Property as assessed by the Assessors of the City in the general Assessment and Valuation Book made and duly returned by them as aforesaid.
JAMES WARBURTON,
Mayor.

H. M. DAVISON,
City Clerk.

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