

# The Times

XIX<sup>TH</sup> YEAR. FOUR PARTS AND WEEKLY MAGAZINE LOS ANGELES SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 18, 1900. FIVE CENTS

**AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS—**  
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**SAUCER TRACK—COR. 10th AND MAIN STREETS.**

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### Official Programme of Races Sunday, Feb. 18.

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**PROGRAMME.** All of the professional races will be paced by the motor cycles. Wiley's Band will render choice selections between all races. JOHN LAWSON, the original, terrible Swede arrives today.

- Admission 25 cents.**
- FIRST RACE, 3:15 p.m.—1st heat professional mile handicap. First three men to qualify for the final. Downing, Chapman, Vaughn, Austin, Mussy, Gus Lawson.
  - SECOND RACE, 3:25 p.m.—1st heat amateur mile handicap. 10 STARTERS.
  - THIRD RACE, 3:35 p.m.—2d heat professional mile handicap. Freeman, Turville, Tompkins, McCrea, Neighoffer.
  - FOURTH RACE, 3:45 p.m.—2d heat amateur mile handicap. 10 STARTERS.
  - FIFTH RACE, 3:55 p.m.—3d heat amateur handicap. 10 STARTERS.
  - SIXTH RACE, 4:05 p.m.—1st heat, 1 mile professional championship match race. IVER LAWSON vs. ORLANDO STEVENS
  - SEVENTH RACE, 4:15 p.m.—Final professional 1 mile handicap. \$70 purse.
  - EIGHTH RACE, 4:25 p.m.—2d heat, 3 mile professional match race. LAWSON vs. STEVENS.
  - NINTH RACE, 4:35 p.m.—Final 1 mile amateur handicap. Prizes \$35 value.
  - TENTH RACE, 4:45 P.M.—Final Prof. Championship Match Race, 2 Miles. LAWSON vs. STEVENS. Purse \$4.00.

**SIMPSON AUDITORIUM—**

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Mrs. E. Noble, (pupil of Cheiro.) at Simpson Auditorium, Wednesday evening, Feb. 21. Interesting lecture with powerful stereoscopic illustrations. Benefit of "The Guild" Independent Church of Christ. Admission 25c.

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## GLAD TIDINGS FOR BRITONS.

**Bob's Daily Bulletins Eagerly Devoured.**

### But Interrupted Communication Causes Uneasiness.

**Meager Advices from the Front Received Yesterday.**

**Situation as to Kimberley Still Somewhat Uncertain.**

**Cronje in Retreat With British Forces Harassing Him—Buller Reported to Have Reoccupied Vaal Krantz. Officers Promoted.**

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.] LONDON, Feb. 18.—[By Atlantic Cable. Copyright, 1900, by the New York Tribune.] Roberts's bulletins surpass in interest any serial publication upon which an exultant empire has ever hung from hour to hour. For that reason any interruption of them causes keen disappointment here. There were only two yesterday.

The first contained a sequel to Kitchener's announcement that one of Kelly-Kenny's brigades was in pursuit of a large Boer convoy. It gave a short inventory of the military stores captured by the brigade and left the story unfinished. The convoy belonged to Cronje's laager, which was under British artillery fire when Kitchener dispatched the messenger. This was an intimation that a considerable body of the enemy which had been besieging Kimberley was retiring eastward to Bloemfontein, and that a portion of the Sixth Division had caught up with it and was harassing its retreat.

Press dispatches estimated the strength of the Boer column at 10,000, but contained few details of this rear-guard action. Cronje was described as forming a laager with a circle of unaptured wagons, and as standing up this casually list with gleams of color. It was not clear whether a large Dutch force was in retreat or whether it was only a small guard for the convoy.

The second bulletin was a casualty list from Jacobdals, with eighteen names. The contrast between Roberts's victorious march with its trivial losses, and Methuen's defeat at Magersfontein with its terrible lists, was most striking. Press dispatches light up this casualty list with gleams of color. There were a series of skirmishes between patrols for control of the wounded in Jacobdals before the British artillery shelled the Boers out of Jacobdals. The Boers were reported to be retiring from Spytfontein northwest and abandoning their entrenched positions which had been the barrier to Methuen's progress, and the rumor that French had entered Kimberley in triumph and that the officers had dined on something better than horse flesh at the principal club, was running the rounds of the British camp at Jacobdals.

There was one unpleasant episode. A large British convoy which had been previously reported as captured and then as recaptured on Riet River, was again described as having fallen into the hands of the Dutch. This Boer force was reported to have come up from Colonsberg to reinforce Cronje, and to have interposed seriously with British arrangements for supplying the Sixth and Seventh divisions. This point was left in doubt by the War Office.

There was a rumor that MacDonald's brigade had returned to Koodoosberg, but this was unconfirmed.

A third bulletin was needed in order to round out Roberts's series and to clear up the mysteries enveloping the movement with remarkable complexity, but the War Office closed at midnight without issuing it. Optimists were free to conclude that Cronje was in full retreat, that Kimberley had been relieved, and that the retirement of a large Dutch column from Spytfontein had been cut off, but there was no official confirmation of any of these statements, although all probabilities were strongly in favor of the continued success of Roberts's plan of campaign. Croakers were also at liberty to infer that the capture of a British convoy implied an unexpected check, that Cronje had not been taken completely by surprise, and that his adroit plan of defense had suddenly been revealed when the British divisions were out of touch with one another. The advantages of Roberts's positions and his great superiority in force warranted the confident belief that the interruption of Roberts's bulletins was not a sign that anything had gone wrong.

Important as the successes of Roberts, Kitchener and French in turning the enemy's positions have been, there is broader ground for English confidence and hope. This is the revelation that the British army has suddenly been transformed into a practical instrument of warfare, fitted for operating against the Boers. It was a sluggish, immobile force which was out-paced and out-maneuvered by the Dutch at every turn; it now has cavalry brigades which are flying columns darting between the

## WHAT ARE WE COMING TO?



"Women have invaded all the fields of labor hitherto considered as man's peculiar province, and the last departure in that direction is that of Miss Ethel Ferguson of Utah, who, as deputy sheriff, is striking terror into the hearts of the 'bad' men of that State."—[Exchange.]

enemy's lines and swooping down upon supply trains and rear guards.

Cronje was apparently unprepared for the advance of a hostile army of superior mobility. Kitchener, by massing a mounted force and organizing a system of rapid transport for it, gave wings to the army, which had been a crawling army corps, and has not only surpassed the Dutch force in mobility, but Roberts has also adapted himself to their tactics. Joubert's plan has been to set up one command after another for defense, instead of massing his forces for a general engagement, and the British generals have been compelled to send their battalions against columns of fresh troops. Roberts has taken divisions and worked with them as though they were commandos; each has been supplied with its own transport service and artillery, and each has a column of 10,000 men, with four divisions of infantry and four brigades of cavalry and mounted infantry. Roberts has met the Dutch commanders on their ground with a superior force. Roberts and Kitchener between them have adapted the army corps to the precise conditions of Boer warfare, and have supplied a fighting machine which is available for rapid advance from Kimberley to Bloemfontein, and thence to Pretoria.

During the last two months Englishmen have been wondering how their army could ever reach Pretoria; that now seems the probable and natural destination of Roberts's army. If it succeeds without a check or reverse in breaking up Cronje's forces around Kimberley and in following them in hot pursuit. The Dutch commanders have, however, shown themselves to be most astute and flexible in adapting themselves to new conditions; they will not likely be taken by surprise a second time by Roberts and Kitchener.

Harmsworth's correspondent at Lorenzo Marquez has telegraphed the announcement from Pretoria that Buller has again crossed the Tugela, and occupied Vaal Krantz, where the last attempt was made to penetrate the Boer line of defense. The same rumor has reached Durban, whence a Central News dispatch comes, stating that Vaal Krantz has been reoccupied and that the Boers have retreated. These dispatches seem inexplicable, except upon the theory that Roberts has ordered another demonstration as an expedient for holding the Dutch forces on the Tugela and preventing reinforcement of Cronje. It is probable that Buller has resumed operations on the Tugela, either above or below Colenso.

There were a few dispatches from the southern frontier of the Free State. Pressure upon the British lines at Arundel had apparently been relieved by the retirement of a portion of the Dutch forces into the Free State. British losses at Rensburg have been considerable, especially in officers, but the garrison is already receiving reinforcements from Cape Town. A slight attack has been made upon Gataker's position at Molteno.

The services of French and Kekewich have been promptly recognized by promotion. The enthusiasm with which Roberts's successful tactics have been received in Canada, Australia, Natal and Cape Town, has imparted a new impetus to the cause of imperial federation.

**CANADIAN ARTILLERY.**  
[A. P. NIGHT REPORT.]  
CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17.—The British steamer Laurentian, Capt. Numan,

which sailed from Halifax, January 21, with the first artillery section of the second Canadian contingent of troops for service against the Boers, arrived at this port today.

**FREE STATE INVASION.**  
IT IS NOW WELL UNDER WAY.  
[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] In respect to the military situation, there is no longer any reason to doubt that the invasion of the Orange Free State has begun in earnest and will be vigorously pushed. It would be absurd to jump to the conclusion that the Boers have suddenly decided to turn tail and flee from the advancing Britishers without serious resistance. The whole story of their gallant campaign gives the lie to such assumption. Undoubtedly they have changed the plans, or rather they are carrying out a later feature of the campaign, which recent developments have made operative. It is significant that the latest dispatches indicate that the Boers are operating successfully in the vicinity of Colonsberg, which is due south from Jacobdals.

Much depends, almost everything, indeed, on the speed of the British advance on Bloemfontein. The Boers will be able to check the invasion if they have time to entrench themselves at any point where they cannot be outflanked. It is one of the new laws of war, which the struggle has demonstrated, that a force armed with modern rifles and light guns can make a position impregnable against a frontal attack if entrenched. It is not conceivable that either Roberts or Kitchener would attempt to defy this law

after the experience of three British generals. It may be expected, therefore, that the British advance will be as rapid as possible, so long as the forces are on the move, with the object not to give the retreating Boers time to make trenches. It would be surprising, however, if it does not prove that Bloemfontein itself is now surrounded with entrenchments, which, without other fortifications, should make the capture of the city extremely difficult.

**AMAZED AT BULLER.**  
OFFICERS ARE CRITICISING HIM.  
[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]  
LONDON, Feb. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] News from the British forces in Natal continues to be unfavorable. Grave information is contained in letters written by officers of Buller's army. In a letter written on January 26, and received in London today, amazing criticisms are made of the commander, who went out to South Africa as the chief of the British forces. It declared in plain language that his plans are made and executed without consultation with any of his staff, and that they include attempts which are simply suicidal and defy fundamental principles of strategy. Moreover, they violate rules which Buller himself laid down in his published works on the subject, and his own officers are at a loss to account for his actions. They do not hesitate to say to one another that they have lost confidence in him. It is expected, however, that Buller will either be ordered to remain comparatively inactive, or

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## CANAL REPORT

MADE PUBLIC.

### House Committee Files Its Conclusions.

### An Indirect Attack on the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

### England's Interest in the Canal Denied Recognition.

### Clayton-Bulwer Treaty Regarded to Be Null and Void.

### Hepburn Bill Warmly Recommended for Passage—Fate of Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Still in Doubt. Mr. Barham's Opinions.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The House Committee on Commerce today filed and made public its report upon the Nicaragua Canal Bill, which was favorably acted upon by the committee some time ago. The document filed by the committee today is conspicuous chiefly by its broad, if rather indirect, attack upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, through the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which the latest convention with England abrogates.

The report was written by Representative Hepburn, chairman of the Commerce Committee, and author of the only Nicaragua Canal bill now under serious consideration by either branch of Congress. In respect to England's interference with the canal, the report takes the general ground. First, that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is null and void on account of numerous violations of it, and, second, that were it in full force the changed conditions in this country and the changed commercial and naval conditions in the entire world would make it necessary for us, for self-preservation, to build the canal in our own right.

While Representatives did not get a chance today to read the report carefully, those who did read it seemed disposed to agree with it to the fullest extent. Not only was found who dissented from its general proposition regarding England. All the Republicans realized this report was in direct conflict with the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which America has just concluded with England, and they seemed delighted with that fact, evidently hoping that this stand by one of the most important committees in the House, and by the committee having the canal bill directly in charge, would either cause the administration to withdraw the treaty or deter the Senate from ratifying it.

The situation regarding the ratification of the treaty itself is not much clearer than a week ago. The treaty, if it has moved at all, appears to have "progressed backward," in the estimation of Senators who must pass upon it. Thirty votes in the Senate against the treaty will kill it. The Republican Senators are nowhere united for it yet, although they, with some Democrats, may ultimately vote for it. The administration's explanations have been given. It was feared some time ago that if the treaty was ratified the House would refuse to pass a canal bill with a fortifications clause left out.

Representative Barham of California, said today that it was his opinion that if the treaty was ratified, the House would accept the situation and pass a bill in conformity with the constitution. He said he believed the House leaders, however much they were opposed to the treaty, would finally adopt that course. If this be true, the Senate would certainly pass the bill after ratification of the treaty. On the other hand, if the House ratifies the treaty, Congress will pass a canal bill, what can the President do, when the bill goes before him for his signature?

### MR. HEPBURN'S REPORT.

[A. P. NIGHT REPORT.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Chairman Hepburn of the House Committee today submitted the report of the committee in favor of the Hepburn bill for constructing the Nicaraguan Canal. The report says, in part: "If the provisions of the bill can be carried out, the United States will, within a few years (from six to eight), be in full ownership and control of a waterway connecting the oceans, that it can afford, and that it can use in the interests of its navy and its merchant marine, as wisdom may indicate. There seems to be but little doubt that the States of Nicaragua and Costa Rica will give their consent for the construction of this great work. It will traverse either the border or the interior of Nicaragua for a distance of about 150 miles; it will give to that State a waterway from its capital and its most productive region to the sea. It will place that country on one of the great waterways of the world, bringing it into immediate contact with a large foreign commerce, and those who conduct it. In very many ways the State will have advantages not now possessed, and that will be for a long time lost if another route by which the oceans are connected should be adopted. All of these considerations induce the belief that the two enlightened States will be glad to aid our government cordially and efficiently in carrying out this great design."

After reviewing the several surveys, the report continues:

## The News in Today's Times.

- The City—Part 1, Page 8; Part 3, Pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Part 4, Pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
- Water rates may be cut....Regulations for admission of High School candidates....Their turns up in Sweden Auditor's report on city funds....Court-house elevator operator dashed to sudden death....New engine-houses not yet in service....University birthday contest....Washington's birthday program of Blue and Gray....Lottel's raid....Exposition arrangements almost complete....Mail carriers' banquet....Chamber of Commerce....Delegation hospital needed.
- Southern California—Part 1, Page 7.
- Engagement announced at Pasadena. Former Illinois people to organize at Long Beach....More tunnels for San Pedro breakwater rock....Numerous winter guests at Santa Catalina Island. Better mail service at Soldiers' Home. Sewers served with roots at Santa Ana....Sharpshooters' contest at Azusa next Thursday....Navel engines moving at Covina....Another victim of the Pomona wreck sees the Southern Pacific at San Bernardino....San Diego Chamber of Commerce opposed to the Carlson bill in its present form....Another effort by peat-land ranchers to have the Bolsa Chico can removed....What the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce has done for that city....Shipping active at Ventura....Burdette talks about newspapers at Pasadena.
- Pacific Coast—Page 2.
- Fair-Craven sensation....San Joaquin merchants meet....Trans-Siberian Railway growing....Counterfeiters sentenced....Organist Stewart awarded gold medal....Pirates making trouble in Chinese waters....Tanforan races.
- General Eastern—Pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- House Commerce Committee's report on Nicaragua Canal filed....Senator Clark testifies in his own behalf....Conference Committee trying to agree on Financial Bill....President McKinley's alleged policy regarding insular possessions....Oil land grabbers making trouble for California Congressmen. Bill for rewarding Gen. Shafter....Attempted egg corner at Chicago....Pasadena girl sues Colorado millionaire for breach of promise....Bold break for liberty by jail birds at Evanston, Wyo....Negro soldiers clash with police at El Paso....Blizzard along Atlantic coast....Negro lynched for assaulting a white woman....Death of Turfman Clark....Harpur's publishing house reorganized....Armor plate trust being formed....Battle of steel kings.
- By Cable—Pages 1, 2, 3, 4.
- Glad tidings for Britons—Bobs' bulletins eagerly devoured by Englishmen....Army in South Africa furnished with wings by Roberts and Kitchener—Boers kept on the move....Situation at Kimberley still somewhat uncertain....Buller reported to have reoccupied Vaal Krantz—French and Kekewich promoted....London, Berlin and Paris cable letters.