

Topeka State Journal

LAST EDITION. A GREAT DAY FOR ENGLAND

Lord Roberts Lands at Southampton in a Fog.

Field Marshal Greeted by a Great Crowd of Admirers.

PROCEEDS TO LONDON Fifteen Thousand Troops Keep the People in Order.

Prince of Wales and Family Meet Him at the Depot.

Southampton, Jan. 2.—A dense fog this morning disarranged the programme here for the reception of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, and it was an hour after the appointed time when he arrived. The enthusiasm of the large concourse of people, however, was in no way dampened by the thick pall of mist, and amid scenes of great jubilation commingled with cheering and the straining of patriotic airs in accompaniment of the bands of music Lord Roberts landed and drove through the streets to the residence of the Hartley institute, where the mayor, surrounded by the members of the corporation in full robes of office, presented him with the freedom of the city in a gold casket. The institute was crowded to its capacity, and there was a very notable demonstration in the field marshal, in the uniform of his rank, stepped on a raised platform. The proceedings were most brief. Lord Roberts, in a few words of thanks for the war in terms similar to those which he used yesterday, on returning to the railroad station he was greeted by a contingent of plaquards from the assembled throngs.

At 11:30 a. m. the field marshal's train started for London. Crowds of people flocked to points of vantage along the route to be followed by Lord Roberts from Paddington station to Buckingham Palace, during the morning, but in no way compared with those that gathered at the demonstration in honor of the return of the city volunteers from South Africa.

Fears of the riotous behavior and disorders that occasioned the public welcome. Warned by the occurrences at the time of the volunteers return, the authorities today had the best of the present, and in 15,000 regular troops, in addition to thousands of the police, lined the route, blocked the sidewalks and were concentrated in the wide spaces to guard against dangerous rushes.

Lord Roberts reached Paddington station only twenty minutes behind the schedule time. As he descended from his saloon carriage to the platform, the elaborately decorated railroad station was greeted by the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Cambridge. The members of the royal family, headed by the field marshal, while the bands played the national anthem, the Prince of Wales manager, Lord Roberts, in a conversation of some length.

The scene together brilliant. Troops, ladies in bright costumes, cabinet ministers and staff officers. The Prince of Wales soon left the railroad station, following Lord Roberts to Buckingham Palace, where he returned to the municipality. After Lord Roberts had replied the procession was formed, the headquarters staff in six carriages following immediately behind the field marshal, who occupied a state carriage, escorted by Indian cavalry. The secretary of state for war, Mr. St. John Broderick, and the secretary of the colonies, Mr. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne, were seated in another carriage. A detachment of cavalry brought up the rear. The party proceeded to Buckingham Palace by way of Hyde Park and Piccadilly. Deafening cheers greeted the field marshal as he stepped from the chief of the forces along all parts of the route. Clubbans was ablaze with color and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The ladies in the club houses cheered through the windows and balconies. The hotels and other buildings were all lavishly decorated, and a crowd from top to bottom with cheering. The roar of welcome rolled on increasingly until the veteran commander entered the gates of the palace.

A few distinguished people were waiting near by in the southern palace quadrangle, in which the gas lamps faintly tried to pierce the foggy gloom. The foot guards on duty wearing their uniforms, were drawn up within, while without some 50,000 persons were packed together in order to get a view of the hero of the hour.

The royal party arrived half an hour before Lord Roberts who was driven in to the quadrangle. The cheering and cheering from the crowds and a dignified waving of handkerchiefs on the part of the bare-headed nobility. Within the Prince of Wales again warmly greeted the field marshal. Everybody by that time, 2:30 p. m. was very hungry. Lord Roberts would not go into the palace until he had inspected the guards. Accompanied by one or two officers he walked between the lines of the foot guards, who appear smaller than ever—almost overwhelmed by the immense plumes of his field marshal's plume.

When the inspection was over Lord Roberts, the members of the royal family and the generals went into the palace and had a private luncheon, whereupon the crowds dispersed. FIFTY DOLLARS FOR SEATS. London, Jan. 2.—Lord Roberts today received a right royal welcome on his return to London after a year's absence in South Africa. The crowds were so dense, so demonstrative as to bring the coast war celebrations but people paid from three to ten shillings for seats on Piccadilly and St. James street balconies. Stately mansions like those of Lord Rothschild and Duke of Devonshire were crowded with notable personages, but there prevailed on all a feeling that the progress of the campaign did not warrant triumphant ovations, though this in no respect detracted from the affection with which the field marshal was greeted. It was as if a man, rather than as a general that the crowd welcomed "Bob."

THURSDAY EVENING.

provoc that there is no more beloved figure in public life in England than the present commander in chief.

He was everywhere greeted with real affection. His modest bearing and the simplicity of his dress, the fact that his sides today along the route further endeared him to the people.

Lord Roberts was in full uniform, but his carriage his staff followed in khaki. The six Indian orderlies in magnificent, semi-barbaric uniforms were the only picturesque features of his retinue. The fact that his personal escort considered of the Tenth Hussars, which regiment, Lord Rosslyn and others have accused of cowardice at Soudan, was kept to indicate Lord Roberts' express desire to expiate the Hussars from any blame.

Washington, Jan. 2.—When the house resumed today after the holidays recess not more than 77 members were present. It had been arranged before the house met that the consideration of the reapportionment bill was to be entered upon today.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, Mr. Olmstead (Pa.) sprung a surprise by offering as a matter of privilege a resolution rectifying the alleged abridgment of the right to vote in Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and North Carolina, and instructing the committee on census to inquire into the subject and report the facts to the house.

The reading of the resolution caused a flurry on the Democratic side. Before it had proceeded far, Mr. Richardson (Tenn.), the minority leader, jumped to his feet and interrupted the reading to ask whether the resolution required unanimous consent. "It does not," replied the speaker. "It is offered as a matter of privilege." "I make the point that the resolution does not constitute a matter of privilege," said Mr. Richardson. "The reading has not proceeded far enough to determine that point," said the speaker.

Mr. Richardson took his seat, but before the clerk could proceed, Mr. Underwood (Ala.) was on his feet. "I make the point that there is no quorum present," said he.

The speaker glanced about the house. Evidently there was no quorum present. "The chair will count," he said. The house was counted, and when the speaker announced 100 members, a quorum—Mr. Underwood immediately moved an adjournment. The eyes and noses were obviously wet, and the members were hurried consultations on both sides of the house.

The motion to adjourn was lost, 88 to 77. The speaker included himself in order to make up the quorum. Speaker Henderson held the Olmstead resolution in abeyance, and raised the question of consideration against it, which forced another roll call. The vote to consider the Olmstead resolution was 81 ayes, 82 noes, and 5 present but not voting. No quorum, and roll call was ordered.

At 2 o'clock the house adjourned. The Olmstead resolution remained unacted upon owing to the lack of a quorum. IN THE SENATE. Washington, Jan. 2.—At the first session of the senate in the Twentieth Century business was resumed without the appearance of a break in the continuity of the session. The session was held up just where it was left off when congress took a recess for the holidays.

Notwithstanding the fact that the holidays were observed, the attendance at the opening session was notably large. President Pro Tempore Frye called the senate to order. The time for the reading of the journal expired, and just after was occupied by many senators in the exchange of greetings. That was the only evidence that there had been a recess.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the army reorganization bill. Consideration is to be limited to the next hour (the time before 2 o'clock). Washington, Jan. 2.—At 2 o'clock the shipping subsidy bill was displaced by the unfinished business of the senate.

AN UP HILL GAME

Burton Enthusiasm Scheme a Flat Failure.

Hurrah Meeting Contained Only Seventeen Members.

BOTH SIDES UNEASY.

Evident That Neither Has Enough to Win.

Politicians Are Looking For a New Man.

Old Talk of Justice Johnson Is Renewed.

A Quiet Movement Toward Charles S. Gleed.

The interest in the senatorial fight seemed to have cooled off today for a number of the representatives who were swarming in the Copeland lobby yesterday have taken their grips and gone home. Last night there were thirty-four members in the city and this morning there is not more than twenty-five. The only new arrival is George P. Morehouse, of Council Grove, who is an instructed Burton man.

It is very evident today that the Burton managers were trying to make an early show of strength yesterday although they denied it. If they were not using every endeavor to have their supporters here the old politicians are sadly fooled. The explanation that the Burton men gave yesterday for the sudden rush of Burton followers was that such a great majority of the members were for Burton that thirty members could not come to the city without checking up at least twenty for Burton.

They had a meeting in Burton's headquarters last night and tried to stir up enthusiasm among the "boys," but they refused to enthrone. The showing they had made during their effort to get big crowds here today was not so enthusiastic. It turned out that of the thirty-two members who were pledged to support one or the other of the senatorial candidates, fifteen were for Baker. The meeting lasted for about an hour and the only result was that a cloud of uncertainty arose over the members who were before us that they were on the winning side.

It is more evident than ever today that the fight is open. Although the news were obtained in the streets, the managers of both senatorial aspirants are worried about it, although they profess to be certain of the success of their candidate.

They held on the quiet and touched for men who are not given to telling their cards. The Burton managers have not been instructed, but are favorable to him to sign papers to the effect that they will support Burton. It is rumored that some of the members did sign a Burton paper last night.

A member who is unacquainted said this morning that he had been taken up on the one of the mountain by Burton managers and had been shown the broad expanse of the county he represented and they told him that he was not to sign any papers to the effect that he would only come into their camp. He refused to express his preference, however, and said he expected to vote for Charles S. Gleed. The talk of Judge Johnston of the supreme court as a dark horse possibility is coming up again today and is causing a great deal of uneasiness on both sides. The boomers of Baker and Burton have not yet decided upon a candidate, but it will not be long before they will have a candidate, but he has not run in the house and barred the door, and it is possible for good neighbors to enter and talk to him on the subject.

It is said that Cy Island, who has a reputation for being a hot head, is leading all to the Johnston movement, which is in charge of Attorney General Service in the Johnston district. He goes that way. Island will stay by Baker as long as he has a chance to stay, but some of the old politicians say that he has seen the writing on the wall and think he has better get out of the game. The Burton members claim that from the following members who were here last night: H. H. Hefley, of Osborne; Short of Cloud; Benley of Douglas; J. H. Johnson of Marion; Dougherty of Harvey; H. H. Hefley of Franklin; W. F. W. Ward of Wallace; Cave of Haskell; Fitzpatrick of Chautauque; Miller of Barber; Nichols of Woodson; Timmons of Riley; McKeever of Shawnee; Mills of Shawnee; Chaney of Shawnee; and Morehouse of Morris, who arrived this morning, making a total of 18.

KANSAS: NO KANSAN HAS A LARGER CIRCLE OF PERSONAL AND BUSINESS FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY AT LARGE.

He is thoroughly representative not only of the younger political element, but is identified with the pioneers in the political and material welfare of this, one of the younger of the states. He is a fine speaker; a man successful in accomplishing results, and combines many of the superb qualifications of Plumb and Ingalls. He is not seeking the office so far as known, and may not be in close touch with the politicians who have been pulling the wires for Baker or Burton. But none of these adherents could make any objection to a man like C. S. Gleed, and they could probably unite upon him more easily than upon any other possible factor. Clean, capable, and popular, his name in this connection would create enthusiasm and admiration leading to a happy outcome.

CHICKERING'S WIDOWS.

Four Women Claim the Estate of a Plainfield, Conn., Man. New Haven, Jan. 2.—The question as to how many widows C. H. Chickering, late of Plainfield, Conn., left behind him is one that is likely to keep the courts busy for some time to come. Chickering was found dead in his home yesterday, and there are at least four claimants for his estate from women who show certificates of their marriage to him.

Since then two other women have appeared in search of their missing spouse, and there was a general reunion today over the body in Albion. Chickering was engaged to marry the daughter of a well known farmer in the district. He was a man of high standing in the community, and was a member of the Central Methodist Episcopal church here and was at one time a missionary in India.

STOKES' INVENTION.

Report That He Has Applied For a Patent on a Parlor Golf Game.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 3.—The Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., secretary of the Yale corporation, and leader in the announcement, has invented a new indoor golf game, Mr. Stokes is out of town for New Year's, at the home of his parents in Lenox. The details of his new game could not, therefore, be learned. A friend of his, who is a member of the Yale corporation, has made a statement that Mr. Stokes has applied for a patent on his parlor golf game. Mr. Stokes is a great lover of golf, and has been seen regularly at the links of the New Haven Country club.

FROM THE FROZEN NORTH.

Short Notes of Happenings in Skagway, Alaska.

Seattle, Wn., Jan. 2.—Advisers from Skagway state that it has been definitely learned that Murray McDonald, the young man who disappeared at White Horse early last June had been in Skagway June 27 and purchased a ticket on the city of Seattle for this port. It is not as yet known, however, whether his mother or his father is in possession of the ticket.

Charles Hoffman, a citizen of Skagway fired five shots at his wife at their home in that place recently. None of the shots took effect, and she is now under \$10,000 to appear before the grand jury.

Pearl Griffin, also of Skagway was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of life while lighting a fire with coal oil on December 26.

TRAFFIC WAR.

On South American Business Helps the Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—After January 2 the Pacific Mail is to handle all of its business between Central America and Mexico Pacific ports and New York and Europe by the way of San Francisco and the Southern Pacific's New Orleans route. The Pacific Mail has been in the market at Guaymas, part of the business will be sent via that port and the Sunset.

This new departure by the Pacific Mail is to its quarrel with the Panama railroad. It is admitted by both sides that all prospects for a settlement of the dispute between the two lines jointly a subsidy of \$2,000 a year. They also receive subsidies from several sources. Pacific Mail officials say that the mail business will continue to run from Panama to Seattle, but they have received several new ports in addition. They say the mail business has been a considerable business from Central America and Mexico, 97 per cent of which consists of mail. They hope to hold a fair share of the traffic by quoting rates via their line in connection with the Southern Pacific.

No More Use For Them.

Seattle, Wn., Jan. 2.—A cablegram announcing the departure of three United States army transports from Nagasaki, Japan for Seattle, has been received by Mayor Rubin, in charge of the local consular department. The transports are the Albatross, which sailed from Nagasaki December 27; the Port Stephens, which sailed December 29; and the Albatross, which left January 1. It is probable that the three transports will be dismantled at Seattle, and the parts and material turned over to their owners by the government.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Friday; warmer Friday and in west portion tonight; southerly winds.

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