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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

CAMPBELL—On April 2, 1900, Sarah, eldest daughter of William and the late Margaret Campbell, aged 22 years.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all of the placer mining claims, whole and fractional, the property of the Crown, in the Yukon Territory will be offered for sale at public auction at Dawson, by the Gold Commissioner, on the 2nd day of July, 1900.

Twenty per cent of the purchase money shall be paid to the Gold Commissioner at Dawson on the day of sale and the remainder within thirty days from that date.

There will be no restriction as to the number of claims which may be sold to any one person or company holding a Free Miner's Certificate, but no hydraulic claims will be included in the sale.

So soon as the purchase money has been paid in full, entries for the claims will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the placer mining regulations then in force, with the exception of the provision as to the staking out of claims, and the claims sold shall thereafter be subject to the placer mining regulations.

A survey of the claims sold will be made by the Department at as early a date as possible, and the claims shall include ground the Government Surveyor may define by survey in accordance with such regulations as may be made in that behalf, and the decision of the Gold Commissioner shall in respect thereof be final and conclusive.

In case for any reason it is deemed impossible by the Gold Commissioner to give title and possession to any claim disposed of at such auction sale, the Gold Commissioner will refund the deposit paid at time of sale, and no claim shall lie against the Crown in respect to failure to give title or possession.

A second auction sale under the conditions above set forth, will be held at Dawson on the 2nd day of August, 1900, of all claims not disposed of at the auction sale of the 2nd July, 1900, and of any other claims which have in the meantime become the property of the Crown under the regulations in that behalf.

PERLEY G. KEYES, Secretary.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, 21st February, 1900. 97n z

SIR CHARLES TUPPER

Strongly Criticised by the Leading French-Canadian Conservative Paper

Montreal, April 1.—The Presse, the leading French Conservative paper, has taken strong exception to the policy of Sir Charles Tupper and his supporters.

"Since October last," says the Presse, "Sir Charles Tupper and his recognized organs have preached a crusade of the most aggressive character in favor of imperialism. To every man of sense it is evident that this strenuous zeal, this sudden metamorphosis, has no other object than the pursuit of popularity among a certain class of our English fellow-citizens. Nothing is more easy, nothing more miserable, for a public man than to render himself popular when he wishes to do so at any cost. But this cheap popularity is not worth what it costs. It is importunate and insatiable. So long as Sir Charles Tupper occupied a responsible position in the government of the country he showed himself economical with the public money; but since he is in opposition, and has no longer to fit his action to his words, he has shown such prodigality that his former friends no longer recognize him.

GORGE GAVE WAY

Black River a Raging Torrent at Port Huron—Lowlands Inundated.

Port Huron, Mich., April 1.—The usually stagnant Black River is in its spring flood and has become a raging torrent, with a current at times of over ten miles an hour. Shortly before noon the ice gorge which formed several days ago at the Wadham's bridge, eight miles up the river, gave way, and until late tonight the accumulated ice was coming down the stream heavy, occasionally choking up at one or other of the bridges and causing the water to back up. The yards of the Jenks Shipbuilding Company were covered to the depth of several feet, doing considerable damage, but to how great an extent cannot yet be determined. All the lowlands up the river also became inundated, in some places the water reaching nearly to the top of the fences.

HIS 128TH BIRTHDAY.

New York, April 2.—Noah Raby celebrated his 128th birthday at the Piscataway township alms house, at Skelton, N. J., yesterday. People from all over the nearby county went to congratulate him and tender best wishes. Almost everyone took him some present. Raby is blind, but otherwise is in remarkably good health. He says he will live to be 150 years of age.

ANOTHER THEATER FIRE.

Chicago, April 2.—The Columbia Theater, one of the oldest playhouses in this city, was destroyed by fire Friday, entailing a total loss of $190,000. The fire interrupted the progress of a rehearsal, and 20 men and women in costume were driven to the street in haste. The early part of the fire was marked with gallant rescues of girls employed in the laundry of the Iroquois Club, where the flames started. Two firemen climbed the fire escape to the sixth floor and carried the women, who had grown hysterical, to a place of safety. The rescuers were urged on by the cheers of thousands massed in the street below.

Walked Right Into a Boer Trap

A British Force Under Colonel Broadwood Ambushed.

Convoy and Seven Guns Captured Before Scarcely a Shot Was Fired—British Casualties 350, Including 200 Men Missing—Pretoria Dispatches Say Roberts Has Begun His Advance North—Funeral of Lord Gough—Mafeking All Right at Last Accounts.

London, April 2.—The war office reports that Col. Broadwood lost seven guns and all his baggage, in the ambush laid for him by the Boers on Saturday. The casualties numbered 350.

LORD ROBERTS' DISPATCH.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 1: "I received news late yesterday afternoon from Col. Broadwood, who was at Thaba N'chu, 38 miles east of here, that information had reached him that the enemy was approaching in two forces from the north, and the east. He stated that if the report proved true he would retire towards the waterworks, 17 miles nearer Bloemfontein, where we have had a detachment of mounted infantry for the protection of the works.

"Broadwood was told in reply that the ninth division, with Martyr's Mounted Infantry, would march at daylight today to support him, and that if he considered it necessary he should retire from the waterworks. He moved there during the night, and bivouacked. At dawn today he was shelled by the enemy, who

ATTACKED ON THREE SIDES.

He immediately dispatched two horse artillery batteries, and his baggage, towards Bloemfontein, covering some of them with his cavalry. Some two miles from the waterworks the road crosses a deep mullah, or spruit, in which, during the night, a force of Boers had concealed themselves. So well were they hidden that our leading scouts passed over the drift without discovering them, and it was not until the wagons and guns were entering the drift that the Boers showed themselves, and opened fire. Many of the drivers of the artillery horses were immediately shot down at short range, and several of the guns were captured. The remainder galloped away, covered by Roberts' Horse, which suffered heavily.

"Meanwhile, Lieut. Chester Masters, of the Remington scouts, found a passage across the spruit unoccupied by the enemy, by which the remainder of Broadwood's force crossed. They reformed with great steadiness, notwithstanding all that had previously occurred.

BRITISH LOSSES.

"Broadwood's report, which has just reached me, and which contains no details, stated that he had lost seven guns, and all his baggage. He estimates all his casualties at about 350, including 200 missing.

"On hearing this morning that Broadwood was hard pressed I immediately ordered Gen. French, with two remaining cavalry brigades, to follow in support of the ninth division. The latter, after a magnificent march, arrived on the scene of action shortly after 2 p.m.

"Broadwood's force consisted of the Royal Household Cavalry, the Tenth Hussars, Q. and U. Batteries of the Royal Horse Artillery, and Pilcher's Battalion of Mounted Infantry.

"The strength of the enemy is estimated at from eight to ten thousand, with guns, the number of which is not yet reported."

THE FIRST REPORT.

Bushman Kop, Saturday, March 31.—The British force, commanded by Colonel Broadwood, consisting of the Tenth Hussars, Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry, under Colonel Pilcher, which had been garrisoning Thaba N'chu, was obliged, in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers, to leave last night. Colonel Broadwood marched to the Bloemfontein waterworks south of the Modder, where he encamped at four this morning. At early dawn the camp was shelled by the enemy from a near point. Colonel Broadwood sent off a convoy with the batteries, while the rest of the force remained to act as a rear guard. The convoy arrived at a deep spruit, where the Boers were concealed, and the entire body walked into ambush and was captured, together with six guns. The loss of life was not great, since most of the British had walked into the trap before a shot was fired. Gen. Colville's division, which left Bloemfontein early this morning, arrived here at noon, and he is now shelling the Boers.

London, Monday, April 2.—4:30 a.m.—The hope is expressed here that Gen. Colville will recover the convoy and guns; but this is hardly likely in such a difficult country, and it is probable that the next news will be that, after a stiff fight, Gen. Colville has extricated Col. Broadwood from his difficult position. It is possible the affair

MAY REVIVE THE BOER HOPES.

Great things are expected by the Boers of the new commander-in-chief, Gen. Botha, who has made his reputation wholly during the present campaign. Foreign officers serving with the Boers have expressed surprise at his clever tactics. The proof of continued activity in the Free State will compel greater circumspection on the part of the British, and will probably delay the march of Lord Roberts northward.

WILKINSON'S COMMENT.

London, April 2.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "The attack on Thaba Nchu and the convoy is a sample of the mode in which the Boers will try to conduct the war. It is a legitimate mode and the most effective for Boer purposes. So long as the Boer army keeps the field such attacks will embarrass the British, and perhaps the best way to get rid of the difficulty would be a swift advance and decisive blows against the main Boer army."

London, April 1—4 a.m.—The war office issued no further news tonight, and the few dispatches received from the seat of war bear evidence of having been delayed by the censor. According to a special dispatch from Pretoria, dated yesterday, Lord Roberts has commenced his advance northward. The dispatch says that there are daily skirmishes, and that a big battle is imminent. This, however, may refer to the operations preceding the engagement at Karee Siding, which has apparently cleared the way, as well as secured an advantageous position, whence the next operations may be conducted.

Tucker's division is now strongly occupying the Boers' camp at Karee Siding, with the way clear to Brandfort, which is reported already evacuated.

Orders have been received at Cape Town for the eighth division to be disembarked and sent north immediately on its arrival there.

Brabant's Horse occupied Wepener last Thursday unopposed.

Lord Methuen has issued the following at Kimberley: "I have received instructions that, if any disturbance occurs west of the Vaal River, my force is to return and punish the rebels immediately."

Mafeking.

HOLDING OUT.

London, March 31.—Lord Roberts today reported to the war office that he had received news from Col. Baden-Powell at Mafeking up to March 10, when the general health of the garrison and its spirits were good. The locally-made gun, searchlight and ammunition were working well; the food was holding out well, and the paper currency which the British commander had issued was satisfactory.

At the extreme west there are movements that seem to indicate the relief of Mafeking may not long be delayed. Two thousand men and three batteries passed through Barkly West on Monday, and half as many more were expected to follow them.

OLIVIER'S 800 WAGONS.

London, April 2.—The Times has the following from Mafeking, Basutoland, dated Friday, March 30.—Gen. Olivier has just passed Jamesberg Drift with a large body of men, four guns and 800 wagons. The column, which extended 30 miles, was accompanied by many women and children."

ROBERTS' MESSAGE RE JOUBERT

Bloemfontein, Friday, March 30.—Lord Roberts has sent the following dispatch to President Kruger: "Have just heard of the death of Gen. Joubert and desire to offer my sincere condolences upon the sad event. Would ask you to convey to Gen. Joubert's family an expression of my most respectful sympathy with their sad bereavement, and to assure them also from me that all ranks of her Majesty's forces share my feelings of deep regret at the sudden and untimely end of so distinguished a general, who devoted his life to the service of his country, and whose personal gallantry was only surpassed by his humane conduct and chivalrous bearing under all circumstances."

COL. GOUGH DEAD.

London, April 1.—Lord Roberts reports the death at Norval's Pont on Wednesday, March 28, of Col. the Hon. George Hugh Gough, C.B. Col. Gough had been private secretary to the commander-in-chief of the British forces, Lord Wolseley, since 1897. He was born in county Tipperary, Ireland, July 25, 1852, and was the second son of the late second Viscount Gough. He joined the 14th Hussars in 1871, passed through the staff college in 1883, commanded mounted infantry in the Soudan campaign, 1884-85, and commanded the 14th Hussars, 1891-96.

Bloemfontein, March 30.—Col. Gough, of the 14th Hussars, who died at Norval's Pont, was buried here today with full military honors, Lord Roberts and staff following the remains to the grave.

IN NATAL.

London, April 2.—In Natal there is a renewal of activity that seems to promise fighting before long. The last reports from Natal indicate the speedy clashing of the opposing armies.

Sir Redvers Buller's army has vastly recuperated since Ladysmith was relieved, and despite the supposed tremendous strength of the Boer defenses in the Drakensburg passes, it is expected that he will make his way across the obstacle and join forces with Lord Roberts for the final march on Pretoria.

BOERS MARAUDING.

London, April 2.—The Boer forces in the neighborhood of Paardeberg are reported to be actively engaged in marauding and in attempting to capture British horses left on the veldt owing to their weak condition.

Detailed accounts of the fight at Karee Siding estimate the Boer force variously from 3,000 to 5,000 men.

Sir hundred Barkly refugees sent back from Cape Town are stranded, the Kimberley military authorities refusing assistance to allow them to proceed.

Much Kaffir looting is reported at Klip Dam.

ANNEXATION.

An active campaign is in progress on the part of loyalists of Cape Colony for the annexation of the republics and the punishment of the colonials who serve in the Boer army. Meetings in support of the policy have been held in many important centers under the auspices of the South African League.

STEYN'S THREAT.

From Cape Town is is reported that President Steyn has gone to Pretoria, after issuing an order that all British burghers refusing to join the Boer armies shall be shot. The stories of refugees, however, are notoriously unreliable.

Mr. Steyn is reported to have gone to Ladybrand to stir up the burghers there to renewed resistance. The Boers have removed from the immediate vicinity of Plattberg and taken up a commanding position adjacent. The Dutch who surrendered their arms at Ladybrand are now suffering seizures of their live stock.

CONCESSION FROM PORTUGAL.

London, April 2.—The Lisbon correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Portuguese Government has wired an order to Beira that British troops and ammunition be allowed to pass through freely to Rhodesia. The minister of foreign affairs, Senor Voiga Beiro, has announced in the Chamber of Deputies that the government is in possesssion of railways bonds with which to pay the award of the Delagoa Bay Railway arbitration tribunal."

OFF TO ST. HELENA.

Cape Town, March 31. — The first batch of prisoners started today for St. Helena.

The transportation of the prisoners to St. Helena is arousing the anger of the Boers, who threaten to retaliate by sending the British prisoners to Koomatipoort, reputed to be the worst fever-den in South Africa.

The departure of the British transports with the Boer prisoners has been delayed in consequence of the increased sickness among the prisoners. Three died today and 12 have died during the week. Arrangements are being made to prevent overcrowding. The prisoners do not complain of their treatment or their food. Many of Gen. Cronje's men when captured were completely worn out with the hardships they had undergone and little strength was left them for fighting disease.

How 'Twas Done.

THE TURNING MOVEMENT.

Bloemfontein, March 31.—The Boer position yesterday (at Karee Siding station) was one of great natural strength. Only the turning movement of Gen. French and Major Le Gallais, the latter commander of the mounted infantry, on either flank, insured the British success. The shape of the kopjes was irregular. The Boers' right flank consisted of a long hill, with wooded sides, connected with the main position by a long, low ridge, thickly wooded. The rest of the position, towards the left, consisted of broken kopjes, all connected by a high ridge. Major Le Gallais moved around the Boer left and engaged them first, freely using his Vickers-Maxims, and gradually forcing the Boers towards the center, where they made a good stand. Major Le Gallais was unable to move until late in the day, while Gen. French moved early. The latter made a wide detour towards the rear of the Boers, but was unable to complete his movement before the Boers perceived his intention, and abandoned the position. They retired in good order between Gen. French and Major Le Gallais.

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