

## The Boers Checked

### Garrison at Wepener Repulsed the Burghers With Heavy Losses.

### Movements in Cape Colony and Natal—Remounting the Guns at Kimberley.

London, April 14.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Bloemfontein in a dispatch dated Friday, describing Lord Roberts and his troops attending Good Friday services, says: "But the troops are marching forward as well as to service."

"The forward movement of the Boers is checked," says Lord Roberts. This is taken to mean not by fighting but by dispositions to head off their advance and bar their way to vulnerable points in the lines of British communication.

Relief is on the way to Wepener. The Boers in Natal appear incapable of developing an aggressive movement at Elands-laagte. Lord Methuen is at Zwartkopsfontein, twelve miles east of Boshof, and is sending

Small, Swift Columns through the adjacent country. Lord Chesham, commanding one of these, encountered a small commando about ten miles southeast of Zwartkopsfontein. He found a nest of the farms occupied by the women and children only.

A note in the Daily Mail avers that Mafeking is in a very bad way and that the hope of relief is far off as no force is advancing from the south.

The war office announces that horses will arrive at the Cape this week. It is well understood that the animals are not fit for work until about ten days after the voyage. Two thousand more are due at the Cape next week.

The war office has called out the reserve companies of several Infantry Battalions which will be sent to South Africa for service.

The Boer peace envoys have documents, the Rome correspondent of the Daily News says, showing that urgent advances to the Transvaal war were originally made by Germany. This correspondent also asserts that Count Von Bülow, the German foreign minister, who was said to have gone on a visit to a sick brother, really went to Milan for the express purpose of conferring with the delegates.

The following dispatch appears in the Times from Jammersberg, dated April 13th: "Col. Dalgety's forces have been surrounded by some Boers with eight guns, two pom-poms and two Maxim guns on Monday. They have gallantly

Withstood a Heavy Attack on Monday and against a night attack on Tuesday. Thursday there was continuous shelling and rifle fire. We are confident of being able to repulse any attack. Our casualties are small. The brunt of the fighting, as also of the loss, has been borne by the Cape Mounted Rifles."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing on Thursday, says: "There is nothing to cause uneasiness. It will be seen that the Boers are just where we want them. In a word, we are all right."

The correspondent of the Morning Post at Bloemfontein, telegraphing on Thursday, says: "The enemy have evidently determined to adopt new tactics. Two columns are known to be moving south of Bloemfontein. They are relying upon Cape carts for transport and are carrying scarcely any forage and only sufficient food to meet the immediate requirements of the convoy, with transport following at a secure distance."

The Boer Columns are thus enabled to move about almost as quickly as cavalry. It is reported that 9,000 Boers are to the south of Dewetsdorp, the force extending from that point to Odenhale. The burghers who had returned to their farms are undoubtedly rejoicing the enemy."

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson discussing the military situation in the Morning Post says: "The objective of the 9,000 Boers south of Dewetsdorp is either Col. Dalgety's force, the bridge at Bethulle, or the country south of the Orange river. Whatever its object, Lord Roberts has apparently checked it, and if so the movement and reorganization of the British force can proceed uninterruptedly and the new campaign will surely begin on the initiative of Lord Roberts."

### BOERS REPULSED

With Great Loss by the Troops at Wepener.

London, April 13, 9:13 p.m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Roberts: "Bloemfontein, April 13, 1:30 p.m.—The enemy's movements south have been checked. Wepener is still surrounded, but the little garrison is holding out well. Troops are being moved to their assistance. The health of the troops is good and the climate is perfect."

Bloemfontein, April 13.—Accounts received here of the fighting of the troops under Colonel Dalgety at Wepener show the Boers attacked them vigorously, but were repulsed with great loss. The Boers subsequently relinquished the attack, and

it is said here they are returning northward.

### BOERS IN NATAL

Trying to Cut Off Communication With Ladysmith.

London, April 14.—The Daily Telegraph has the following from Elands-laagte, April 13th: "The Boers are changing their tactics and are moving from Glencoe westward with a view of threatening our lines of communication to Ladysmith. On Tuesday a corps of Carbineers and a number of Thorneycroft's Horse narrowly escaped being cut off owing to the treachery of a Kaffir and a native guide."

### AT KIMBERLEY.

Citizens Fear the Boers Will Again Attempt a Siege.

Kimberley, April 13.—The town guard has been re-mobilized and guns have been remounted at the forts owing to the fears of the populace that the Boers will again attempt a siege.

A battalion of the Scottish Rifles has arrived and the redoubts around the town are manned with regular troops.

The military authorities, however, regard these fears as groundless.

### Colonial Division.

Bloemfontein, April 13.—A new division, consisting of two brigades, has been formed under Gen. Ian Hamilton. Gen. Hutton's brigade is composed of Canadians, New Zealanders and all the Australians, except the cavalry. His staff are: Col. Martyn, chief; Lord Rosemead, aide-de-camp; Col. Hood, of Victoria; Col. Bridges, of New South Wales; and Major Cartwright of Canada, adjutant-general. The brigade consists of four corps of mounted infantry, under Cols. Sanderson, Delisle, Pilcher, and Henry. The first corps consists of the First Battalion Canadians under Colonel Herchmer. Strathcona's Horse, under Col. Steele, and the Victorians, under Col. Bryce, are in the fourth corps.

The second and third corps are composed of Australians. Each corps has a battalion of Mounted Infantry attached. The Canadian and New South Wales batteries and a number of Vickers-Maxims will also join the divisions.

### Boer Casualties.

London, April 14.—The Daily Mail publishes this dispatch dated Friday, April 13th, from Lorenzo Marquez: "The Boers are manufacturing shells, especially Vickers-Maxim, in large quantities in the Benheim foundry, Johannesburg. The actual Boer losses are estimated at 12,000. At present there are 7,000 Boers in Natal and 87,000 in the Free State."

### Seized a Ferry.

London, April 12.—The Times publishes the following special dispatch: "Cape Town, April 11.—A Drachender correspondent says that Gen. Settle's column reached Uppington on March 30th. Col. Hughes, a Canadian M.P., and chief of Gen. Settle's staff, with two City Volunteer cyclists, two Canadians and two other colonials, seized the pont. The rebel rear-guard evacuated the town hastily, after firing one shot, under the impression that a large force was upon them."

Uppington, about 150 miles west of Kimberley, is a small town, which has long been held by the rebels.

### NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

Boys Charged With Burglary—The City Cemetery—The Case of Everett.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, April 14.—Two small boys, named Ketchen and Kay, of 12 and 9 years, were arrested yesterday morning charged with carrying on a wholesale system of burglaries on Mount Pleasant. Robert Haddon broke the round-the-park record in the Good Friday road race. He lowered the time for the nine miles from 27 minutes to 25 minutes 55 seconds.

Owners of plots in the city cemetery have appointed a committee to interview the council and insist upon improvements being made at once.

Another effort is being made towards the release of Martin Everett, who is awaiting trial for the holding up of a stage near the boundary. He has been in Kamloops jail for several months.

United States Consul Dudley left on Friday for Nelson. W. M. Kenibbs, the vice-consul there, who was appointed only three weeks ago, has sent his resignation to Washington.

### FIGHT WITH STRIKERS.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 14.—Hostilities between strikers and the sheriff's forces at Croton dam, on the Hudson, began early today. A party of strikers made an attempt to cut the cable at one end of the suspension bridge, and was charged upon by the deputy sheriffs. There was a lively fight, which ended in the defeat of the strikers, who were driven away from the vicinity of the bridge. The strikers were armed with revolvers, heavy sticks, knives and other weapons. The deputy sheriffs were all armed with revolvers. In the conflict two deputy sheriffs were wounded. There are now 200 deputies at the scene.

The strikers number fully 500, and reinforcements are arriving.

Deputy Sheriff Jarvis came to New York for ammunition, guns, revolvers, etc. The strikers are guarding the road known as the Boverly, and allow no one to pass through their ranks.

### A MARKET SHOT.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, April 14.—A lad named Jan Whitesides, while officiating as marker at a target yesterday was struck by a bullet which went through his body. His wounds, however, were not serious.

## May Cut Off The Boers

### Three Forces Are Now Advancing to Aid the Troops at Wepener.

### Burghers Again Heavily Bombarded British Trenches North of Kimberley.

(Associated Press.)

London, April 14.—The only development reported up to 2 p.m. to-day in the cable dispatches received here from South Africa was the heavy bombardment of the British trenches at Wepener on April 13th, which resulted in no damage. The Boers apparently getting under the impression that the British meditated an attack.

Major-General Sir Frederick Carrington, accompanied by detachments of bushmen and Scotch scouts, sailed today for Capetown en route for Beira.

Prince Adolphus of Teck has returned to Bloemfontein after a short visit to Capetown.

From Boer sources it is learned that Gen. Botha has returned from the Fighting Lines.

and reports the British have removed their camp in the direction of Elands-laagte. As the British camp has been situated at that place for some time, the significance of General Botha's statement not quite clear.

The reassuring reports from Bloemfontein, published in this morning's papers have done much to restore confidence in London. All the correspondents seen agreed that Lord Roberts knows what he is about.

The critics of the afternoon papers eagerly speculate on the possibilities of the Boer Commands

at Wepener being cut off. This seems quite possible, as the force from Bloemfontein is advancing by way of Dewetsdorp, Gen. Chermide is nearing the objective with the third division by way of Reddersburg, and Gen. Brabant's forces are moving from Alval North by way of Rouxville and Bushmankop, while across the border a strong force of Basutos are closely watching events.

In the meanwhile Gen. Russell's division is concentrating at Springfontein. Lord Methuen's force is trying to get to Hoopstad, and it is believed that Gen. Hunter's division will strengthen the British left at Fourteen Streams.

The weakening of Gen. Buller's force

by the withdrawal of the Union and Irish brigades now under General Hunter, is attributed to the fact that the general commanding

### In Natal

has decided that the forcing of the passes is impracticable, and that he will merely attempt to maintain the status until Lord Roberts's main advance shall open his road through Laing's Nek.

Beyond the mysterious Capetown hint regarding the early expectation of good news about Mafeking, there is no further information to hand in connection with that beleaguered town, which now must be in great straits.

### WILL RUSSIA INTERFERE.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The Czar and Czarina started last evening for Moscow.

Persistent rumors are current in Moscow that the Russian Emperor Sunday afternoon must have convinced him of the gratitude of his countrymen for his gallant defense of Ladysmith. The harbor presented a brilliant scene, and the vessel's berth at the wharf was resplendent with bunting and evergreens.

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In acknowledging the address, he referred with admiration to his gallant garrison, every one of whom, he said, from "General Hunter to the brave trumpeter had behaved magnificently."

### GEN. WHITE AT HOME.

London, April 14.—The scene which greeted General Geo. White when the steamer reached Southampton this afternoon must have convinced him of the gratitude of his countrymen for his gallant defense of Ladysmith. The harbor presented a brilliant scene, and the vessel's berth at the wharf was resplendent with bunting and evergreens.

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### THE PEACE ENVOYS.

Rome, April 14.—Nothing is known here in corroboration of the report published abroad that Count von Bülow, German minister of foreign affairs, had

visited the Transvaal peace envoys at Milan. The story is not credited. The Portuguese minister, however, has gone to that city.

An interview is published here, in which Jonkherr Abramfischer, one of the Transvaal commissioners, is alleged to have declared that the South African Republics were willing to make any sacrifice in order to preserve their liberty and independence. They did not wish, he declared, to add to their territory, but merely to retain it and live peacefully at home.

### Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, April 14.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund to date amounts to \$236,273.72.

### Reinforcements for Strathcona's.

Ottawa, April 14.—It is understood Inspector Strickland, of the N.W.M.P., will have command of the reinforcements to be sent out to Strathcona's Horse in South Africa. The men will be recruited along the main line of the C. P. R.

### SCHOOL TEACHER'S SUICIDE.

Poured Kerosene Over Her Clothing and Set Fire to Herself.

(Associated Press.)

Laporte, Ind., April 14.—Mina Beadle, a school teacher at Tye, this county, committed suicide by pouring kerosene over her clothing and setting fire to herself. She was instantly enveloped in the flames, which burned her so severely before assistance arrived that she died in great agony an hour after the deed was committed. Miss Beadle had made two previous attempts to commit suicide.

### STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS.

(Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—The situation in the strike of telegraphers on the Southern shows an improvement early this morning for the railroad. Freight is beginning to move, and car reports to officials here from nearly every branch of the service show better conditions. At Flowering Branch, Georgia, the operator who took the place of the retiring agent, was run out of town by citizens, and at Corona, Ala., Dispatcher Cox, of Columbus, Miss., was handled roughly and escorted out of the place.

### COAL GOING UP.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, April 14.—Mine operators, representing a dozen mines in Indiana and Illinois, held a secret meeting last night at the Great Northern hotel. After the meeting it was reported they had agreed to increase still further the price of soft coal, but how much was not stated. It was claimed that under the present wage scale to miners it is impossible to operate mines at a profit without raising prices.

## Exodus From London

### All Who Can Afford it Have Left the Capital for Easter-tide.

### Old Men and Women Receive the "Royal Maundy Money."

(Associated Press.)

London, April 14.—Easter eggs this season are decorated with pictures of Gen. Roberts and Union Jack with Shamrocks and Irish harps interwoven on their grounds.

Political affairs are in a dormant state, and the war and spirit of Imperialism are in the ascendant. Had anyone dared to prophesy at this time last year that these things would have come about within a twelve-month, he would have been laughed to scorn.

An aspect of rejoicing pervades the country. England needs an outlet for the enthusiasm over the past victories in Africa, for the escape of the Prince of Wales, and for the prosperous times that had been afforded the country, so it is small wonder that an

Unprecedented Flood of Excursionists is leaving London over Good Friday and Easter Monday. Everyone who can afford it has gone away and holiday-making is the rage of the moment.

Next week marks the opening of the Paris exposition, yet comparatively few Britishers are likely to attend. Seven months ago thousands were planning to leave Albion to visit Paris. But since the anti-British press in France has been so venomous, almost all interest seems to have been lost in what promised to be one of the greatest expositions of the century. Punch's cartoon this week represents Punch bowing to Mistress Paris and wishing her good fortune; but this does not represent in the slightest degree

### Popular Opinion.

for, as the Globe says, "the British people are not going to the show."

Speaking of shows, one of the most ancient occurred this week when the "Royal Maundy Money" was distributed to old men and women at Westminster Abbey. "The ceremony of giving small alms to deserving persons with Yeomen of the Guard in attendance as usual attracted large crowds, and according to an evening paper the red purses containing the Queen's small gift were eagerly bought up by American visitors, some of whom offered as much as £5 for them. The number of recipients increases with each year of the Queen's life and 51 men and 51 women the other day formed a striking, living commentary of the great age of the Empire's active sovereign."

### Scenes of Enthusiasm

after the arrival of Sir Geo. White. Despite what were alleged to be his mistakes, it is doubtful if any British general, except Lord Roberts, is half so popular as the defender of Ladysmith. Buckles bearing his photograph are already being generally worn, and in this connection it is interesting to note now that what the English papers once decided as the "American button fad" has come into popularity in England. The Outlook relates that while Sir Geo. White stood in the market place at Ladysmith immediately after the relief of that place, while cheering throngs surged around him, and as the congratulatory message of the Queen was being read out, he said with emotion: "England is very kind to me, who have lost her two regiments." The simple pathos, readiness to accept blame and the pluck of this man have

Touched the Hearts of the People as deeply as if he had won a hundred battles, "moreover he is the friend and pupil of the beloved idol, 'Bobs'."

Hugh Somerset, the son of Lady Henry Somerset, who is well known in America, has been deprived of his chance of becoming the Duke of Beaufort by the birth of a son to the present holder of that title. For years young Somerset has been the heir apparent to the Dukedom, as hitherto the Duke of Beaufort only had two daughters, but now, for the first time in a century and a half, a Marquis of Worcester has been born. Somerset married four years ago and has a son. Though this unexpected Marquis of Worcester, for the Duke is an old man, robs Somerset of

Chances of a Dukedom, he comes in for a considerable fortune upon the demise of his father, whose marriage to Lady Henry resulted in such notorious unhappiness and disagreement. Young Somerset is one of the keenest motor car experts in England.

Designer Fife is busy making plans for the improvement of the Shamrock. He has had a testing tank fitted up, various models are being tried and the results are carefully tabulated to enable him to re-draft the lines of the defeated cup challenger. It is said Fife has a free hand in making what alterations he may see fit.

### YUKON FORCES.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 14.—Capt. Thacker, R. C.B.I., has been appointed adjutant of the Yukon forces.



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