

# Is Roberts Advancing?

### Lack of News Taken to Indicate That Important Operations Are in Progress.

### Boers Rapidly Falling Back on Ladybrand-Carrington's Movements.

London, April 29.—No news has been received from the seat of war for 24 hours, and this is taken to indicate that operations are progressing which it is deemed prudent to keep secret.

So far as the situation in the south-eastern part of the Free State can be worked out from the latest dispatches, the main body of the Boers, composed of the forces recently adding Thaba Nchu, Leeuw Kop and Dewet's Dorp, is retiring probably with a view to joining in the neighborhood of Ladybrand. The commandoes from the vicinity of Wepener who, according to a dispatch from Alival North, dated April 28th, made good their retreat to Ladybrand. The

Main Body of the Boers is being followed by Generals Hamilton, French and Hart, while General Rundle also is on the spot. The British thus have an overwhelmingly superior force and ought to wipe out the Boers if they succeed in overtaking them and bringing them to bay. It may be assumed that the Boers are to the eastward of a line drawn from Thaba Nchu to Wepener.

The retreat, it seems, is being carried out without fighting, which indicates that the Boers have a good start and the dispatches state that they are not hampered much by the transport and leave no visible track behind them on the veldt. This mitigates against the probability of their being overtaken and forced to

### A Decisive Action.

The chances seem that the retreating commando may get away without being forced to turn and fight.

It is within range of possibilities that Lord Roberts without waiting for the outcome of these manoeuvres may begin his advance northward. This may be the secret that the censor has been so jealously guarding. The outcome of this interesting situation cannot be long delayed.

The news from other points is unimportant and uninteresting. Some fighting continues about Warrenton, apparently ineffectually, as no casualties have been reported on either side.

A special dispatch from Beira, dated April 27th, states that the dispatch of Gen. Carrington's division for Rhodesia is progressing as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Seven transports have already landed troops and stores.

### Rundle's Movements.

Thaba Nchu, April 27.—Gen. Rundle's division has arrived here. The march from Dewet's Dorp was uneventful. Generals French and Hamilton are also here. The Boers are reported ten miles to the eastward. The mounted force came in contact with them and had a slight skirmish. The result of the junction of Generals French and Rundle is the clearance of the country of Boers at this point.

### No Announcement of Policy.

London, April 28.—Parliament resumed business this week, but it scarcely justifies even passing comment. Lethargy has marked and will probably continue to mark the debate. Dissolution is in the air, but all the members of the House of Commons now seem to realize that their happy release from Westminster depends entirely upon the progress of the war in South Africa, although until Lord Roberts brings the campaign to a climax the government will continue to kill time, adopting a non-committal attitude towards any home measures that might entail serious controversy and carefully holding back any announcement of a permanent policy in regard to South Africa until the issue has been simplified by the multitudinous problems involved.

The Liberal papers inveigh against this plan to secure peace first and announce the policy afterwards, maintaining that a final announcement of the government's intentions towards the South African republics would greatly hasten peace.

However, the Liberals are far too hopelessly divided on the war question to have any chance of forcing Lord Salisbury's hand in this respect.

When Lord Roberts breaks the backbone of the Boer resistance, then the Premier will probably spring a programme and go before the country.

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### BIG RAILWAY STRIKE.

Three Thousand Men Are Idle To-Day—Arbitration on the Situation.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, April 30.—Commissioner Frances Deleandri, of the state board of mediation and arbitration, arrived in this city from Buffalo this morning to confer with Superintendent Wyatt, of New York Central railroad, in the hope of avoiding a general strike on the Central system. He is reported to have said: "The situation is extremely serious, the only hope I have of a general strike being averted is the making of concessions by the officials of the Central. Unless they meet demands of the men there will be a strike. I can say nothing further until I have seen Supt. Wyatt."

All of the employees of the New York Central were reticent. Many of them declared they had no grievances, and that the conductors and train men were not regularly organized, their organization having been broken up by the big strike on the Central system.

Buffalo, April 30.—The strikers claim that 3,000 men are out on the Central, Western New York and Pennsylvania, Lackawanna and Nickle Plate roads. The railroad officials concede 2,200. The strikers have given the New York Central Co. until 1 o'clock this afternoon to grant their demands. The men out on the other roads declined to inspect New York Central cars in the yards of their respective companies.

The Western New York and Pennsylvania men also demand an increase in wages.

### A CANADIAN KILLED.

Ottawa, April 30.—Lieut. Col. Otter cables to the major-general commanding that \$140, Private E. S. Purcell, 60th Battalion, died from enteric fever on the 22nd.

There was an action at Black Mountain on the 25th inst.

Killed—\$074, Private J. Dafoc, R. C. Artillery.

Wounded—Lieut. Col. Otter; 7454, Private R. Burns, Governor-General's foot guards. Another wounded has not been identified.

Lieut. Col. Otter reports that the wounded were only slightly injured and that his command did well in the action referred to.

The death of Purcell and the wounding of Col. Otter has already been given in press dispatches.

### SURGEON ON "KHAKI FEVER"

New York, April 30.—Fred Treves, a famous surgeon who has just returned from the war, was entertained, together with Sir Wm. MacCormack, at a banquet at the Reform Club on Saturday night, presided over by Lord Rosbery, secretary of the war office. Mr. Treves took occasion to administer a stinging rebuke to the "smart" women suffering from the "khaki fever," who have gone, as alleged nurses, to the front. He said: "So far as the sick are concerned, there are only two plagues in South Africa, the plague of flies, and the plague of London. The flies get rid of by horse-whips and other appliances, and they at least depart at night, but the women are absolutely a terror. They came out in the guise of nurses, after having exhausted every other form of excitement. Considering that we are engaged in a war, the number of well-dressed ladies at Capetown and elsewhere giving picnics, is a blot on the campaign."

The onslaught on the latest fad of society electrified the audience and is certain to provoke bitter recriminations.

### Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, April 30.—The patriotic fund to date amounts to \$253,795.

### A MATCH CAUSED DEATH.

(Associated Press.)  
Havana, April 30.—Matanzas City is mourning over the death of Mrs. Wilson, the wife of Major-General James H. Wilson, military governor of the department of Matanzas, Santa Clara. Mrs. Wilson died on Saturday afternoon from the terrible burns caused by her stepping on a match, which ignited her clothing.

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A large crowd witnessed the game and after waiting half an hour the burning rush was made on the Victoria goal, but Goward kicked well over to Shandley, who dribbled down the field and passed to York, who shot wide. McKinley kicked out and Johnson secured for Victoria, and after cleverly dodging several opponents, passed to Livingstone, who was given a severe cross body check from Morrison and Gilmour, and was put out of play for a few minutes. Play being resumed, Noot secured and shot for the goal, but the Wellington goal-keeper saved in five style. The Wellington forwards now worked their way towards Jones, but Victoria's husky back found no trouble in getting the ball clear. Rutherford and Johnson each did some pretty work, and the latter passed to Livingstone, who shot the ball into the Wellington goal-keeper's hands. York rushed him and ball through the goal, and the few spectators who were from Victoria fully appreciated this fine piece of play. After the kick off the Wellington men did all in their power to equalize, but Goward and Schwengers were too good for them and all their efforts to score were fruitless. Thompson broke away and got well down the field, but Johnson dived and passed the ball to his forwards. Noot shot, and the ball would have gone wide had not McKinley tried to head it out and the ball went into the goal. After this Morrison worked his way through the half-back line, but Goward stopped his progressive movement and Hunter secured and had a shot for the goal, but the ball however went high. The ball was now travelling from one end to the other, Goward's kicking at this stage of the game was a treat, placing the leather to York and Livingstone every time it came his way. The rough play of the Wellington back division began to tell on the Victoria forwards, who were much lighter than their opponents, but the boys stuck gamely to their work and made the Wellington goal-keeper hustle to keep them from scoring. Shandley now took a corner kick for Victoria and dropped the ball right into the goal mouth. The Wellington players used their fists, feet and heads to keep the ball from going through. Doran now made away and was flying down the field at terrific speed, but he came to a sudden termination when he ran into Lorimer.

On resuming play in the second half the Wellington team tried hard to score, and for a time Jones was kept busy. Noot now secured and passed to Shandley. The latter raced down with the ball and passed over to York, who returned it again to Shandley, and he, after getting a kick in the ribs from a Wellington player, shot, but the ball missed the goal. Livingstone, at this stage of the game, received a number of kicks, but he and Noot did some fine play and several times narrowly missed scoring. Thompson now broke away and shot the ball into the Victoria goal and the referee stopped play. The Wellington team started off to worry the Wellington backs, and time after time Shandley and York, on the wings, centered well into the goal. The way these two players placed the ball was one of the finest features in the game, but Morrison stopped all their efforts. Halloran now raced off at full speed, but Rutherford stopped him and the latter player was struck. The referee cautioned both men. Thompson secured and centered across the goal mouth and Graham scored number two for Wellington, and three minutes more full time was sounded.

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# CLOUBBURST AND TORNADO.

### Several Persons Drowned in Texas—Dwelling Houses Destroyed.

Dallas, Texas, April 27.—About noon today a tornado passed through the southern part of Johnson and northern part of Hill counties. In Hill county the town of Blum, about 75 miles south-east of Dallas, was partly destroyed and several persons fatally injured. A daughter of Dr. Harka had a scalding driven through her body and is dying. Lacey Robertson's wife was caught in the falling house and will die. The public school house was wrecked and two pupils badly hurt. About a dozen dwellings were destroyed in addition to the school building and the Baptist church was wrecked.

Waco, Texas, April 27.—A cloudburst, accompanied by a high wind, descended upon this city at noon today, and the result is that eight persons are known to have perished, and property valued at several thousand dollars has been destroyed or damaged.

Nearly two thousand people attended the sacred concert given in the 10th Hall last evening by the Fifth Regiment band, assisted by local talent, in aid of the sufferers from the Hull and Ottawa fire. The concert commenced shortly after 8:30 o'clock, the first numbers being the "March to Calvary" from "Gottos" Redemption, and the "Pilgrim's Progress" from Tannhauser, and these were given with a spirit and musically ability most cordially received. J. G. Brown's manly harp was heard to splendid advantage in "My God to Thee," while Mrs. J. D. Helmeke's "The Lost Chord" was rendered with rare pathos. In Kent's "Valley of Shadows," Mr. H. Kerr was most effective, while A. T. Goward excelled himself in his rendition of the "Holy City." The vocal duet by Miss L. Loewen and Miss Lombard was beautifully given. A gem of the evening was the playing of "The Lost Chord" on the cornet by W. V. North with the band accompaniment. The "Recessional March" by the band, and the National Anthem brought the concert to a close. During the evening a collection was taken up, the total, together with the amount at the door, reached the substantial total of \$351.10, which was telegraphed to Ottawa this morning.

### CANCER TREATED ON SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES.

The New Constitutional Remedy Suppresses the Knife and Plecter.

Time was when everybody thought cancer was a local disease, that it had to be cut out with the knife or pulled out by the plaster. Very few medical men or even laymen think that now.

Too many cures, some back again after being cut out to have any doubt as to the constitutional nature of the disease. The only way to cure it perfectly and permanently is to permeate the system with a remedy that destroys every particle of the cancer poison.

That is what our Vegetable Cancer Cure does. It cures cancer of the lip, nose, breast, womb, stomach, bowels, or cancer in any part of the body, perfectly and permanently—except in the last stages, and even in these cases it checks the disease and prolongs life, and gives comfort and satisfaction to the afflicted.

If you are a sufferer or have a friend who is, send two stamps for full particulars to Scott & Gray, Bowmanville, Ont. All correspondence regarded as strictly confidential.

### BIRTHS.

FOURD—On the 10th inst., the wife of Geo. H. Pound, 620 Hamilton street, Vancouver, of a daughter.

COVANN—On the 15th inst., the wife of Mrs. Geo. H. Covann, of a daughter.

PROCTOR—On the 23rd inst., at 2 La-bouche street, the wife of H. G. Proctor, of a daughter.

ACKLEY-WRIGHT—At Nelson, on April 17th, by Rev. H. S. Akehurst, Lester W. Ackley and Miss V. Wright.

BRIDGE-MAN—At Chilliwack, on April 20th, by Rev. J. H. Walter, William Bridge and Miss A. McConell, of a daughter.

COTTELL-ADAMSON—At New Westminster, on April 20th, by Rev. J. F. Betts, F. W. Cottrell and Miss Adams, of a daughter.

LAWRY-OLSEN—At Vancouver, on April 20th, by Rev. E. Scott, Edward John Lawry and Miss Olive Olsen.

SAUNDERS-DUNCVILLE—At Chilliwack, on April 20th, by Rev. Joseph Hall, Roy Saunders and Miss Duncville, second daughter of the late T. Duncville.

THOMPSON-DELL—At Slemon, on April 18th, by Rev. Mr. McKee, John Thompson and Miss K. Bell.

WADDELL-CARPER—At Chilliwack, on April 19th, by Rev. Professor Whittling, Andrew Waddell and Mrs. Emily Carper.

OLIVER-MILLER—At Sunas, April 17th, by Rev. J. Hall, assisted by Rev. A. K. Sharpe, Mr. P. B. Oliver and Mrs. E. B. Oliver, daughter of D. McGilivray.

KEITH-KELMAN—At Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, on April 17th, by Rev. J. W. MacLeod, assisted by Rev. G. A. Wilson, Samuel W. Keith and Miss Kate B. Keane.

MCKILLOP-FROST—At New Westminster, on April 17th, by Rev. J. P. Bovell, Charles Alexander McKillop and Miss Edna Munn Frost.

BEVER-SMITH—At Nelson, on April 18th, by Rev. John Robson, William S. Bever and Emma Smith.

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