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London, May 3.—(4:10 a.m.)—The immediate objective of Lord Roberts is to establish a line of British posts from one frontier of the Free State to the other, and to fight a battle with the Boers, thus preventing their raids southward. It is essential, therefore, that the Boers should be expelled from the rugged Thaba N'chu district and be forced to retire to Ladybrand. As the result of the desultory firing Monday and Tuesday, the Boers were pushed back a few miles, but nothing decisive appears to have been yet attained.

The Boers continue to follow their harassing tactics. One well-armed commando operating in the neighborhood of Sanna's Post interferes with the British convoys going from Bloemfontein to Thaba N'chu. The enemy nearly captured a convoy Tuesday, but they were driven off after a brisk fight.

Preparations for an advance continue at Kimberley. Sir Alfred Milner has written to the Mayor of Kimberley assuring him that the relief of Mafeking has not ceased to occupy his attention, and that of the military authorities, and nothing will be left undone to raise the siege at the earliest possible moment.

The British garrison along the railway to Warrenton has been strengthened and supplies are going forward. A mounted force has been sent to occupy a position in the neighborhood of the town of Winderton. A thousand Boers threaten the communication between Potchefstroom and Kimberley.

Malala, chief of the Taugans, has informed the British that the Boers are preparing to resist their advance at Plokwani, 20 miles north of Warrenton. A correspondent at Lorenzo Marques cables Tuesday that a small force of British troops is expected to be withdrawn.

Gen. Buller continues quiet. The Boers assert that they are delaying an attack upon him in the hope that all the horses of the British will die of horse sickness.

According to a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, with Lord Roberts, President Kruger is again asking peace terms.

The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing yesterday says that a steamer laden with 10,000 bags of sugar, consigned to a syndicate which is buying the sugar for the government, four more steamers with similar consignments are expected this month. It is evident that the Transvaal is making a long resistance.

"The Boers have begun constructing fortifications at Lydenburg, where they continue storing provisions. There is also evidence of an intention to connect the disused Selate railway running northwards from Komatipoort, with Lydenburg, as a last resort, and to hold the Drakensberg range as headquarters, if this plan should be adopted the campaign will become exceedingly difficult.

CANADIANS IN AFRICA.

Affray at Rossland

Desperado From Across the Border Brings Revolver Into a Quarrel.

One Bullet of Three Fired Injures the Spine of His Victim.

Paralysed and Dying in Hospital, While Assaultants Held in Gaol.

The Filipinos Not Subdued

But Devising New Strategy by Which the Americans Are to Suffer.

Resistance Not Affected by Growing Belief That Aguinaldo Is Dead.

A FREE TRADING SULTAN.

Moving to Protest to the Powers Against Customs Duties of the Americans.

MUTINY AND MURDER.

Officers and Owners of Philippine Steamer Murdered by Native Crew.

TEA CROCK DAMAGED.

Calcutta, May 2.—Reports received here from the tea districts show that the prospects are generally unfavorable. Rain and rain storms have done much damage to the crops.

BRIDGE JUMPER DYING.

New York, May 2.—Out of bravado Albert W. Bryant, a conductor on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit railway, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge this afternoon. He was taken to the Hudson Street hospital, where he is dying.

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