

HEAD BOERS AT BAY FOR HOURS

CANADIANS HAD NO COVER AT HART'S RIVER

Outnumbered by Enemy by About Seven to One—The Burglers Shot From Trees.

London, April 8.—A correspondent of the Standard at Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, has called a graphic account of the battle at Hart's farm, March 31st, in which the British lost three officers and 24 men killed and had 16 officers and 134 wounded, while the Boers had 137 men killed and wounded.

A small force of Canadians and mounted infantry, the correspondent says, were opposed by seven times as many Boers. The Boers charged confidently, calling upon them to surrender.

Lieut. Carruthers, of the Canadians, sprang to his feet and exclaiming that he would not surrender, shot the foremost Boer with his revolver at a distance of 15 paces.

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Toronto, April 8.—Col. Evans, commanding the second Canadian Mounted Rifles, writes to friends in Toronto from Fort McLeod, Newcombe, Natal, under date March 27th, 1902.

Protector, April 9.—The British authorities are making preparations for a great series of "drives" on the arrival of the Boers in said to be most disheartening.

London, April 10.—Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade, said in a speech at Leeds last night that if the Boers still insisted on independence, the negotiations in South Africa might as well be broken off immediately.

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FEDERAL HOUSE HAD ALL NIGHT SITTING

Borden's Amendment Defeated This Morning—Government Had Majority of Fifty-Six.

Ottawa, April 9.—At 3 o'clock this morning the House divided on the budget when R. L. Borden's amendment was defeated by 61 for to 117 against, majority for the government, 56.

The vote was as follows: Against Borden's amendment, 117; for Borden's amendment, 61; paired, 30; absent, 3; constituency vacant, 1; Speaker, 1; total, 213.

Mr. Calvin, Independent Conservative, voted with the government, and Mr. J. B. Robinson, who was present in the House, did not vote.

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London, April 9.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, high commissioner for Canada, was presented with the freedom of Aberdeen on the arrival of his ship, the "Albatross," at the harbor.

London, April 10.—An impressive memorial service for Cecil Rhodes was held in St. Paul's cathedral this afternoon, coincident with the hour of his death, ten years ago, in the Matopos hills.

Boston, Mass., April 10.—An express train on the Boston and Albany division of the New York Central was derailed today, and three men were killed and one was injured.

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THE LEADERS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

BOER MEETING TO BE HELD AT KLERKSODRIP

Will Thoroughly Discuss the British Terms—Dewet and Delarey May Be Present.

Pretoria, April 9.—President Steyn of the Orange Free State, Secretary of State Reitz of the Transvaal, Acting President Schalkburger of the Transvaal, and General Lucas Meyer, commander in chief of the Orange Free State forces, passed through Klerksdorp, Orange Free State, on Sunday, April 6th, on their way to Klerksdorp, southwestern Transvaal, where General Botha, the Transvaal commander in chief, arrived Monday, April 7th.

It was expected that Generals Dewet and Delarey would attend the conference to take place there.

It is understood that the Boer leaders are fully possessed of the British peace terms, and that the conference then assembling was to enable the leaders to discuss these terms thoroughly. It is expected that the final decision of the burghers will be made known soon.

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WALLER'S TRIAL

London Paper's Comments on Evidence Submitted at Court-Martial.

London, April 10.—Commenting on the evidence presented at the court-martial in Manila of Major L. W. T. Waller, of the United States marine corps, on the charge of executing natives of Samar without trial, and on the honor marks of American papers and of newspapers here, the St. James Gazette this afternoon says: "Englishmen know better than to hold a high-spirited, honorable person responsible for the dishonor of a single criminal. We have no doubt American honor will be vindicated in the same manner as the British has recently been by an award of swift, uncompromising justice to the guilty parties. In this country our confidence in American troops is not shaken by the isolated and isolated example of depravity, such as we know from experience is liable to occur in the armies of the most civilized and most humane nations."

RECRUITING FOR NEW CONTINGENT

COMMENCES IN THIS CITY ON APRIL 24TH.

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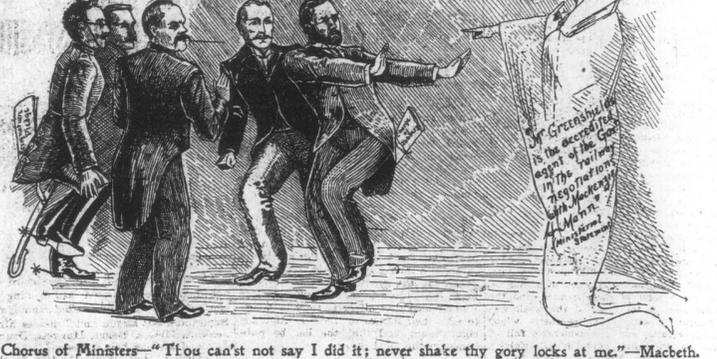
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THE EVER-PRESENT SPECTRE.



Chorus of Ministers—"Thou canst not say I did it; never shake thy gory locks at me."—Macbeth.

TO APPLY FOR ORDER OF HABEAS CORPUS

Proceedings, Instituted in Chambers This Morning in Genelle Case—Legal News.

The Chief Justice presided in Chambers yesterday morning, and disposed of the following applications:

Canadian Bank of Commerce vs. Tey Straits Packing Co. et al. An application for a writ of habeas corpus was made by the bank against the company.

Mr. Justice Martin presided at the sittings of the County court this morning. The first case called, Yit Gim vs. Kay Yune, a suit involving a cowdork contract, is still being heard.

The Full court will resume its special sitting at 11 a. m. to-morrow, when the cases had been inmates of the hospital in Dunsmuir and Vernon vs. the Colonist Printing & Publishing Co. et al. will be taken up.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Victoria Meteorological Office. The weather during the week ending April 10th was generally cold and frosty at the beginning, but gradually warmed during the week. The thermometer at Kamloops on Monday evening stood at 23.0. This was accompanied by a high barometer and a light breeze from the west. The thermometer at Kamloops on Monday evening stood at 23.0. This was accompanied by a high barometer and a light breeze from the west.

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