

Botha's Men Are Good Runners!

Boers Keep Well Ahead of Their Pursuers.

Gronje's Successor Knew When to Skedaddle—Boer Transport Train Reaches Kroonstad—Considerable Rear Guard Fighting—Col. Otter Slightly Wounded—Gen. French at Thabanchu—Gen. Hunter's Division Sent to Kimberley.

London, Saturday, April 28—4:35 a.m. In Commandant-General Louis Botha the Boers appear to have found a capable successor to Joubert. As the result of his insight and quick decision it may be assumed now that the retreating commandos have gotten safely away with the transport. It is true that Lord Roberts' dispatch leaves much unsaid as to the whereabouts of other forces than those of Gen. French and Gen. Rundle. Nothing is said about the troops of Gens. Brabant, Fole-Carew, Hart and Chermide, but the indications from Allwal North show that several small commandos are still hovering in the vicinity of Springfield, causing a certain amount of danger, and the advice from Dewetsdorp, outlining the duties of Gen. Chermide, justify the conclusion that it will still be necessary to employ considerable body of troops to keep the Free State free of Boers.

SHOWING THEIR BACKS.
The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph under Thursday's date, says: "The Boers who retreated from Dewetsdorp keep well ahead of Gen. French's cavalry. Unless the enemy should make a stand at Kroonstad, Lord Roberts will rapidly cross the Vaal River."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Thursday, says: "The latest reports show that the Boers passed east of Thabanchu when going north. A prisoner reports that a commando which doubled back on the pursuing British, is now making its way west in the direction of Leeuw Kop."

KNOW WHEN TO RUN.
The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Thursday, says: "There appears to be little chance of inflicting effective punishment on the retreating Boers. Commandant Gen. Louis Botha, who arrived at Dewetsdorp Monday, realized the situation at once, and ordered the immediate withdrawal of the Boers, both from there and from Vepener."

From Roberts.

FRENCH AT THABANCHU.
London, April 27—11:12 p.m.—The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 27:
"Gen. French reached Thabanchu this morning with cavalry. He met Gen. Ian Hamilton and Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade there.
"The enemy were still holding the eastern outlet of the town, wherefrom Gen. French and Gen. Hamilton were proceeding to turn them out. The enemy, Gen. Rundle's division was eight miles south of Thabanchu last evening."

CASUALTIES.

"Additional casualties thus far are reported: Ian Hamilton's Mounted Infantry—Lieut. Barry and Hill, wounded, both of Marshall's Horse, the former severely, the latter slightly.
"A patrol from Bethulia came across a body of the enemy on Smithfield road, April 25. Private King of the Prince Alfred Guards, was killed, and two of the Royal Scots Service Corps were taken prisoners.
"The Yeomanry cavalry, under Gen. Brabant, after reconnoitering as far as Vepener, returned to Dewetsdorp this morning.
"London, April 28.—The significance of Gen. Hunter's division going to Kimberley, where mounted troops are also arriving daily, is now said to be a serious attempt to deal with the strong Boer forces on the Vaal River, now threatening to retake Barkly and then an endeavor to relieve Mafeking. It will be borne in mind that Gen. Hunter paid a hurried visit to Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein.
"A temporary railway bridge has just been completed at Bethulia, where hitherto railway trucks had been transferred over the wagon bridge. This will greatly facilitate getting supplies up to Bloemfontein."

BOERS REACHED KROONSTAD.
Other Bloemfontein dispatches throw interesting points of light upon the situation. One special says: "Seven hundred and fifty wagons of Boer transport train have reached Kroonstad from the south. Only light wagons have been left behind. The Boers have organized a specially mounted corps for foraging and other work requiring special mobility.
"Another dispatch says that before the Boers were driven from Dewetsdorp about 1,000 of them had been slowly retreating towards Ladybrand, where large supplies are stored and immense corn fields are ready for harvesting.
"It is reported at Allwal North that there are 300 Boers at Bosman's Kop, in the Smithfield district, 100 at Smith-

field, 400 with two guns and a Maxim at Gryn's Kop, and 200 with two guns at Kletter Drift, Caledon River.

REAR GUARD FIGHTING.
The Daily Chronicle has the following from Vaal Bank, dated Wednesday, April 25: "For two days the Boers have been fighting a series of rear guard actions. Crossing the Mudders here, and hotly pursued by Gen. Alderson, they got into the kopjes southeast of the crossing and narrowly missed being captured by Gen. Rundle, who was coming from that direction, but on sighting his advance they turned eastward and slipped away between Gen. Alderson and Gen. Rundle.
"A prisoner, just captured, asserts that President Steyn was present during Monday's fighting at Slangfontein, east of Leeuw Kop. He had shaved his beard, so that he was not easily recognizable."

PROSPECT FOR A GENERAL ADVANCE.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, says: "Most satisfactory progress has been made in the accumulation of stores during the present week, supply park now presenting a respectable appearance. The prospect of a general advance are more favorable."

The Canadians.

WIN NEW HONORS.
The Montreal Star has a special cable from Richmond Smith, its correspondent with the first Canadian contingent, stating that in the engagement at Israel's Poort on Thursday, in which the Canadians again covered themselves with glory, Col. Otter was slightly wounded. The other casualties were practically nil. The correspondent says: "I regret to have to state that Lieut. Col. W. D. Otter, the commandant of the Royal Canadian Regiment, was wounded in the engagement yesterday (Thursday), when the Boers were driven out of their position here. The fight was a smart one while Col. Otter and Gen. Ian Hamilton's division, including part of the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the whole of the Royal Canadian Regiment, accomplished the task set it with complete success. The Canadians again won the heartiest encomiums from the commanding general for their plucky conduct under fire. Our casualties among the rank and file were practically nil. Col. Otter's wound is not serious, and no evil effects are anticipated."

CANADIANS DID WELL.

London, April 27.—A dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 27, gives Gen. Ian Hamilton's report of the British casualties at Israel's Poort, April 25. Gen. Hamilton reports that the Canadians and Marshall's Horse did particularly good service.
"All the dispatches in the London papers credit the Canadians with doing particularly well in the action at Israel's Poort on Wednesday.
"The war office announced that Lieut. Mason, Toronto, a member of the first Canadian contingent, who was wounded at Paardeberg, has been discharged from the hospital, and will rejoin the regiment."

IN NATAL.

London, April 28.—The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The Boers are preparing to spend the winter in Natal. They are bringing their stock from the high veldt into Natal for winter grazing, and they are demanding that the Kaffirs pay the hut tax to them instead of the Natal government. They also declare that unless the Kaffirs work for them they (the Kaffirs) must remove south of Sunday's River.
"The Ladysmith correspondent of the Standard says: "The strength of the Boers in the Biggarsburg district is believed to be between 5,000 and 8,000. They are commanded by Gen. Lucas Meyer, and are well supplied with artillery."

A BLOODTHIRSTY QUEEN.

Lorenzo Marquez, April 28.—Swazi runners report that the recent visit to the Queen of Swaziland by Sir Ivis Ashmead-Bartlett has not checked the killing. The Swazi queen has placed the former king's brother on the throne, a boy of 13. She argues that as she will have to answer for the death of Sebugau, she may as well continue killing, and she has given the chiefs permission to kill whom they please through the whole of Swaziland.
"The commandos ordered to the front are obeying reluctantly. One burgher who has escaped injury in a number of battles admits that the Boers have fired on the Red Cross frequently. The sending of Gen. Cronje to St. Helena has greatly enraged the Boers, who are said to be more than ever determined to fight to the death."

CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON.

The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily News says: "On Monday Gen. Prinsloo, late commandant of Bloemfontein, was sentenced to life imprisonment, with hard labor, for high treason. Erasmus de Klerk was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with hard labor, for guiding the British from Petrusburg to Bloemfontein."

WORKMEN SUSPECTED.

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times says: "The Beggie four years ago was under the direct management of representatives of the Creusot firm, and many of the workmen had been trained at Le Creusot. Nothing is yet publicly known as to the cause of the explosion, but it is significant that it was predicted. About twenty of the workmen have been arrested, and the

others have been prohibited from leaving the country."

KILLING HOME AGAIN.
London, April 28.—The steamer Tantalus, Capt. Wm. H. Russell, Kip-ling and Sir John Devillers, chief justice of Cape Colony, has arrived at Southampton from Cape Town.
"The Daily Express says: 'We learn that the sudden return of Mr. Cecil Rhodes to the Cape was due to his receipt of news of a great find of copper in Northern Rhodesia.'"

GOLDWIN SMITH ON THE WAR.

Dr. Goldwin Smith, interviewed by the New York Herald, gives his opinion that the time will come when there will be as few defenders of the present war in Britain as there are now of the Crimean war of 1854-55. He says: "Excitement is increased by the near sight of the fighting through the electric telegraph. There are masses of the population to whom this is simply a new kind of gin. The Tory party, of course, is for war, the connection of which with political reaction it cannot fail to see. So are the Europeanized Americans. So is the political state church. To know the real judgment of the nation we must wait for a calmer hour. I am told on exceptionally good authority that there is not a little silent opposition, and some of it in unexpected quarters." While thus taking his stand against the war, Dr. Smith gives credit to the British generals and soldiers, saying: "The generals were distinguished men. The British soldier has shown his wonted vigor; Canadian and Australian have fought gallantly at his side. Our military administration seems to have really done well, and put in the field with striking rapidity an unexpected amount of force. But, besides the difficulties of the country, we have encountered in our enemy a moral force on which we did not reckon, and which escaped the discernment of Cecil Rhodes."

BUGLE BLASTS.

The German government has, says a Berlin dispatch, formally demanded satisfaction for a number of outrages lately committed at Melbourne upon residents supposed to be friendly to the Boers.

A Dewetsdorp dispatch, dated Thursday, says: Gen. French and Gen. Rundle's forces left today, going in different directions. The Boers remain to search for arms and to restore order.

A dispatch from Kimberley says: "The city officials are urging the military authorities to remove the camps from the town and discontinue the use of public buildings as hospitals, with the view of better safeguarding public health."

All advices indicate that the United States consul, Mr. Adelbert Hay, has won a diplomatic success. He is pursuing an impartial, determined policy, and has succeeded in gradually ameliorating the condition of the British prisoners at Pretoria, including the colonials."

THE GOSSIP OF OLD LONDON

St. Patrick to Have a Place in the Prayer-Book.

Agitation for the Right of Hibernians to Wear the Kilt—Lord Roberts' Sympathetic Nature—The Rev. Dr. Parker Follows in Sheldon's Steps.

[Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser.]

London, April 28.—Through the Queen has returned to England and her visit to Ireland is now a matter of history, the latest fad, which began by the universal wearing of the shamrock, shows no abatement. The Lower House of the York Convocation, composed of clergy and laymen of the Church of England's northern diocese, has adopted resolutions to put St. Patrick upon the pages of the prayerbook, from which he was unaccountably missing. St. Andrew is there, but Erin's patron saint was omitted when the reformers re-edited the Liturgy.

KILTS FOR IRISHMEN.

Another feature is the agitation in England over Irishmen's right to wear kilts. From this question, Hon. William Gibson, son of Baron Ashbourne, lord chancellor of Ireland, has been lecturing to large audiences in London, denouncing the Government's general association with Scotchmen. He makes an impassioned plea for the divine right of Hibernians to wear kilts. Mr. Gibson is a learned man, who resides in England. In consonance with the plan, which had not a ghost of a chance of succeeding five years ago may now become a successful and popular medium.

NORTH WATERLOO BRIBERY CHARGES.

Berlin, Ont., April 27.—The North Waterloo bribery trial, commenced here this afternoon. Justices Rose and McMahon on the bench. After the provincial election in North Waterloo in 1898, John R. Eden and J. Esseler, of Berlin; J. M. Scully, of Waterloo, and Dr. Roberts, of New Germany, were reported for bribery and corrupt practices. Their lordships dismissed the charges against Esseler, and reserved their decision in the case of Roberts and Michael Schell.

A Toronto Merchant Bears Important News to His Fellow Citizens.

Toronto, April 28.—Here is a letter we hope every one of our readers will peruse. "I am 39 years old. Have been troubled for four years with what I thought was rheumatism—stiffness in the muscles of my legs, later in the arms. Soon the stiffness changed to soreness. Went to Hot Springs, and came back a little better. Was a moderate drinker, but quit liquor altogether, and carefully regulated my diet. One day I got wet, and then the trouble was worse than ever. Had to lay off for three weeks. Have had similar attacks at intervals ever since, each one worse than its predecessor. Had headache, pain in the small of my back, urine dark, scanty and scalding. Began using Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills a short time ago, and am already wonderfully improved. Feel confident they will cure me, and I shall give them the chance and report. I have not felt so well for years as I have since I began using your pills."

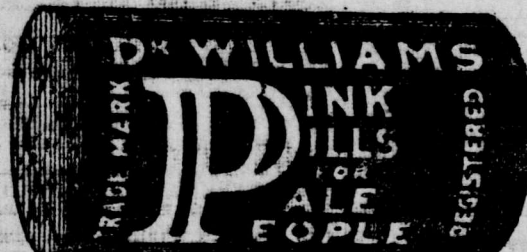
GEN. ROBERTS' KINDNESS.

According to the stories reaching London, Lord Roberts' great kindness and sympathy have been finding many outlets. During the wait at Bloemfontein he has visited every man in the hospital, carrying with him many little comforts. Going up to one of the wounded, he asked cheerily: "Can I do anything for you?" receiving the reply, "Yes, I'd like you to keep my name out of the casualty list." This man's name did not appear, and his anxiety that his relatives should not be alarmed was appeased.
"Another, a dying officer, Lord Roberts comforted by promising to watch over the future of his only child. With such incidents current, it is scarcely surprising that the nation adores its little general, and, as a whole, abstains from any kind of drinking, and may do. If Gen. Buller had water inactivated, as Lord Roberts has at Bloem-

Too Little Blood

That is what makes men and women look pale, sallow and languid. That is what makes them drag along, always tired, never hungry, unable to digest their food, breathless and palpitating at the heart after slight exertion, so that it is a trouble to go up stairs. They are "Anæmic," doctors tell them; and that is Greek for having "too little blood." Are you like that? Are your gums pale instead of being scarlet? Pull down your eyelid—Is the lining of it blood-shot and pale? That is where "too little blood" shows.

More anæmic and weak people have been made strong, energetic, cheerful men and women by taking **Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People** than by any other means. They are the finest Tonic in the world; they have cured more people than any other medicine, but you must get the genuine—substitutes are worse than useless, they are dangerous.



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David R. McKay, the well-known baker, of Stellarton, N. S., writes—"I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was very badly run down; could not work and could not sleep at night. My appetite was poor and I was losing flesh. I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and was surprised at the rapidity with which they built me up. In a few weeks my weight increased from 130 to 149 pounds. My appetite returned, I could sleep well, and could do my work without feeling tired."

BRIEFS FOR BUSY READERS

A tornado passed through the southern part of Texas yesterday, doing great damage.

Several cases of yellow fever have broken out among people recently arriving from Vera Cruz, Mexico.

A receiver for the National Oil Company has been asked at Chicago by stockholders representing 4,600 shares.

A silk special, with 134 tons of raw silk and 125 Chinamen, is on the way from Vancouver to New York over the C. P. R.

Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., will oppose Mr. Ralph Smith in Nanaimo for the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

The Nicaraguan Government has cancelled the concessions to the Maritime Canal Company to construct a ship canal across Nicaragua.

Burglars secured \$3,000 from the vaults of the Bank of Couterville, Ill., a private institution owned by J. L. A. Nisbet, during the early morning hours, and made their escape.

One man, name unknown, was blown to atoms, two men received probably fatal injuries, and eight men and a girl were badly, but not dangerously, hurt by an explosion of dynamite at Larimer, Pa.

The Michigan forestry commission is laying out a plan of campaign for the preservation of the forests. President Garfield has entered into correspondence with 102 women's clubs in the state with a view of interesting the women in the forestry problem.

Mrs. Davis, of Zorra, who was killed Thursday evening by falling from the driving floor of the barn to the basement beneath, was, before her marriage, Miss Margaret Miller, and her parental home is in Tavistock, Ont. She was 35 years of age, and had no children. An inquest was not deemed necessary.

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A committee claiming to represent one hundred German societies in Cleveland, Ohio, and 90,000 persons of German extraction, have forwarded to President McKinley a petition asking him to use his influence to stop the war in South Africa under the provisions of the peace agreement reached at The Hague.

Within the last few days Bowmanville has had three apparently incendiary fires. On Wednesday night a frame dwelling house on Ontario street, owned by Mrs. Padden, was destroyed, and a large brick building on King street east, formerly known as Porter's laundry, and belonging to the Porter estate, was gutted. On Friday morning the stables of the Bennett House and a near-by frame dwelling were burned. Loss by Friday's fire, \$1,500.

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