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ERE OUTNUMBERED:

Only the Arrival of Reinforcements Pre- City of London Imperial Volunteers, most of whom are receiving their bapvented the Annihilation of Broadwood's Command,

Canadian Regiment Formed Part of the Force That Went to the Rescue.

Reported That Two of the Guns Were Recovered-Despatch from Pretoria Says There Was Heavy Fighting Around Mafeking on Saturday.

Buller's anxious inquiry whether Brit- der, where he encamped at 4 o'clock sh officers will ever learn the value of this morning. scouting comes buck with enforced em. hasis to the British public today, in by the enemy from a near point. Col. receipt of the tidings that a convoy with guns has walked deliberately into a Boer ambush within about 20 miles of Bloemfontein. Lord Roherts' own report of the affair, if yet received where the Boers were concealed, and by the war office, has not been published, and no account of the affair is and were captured, together with six available to the public except the de- guns." spatch from Bushman Kop. Nothing

can be said, therefore, regarding the Evidently Col. Broadwood thought it necessary to retreat in haste from Itaba N'chu, as he marched all through Friday night, apparently followed by a considerable force of the enemy. The convoy and guns had to pass through a deep spruit which the Beers had eccupied.

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Six of twelve guns, comprising two batteries, all the wagons, and it is feated many men, fell into the hands title "International military railof the wily Boers, whose daring, displayed so near Bloemfontein, shows that they are rapidly recovering heart after their recent reverses.

The hope is expressed here that Gen. Oclville will recover the convoy and guns, but this is hardly likely in such a difficult country, and it is probable that the next news will be that, after a stiff fight, Gen. Colville has extricated Cel. Breadwood from his difficult

LONDON, April 2, 4.30 a. m .- Gen. | tein waterworks, south of the Mod-At early dawn the camp was shelled

Broadwood sent off a convoy with the batteries while the rest of the force remained to act as a rear guard. The convoy arrived at a deep spruit, the entire body walked into ambush

The loss of life was not great, since most of the British had walked into exect extent of the British misfortune. the trap before a shot was fired. Gen. Colville's division, which left Bloemfontein early this morning, arrived at noon and is now shelling the Boers.

> A CHANGE OF NAME. CAPE TOWN, April 1.-Army or

ders were issued today declaring the abolition of the title "Free State railways" and superceding this by the

ways." HON. GEO. GOUGH DEAD.

LONDON, March 31.-Lord Roberts reports the death at Norval's Pont, on March 28, of Col. the Hon. George Hugh Gough, C. B. Col. Gough had been private secretary to the commander-in-chief of the British forces, Lord Wolseley, since 1897. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, but foiled to retrieve the dis-July 25, 1852, and was the second son Severe criticisms are heard regard. of the late second Viscount Gough. He doined the Fourteenth Hussars in 1871, passed through the staff college in 1882, commanded mounted infantry, of proper precaution. No doubt the Soudan campaign, 1884-85, and comaffair will revive Boer hopes and inmanded the Fourteenth Hussars, 1891-

A despatch rider who arrived at Bloemfontein Friday from Kimberley reports that a Boer force is laagered in the neighborhood of the position oc-cupied by Gen. Cronje at Plaardebers Marauders are visiting the farms in that district. Many attempts have been made to capture the British horses which were left on the yeldt

owing to their weakness. A Pretoria despath sent from that city Friday states that the Volks raad of the Free State will assemble at Kroonstad Monday.

STIRRING UP THE BURGHERS. moving the guns and wagons and per-

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SICKNESS AMONG BOER PRIS-

CAPE TOWN, April 1,-The departure of the British transports with prisoners for St. Helena has been delayed in consequence of the increased sickness among the prisoners. Three died today and twelve have died during the

Arrangements are being made to recent overcrowding. The prisoners do not complain of their treatment or their food. Many of Gen. Cronje's men when captured were completely worn cut with the hardships they had undergone, and little strength was left them to fight disease. Moreover the confinement on shipboard is very lik-some to men who have been accustomed to entdoor life.

JOUBERT'S LAST WISH. PRETORIA, April 1.-President Kruger said in public today that the last expressed desire of the late comman dant. General Joubert, was that he should be succeeded as commandant general by Louis Botha.

THROUGH PORTUGUESE TER-

LONDON, April 2 .- The Lisbon correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Portuguese government has wired orders to Beira that British

When the convoy was first attack-ed a scene of frightful confusion fol-lowed. The mules stampeded and the wagons were overcurned, while the concealed enemy poured in a deadly

as escaping from the rear of the mvoy under heavy fire, wheeled into tion and began shelling the Boers with the four remaining guns. The Beers confess that this battery ac-counted for five killed and nine woun-

ded of their losses. Barly in the afternoon the Boers collected about the convoy, began re-

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MASERU, Besutoland, March 31 Mr. Sleyn is reported to have gone to Ladybrand to stir up the Burghers ted.

here to renewed resistance. Despite this regrettable incident, it The Boars have removed from the is impossible not to admire the gallant immediate vicinity of Plattberg and manner in which the little force was taken up a commanding position ad- able to extricate itself from an al-

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arms at Ladybrand are now suffering | SGME PARTICULARS OF THE DIS-ASTER.

LONDON, April 3 .- The Bloemfon tein correspondent of the Daily Chron-ONERS. icle, telegraphing Sunday and describ-

ing the loss of the convoy, says: "The Boers cremed with a murdercus fire. It was simply slaughter. The Kaffir drivers of the convoy ran away. leaving their teams, and it was impossible for our men to hit the hidden enemy.

ing to save the guns, but our people were greatly hampered by the Kaffir word, whose mounted troops completely surrounded.

RITORY.

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HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND MAFEKING. PRETORIA, Sunday, April 1.-Cannonading was again heard in the direction of Brandfort Saturday and

it is reported that heavy fighting oc-curred Saturday around Mafeking. It is added that Col. Plumer's relief column was compelled to retire with loss. No details have been received.

IN FAVOR OF ANNEXATION.

CAPE TOWN, April 2 .- The speech at Clarement of the Hon. J. Ross-Innes, the leader of the British in the Cape parliament, in favor of the annexation of the Boer republics, has disconcerted the members of the Afrikander bond. The Dutch papers. without exception, condemn the speech. arguing that annexation means permanent unrest. On the other hand, the English residents unanimously approve of the sentiments expressed by Mr. Ross-Innes. A remarkable fact that is attracting

attention, is that the majority of the affidavits made against the Dutch rebels in the subdued colonial districts, were made by Dutchmen, who are very bitter against the rebel Dutch.

HAS HIS EARNEST ATTENTION. who ran hitber and thither, looking for cover from the fearful fire that EAST LONDON, April 1 .- The maynonred in all sides. Meanwhile the er of this city has telegraphed to Gen. Roberts appealing to him to hasten the relief of Mafeking, where the enency were hotly pressing Col. Broadwers troops consist almost entirely of re-"The British showed magnificent sidents of the colony, led by British officers. Gen. Roberts replied that he travery. The officers were quite cool, and composedly directed operations. was pleased to assure the citizens of The opportune arrival of reinforce-East London that the relief of Mafements saved Col. Broadwood from anking was engaging the most earnest attention. "The water supply was cut and the

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, April 3 .- The London correspondents with Gen. Roberts add little of in portance to the commanderin-chief's arcount of the disaster to Cel. Broadwood's column, and neither fiem Gen. Roberts nor them is anything kerned of what has happened the Standard says that the Prince of since the reliefs reached the watereck was in charge of the transport, wreks, beyond Gen. Roberts' report

Bradwood, however, collected a force and made a gallant struggle and fought his way across the Madder river, where he took possession of Bosman's Kop.

According to the Standard's corres perdent one of the Princes of Teck yas in charge of the convoy, but which che is not indicated. He adds that the prince is safe,

The Telegraph's correspondent says a renic followed the terrible Boer fusilade, and the brigade streamed southward three miles, so getting clear of the enemy.

The Chronicle's correspondent asseries that two of the captured guns were retaken by the British, but this statement is not confirmed.

A despatch to the Morning Post from Mafeking, via Gaborones March 28, says that on March 19 news was received from the south and north that Cel. Flumer was advancing and daily shelling the enemy. At the time the despatch was sent everything was well in the beleaguered town.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 3, 4.50 a. m.-The latest news from the front adds little to the public knowledge of the convoy disaster. No credence is given to reports that the Boers numbered between 8,000 and 10,000 men. The general belief is that there could not have been more than half that number, but the mere fact that even so many as half could have been collected so near headquarters without the knowledge of the British commanders, provokes much uneasy criticism. The disaster is regarded as a direct result of the inability of General French to cut off the commando of Gen. Olivier and the other commandoes when escaping from the Orange

river Lord Roberts' own despatch, dated two hours later than the Daily Chronicle's, says nothing about the guns being re-captured. The story, therefore, looks doubtful.

Little news has arrived from other points. Kenhardt was formally reoccupied Slaturday. The report that A Biens are ma that the Boers retired castward, leavof Taungs and Klipdam is confirmed ing a number of British wounded be-Lord Methuen's difficulties are aphind them. All the accounts of the parently increasing. He has Boer fight, from a British point, concur in laagers or guerilla bands on three stating that Col. Broadwood's force of sides of him, and he will be obliged about 1,000 men was outnumbered by to watch carefully his communicathe Bcers eight or ten to one, and the tions with Orange river. errival of the infantry division and Gen. French's cavalry alone prevented

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spire confidence among the enemy at a crittical moment. Creat things are expected by the Beers of the new commander-in-chief, Gen. Botha, who has made his reputation whe'ly during the present campaign. Foreign officers serving with the Beers have expressed surprise at

his clever tactics. The proof of continuing Boer activity in the Free State will compel greater circumspection on the part of the British and will probably delay the march of Lord Roberts northward. Detailed accounts of the fight at Karee Siding estimate the Boer forces veniously from 3.000 to 5.000 men. Brabant's Herse occupied Wepener last

Thursday uncoposed. Lord Methuen has issued the follow ing notification at Kimberley: "I have received instructions that, if

any disturiance cccurs west of the Veal river, my force is to return and runish the rebels immédiately."

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A BOER SUCCESS.

BUSHMAN KOP, Saturday, March 31.-The British force commanded by Col. Broadwood, consisting of the Tenth Hussars, Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry, under Col. Pilcher, which had been garrisoning Thebe N'chu, was obliged, in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers, to leave last night.

Col. Broadwood march to Bleemfon-

BOBS" TRIEUTE TO JOURERT. BLOEMFONTEIN, Friday, March 30 .- Lord Roberts has sent the follow-

ing despatch to President Kruger: "Have just heard of the death of Gen. Joubert, and desire to offer my sincere condolence upon the sad event. Would ask you to convey to Gen. Jouberts' family an expression of, my nust respectful sympathy with their sad bereavement, and to assure them ities for transmission to the admiral. also for me that all ranks of her ma jesty's forces share my feelings of deep PARIS, April 1.--At the dinner to the applomatic corps given by M. Delcasse, min-ister of foreign affairs, Sir E. J. Monson, regret at the sudden and untimely end of so distinguished a general, who devoted his life to the service of his country and whose personal gallantry was only surpassed by his humane conduct end chivalrous bearing under

all circumstances." LOSS WAS NOT HEAVY.

LONDON, April 2 .- The correspon-

dent of the Morning Post, telegraphing from Bloemfontein, says that the Boer losses in the battle near Karee Siding station, on Friday, were probably inconsiderable. The British battery in the right centre was unable to go into action on account of the nature of the ground The colonel of the Norfolk regiment had two horses shict under him.

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lers to B virea troops and ammunition be allowed to but is safe. pass through freely to Rhodesta. The minister of foreign affairs, Senhor Voiga Beirao, has announced in the chamber of deputies that the government is in possession of railway bonds with which to pay the award of the Delagoa Bay railway arbitra- , desarous of surrendering to Lord Rob-

tion tribunal.' DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ENGLAND. LONDON, April 2.— A despatch to the Telegraph from Nice says that about thirty French sailors from the fleet now at Ville-franche, led by petty officers, today made hostile demonstrations against the British. hostile demonstrations against the British. Pro-Eoer speeches were made and then the sailors marched to the British consulate where they should, "Down with the Eng-lish." There was no violence. A formal complaint has been lodged with the author-

THEY DINED TOGETHER.

A BOER FUND.

VOY. SEYS: "The whole affair was a flash intended to frighten Free Staters who were

erts. "When Ccl. Colville arrived, although he was almost destitute of mounted men and had marched eightcen miles, he determined to turn the river, crossing at some point lower down than that (ccupied by the enemy. Accordingly Cen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade, including Canadians, attempted another drift, which turned the enen:y's original position.

"For some reason Lieut. Col. Flint's artillery was detached at 2 o'clock to the right, where it remained for a considerable pericd, shelling at 5.000 yards' range three of the enemy's guns that were placed in the open in the vicinity of Col. Broadwood's encamp-

ister of foreign affairs, Sir E. J. Monson, the British ambassador, occupied a place of honor. Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, who was also present, oc-cupied a seat almost at the extremity of the long table / at which over one hundred guests were seated. At a brilliant reception which fallowed the banquet, Dr. Leyds kept ment. "Consequently a large force of Boers vis ble on the far side of the Modder tive. He conversed at length with the sis-tive. He conversed at length with the sis-ter of the Dutch minister. escored purishment and retired slowly as cur infantry advanced. Finally our guns took up a position on rising

ground between the two brigades, thus commanding toth drifts, but by that PARIS, April 1.—A number of the leading ladies of France have started a subscription for the benefit of the Boers. They have issued an appeal in which they state that they are not hostile to the British nation, but they hate injustice and hold in detestatime their support was not needed, as the orly resistance to the advance of the British infantry came from guns firing shrapnel at far too long a range. but they hate injustice and hold in detesta-tion the greedy financiers and sharks who coldly engineered the war. The appeal ex-presses the hope that the bloodshed they have caused will fall on their own heads, and after praising the Boers, says... Europe no longer, also, exists, and neither does Ame-rica. None of the great powers dares 'to raise its, voice lest the fatal word should unchain universal war. Each nation feare the other." The appeal closes by urging all French women to contribute to the fund. We could, bowever, see the enemy in force in a laager at the foot of some tills lying between the Modder and Thaba N'chu, and we could also see them move off our convoy to the rear Gen. Cclville's division bivouacked on the river bank Saturday night awadting the arrival of Gen. French's cavalry.'

BOERS HOLDING THE BLOEM-FONTEIN WATERWORKS.

BUSHMAN'S KOP, Sunday, April 1. The Boers who were hidden in the spruit when the British guns were captured yesterday, were commanded by Reichman, a German-American. The Boers retired this morning when they discovered the British scouts, leaving two Dutch military attaches, one of them dangerously wounded, in the hands of the British.

All the wounded are doing well. Everyone agrees that but for Col. Broadwood's splendid handling of his roops not a member of the force would have escaped.

The Boers are still holding the waterworks and the line of hills behind them.

Following the scouts of General French's cavalry division to the sceme of battle, this correspondent witnessed one of the most terrible spec tacles of the war. Horses lay stiffened in the various attitudes of sudden death, and mingled among them were shastly human bodies, with the wrecks of wagons and food and forage scattered wide. Everything told a terrible tale of surprise and carnage. It would be impossible to conceive anything more ingenious than the Boer trap, and the only wonder is that a single man escaped.

On crossing the spruit, where the ground rises immediately toward a rassy knoll, with stony slopes, facing the drift, one came upon an enclosure from which it was possible to fire over the drift. At this point the spruit makes a circular bend, while the

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Sunday with reference to the capture of the con-

> the annihilation of Col. Broadwood's commend. As regards the details of the affair the stories differ considerably. According to some, Commandant Grobler commanded the Boers and not Commandant De Wet. One corres pondent says that a German-American ramed Reichmann was in commond. The affair seems rather to testify to the skill of the Boers in preraming embuscades than to neglect of the British to reconneitre the route of

the convey. It seems that the scouts of the convoy must have passed close to the ambashers, who apparently were as invisible as partridges in cover. Later excounts, however, may prove

gun were saved. The teams of the other gurs were shot, and the guns,

CONGRATULATES CANADA.

OTTAWA, April 2,-Sir Alfred Milner writes to his excellency the gov-ernor general as follows Government House, Cape Town, February 27th. 1900:

Dear Lord Minto-Though, as you Bloemfortein checked the pursuit. may imagine, I have little or no time for writing, I must send you one line on the Red Letter Day to congratulate you and Canada on the great share taken by your gallant contingent in the annihilation of General Cronje's force. It is the first great success we have had in the terrible struggle. The relief of Kimberley began the improvement and now, with the capture of Cronje and 4,000 of his men, we have really made a substan-

tial advance. I fear your gallant fellows suffered heavily, but on this occasion, unlike others, one has at least the satisfaction of thinking that they aid not lay down their lives in vain. It is not only the immediate victory, great as that is, but the drawing to gether of the different parts of the Empire, which is so important. That must result from Canadians. Australians and South Africans fighting side by side with Britons from the old country, and fighting such an uphill battle, with equal gallantry, to a victorious issue. I am sure the British people of South Africa will never for

get the grand assistance given them by Canada in this struggle. With warm thanks and congratula tions to you and Canada, I am,

Yours very truly, A. MILNER. (Signed).

OBJECT TO ST. HELENA.

LONDON, April 2.—In the house of com-mons today, answering a question on the subject, the government leader, A. J. Bal-four, confirmed the statement that Premier four, confirmed the statement that Premier Schreiner had expressed an objection to the removal of the Boer prisouers to the island of St. Helena. The government, he added, had fully considered the objection, but was unable to alter its policy of sending a ver-tain number of the prisoners to St. Helena. He explained that this policy was partially dictated by military considerations.

REYNOLDS HELD FOR TRIAL

CALAIS, Me, March 30 .- Fred Reynolds, who killed three members of his family at Red Beach yesterday, was held for the grand jury after the pre-

liminary hearing before Judge Fowlthat the Brilish did fail to reconnoitre for this afternoon. The prosecution by properly. The correspondent of the County Attorney Campbell of Cherryfield was to the extent of establishing Merring Pest, in describing the workreasonable belief of Reynolds' guilt, ing of the trap, says that the convoy and at that point the state's case had scarcely proceeded 500 yards, and rested. Gen. B. B. Murray of Calais the men were still eating breakfast who represented Reynolds, endeavorwhen the enemy opened fire from a oonga in front and eighty yards from ed to set up the plea of insanity by the head of the convoy. The fire was enamining witnesses as to Reynold's deadly, and the man of the leading mendal state. From the defence out-tacces, Roberts' horse, were swept lined, which, however, was not carried treeps, Roberts' horse, were swept from their saddles. A scene of con- far, the supposition is that Reynolds' fusion followed, mules and oxen defence at trial will be that of insansqueeling and kicking. The teams of ity. Judge Fowler committed the four guns, their drivers having been prisoner to Machias jail without bail shot, stampeded and carried the guns for the grand jury, which will sit out of action. These and one other prior to the April term of court.

MONTREAL.

with the convoy, fell into the hands of the enemy. Meanwhile Gen. Alderson's MONTREAL, April 1.-Sir W. C. MeDonald, the millionaire tobacce brigede held back a force of the enemy, estimated to number 7,000, with manufacturer, who has already given great gallantry, losing heavily and gifts to McGiN University aggregating falling back by degrees. The encmy in a donga in their rear just added another \$200,000 to the am-The enemy in a donga in their rear pursued the flying guns until the ap-proach of the rinth division from chemistry department of the applied science faculty.

Meny of the correspondents ascribe the selvation of the remainder of Col. Dennis Dineen is under arrest here, charged with the murder of David Broadvood's force to his presence of mind and dever handling. Sergt. Prendergast. Dimesh and Prendergast lived on adjoining farms, just Major Marin had galloped back from outside the city limits. There has U tattery and warned Q battery, whereupon the order was given to been a feud, between the two families right about and gallop, but several for years. Last Tuesday the two men men and horses even then fell. Two met, a row ensued and Dineen kicked guns and forty men had to be left be-bind under the terrible fire. Col. the effects this afternoon.

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