

Boers Tell Of Victory

Claim That Without Loss to Themselves They Slew Six Hundred British.

Nine Hundred Prisoners Added to Round Off the Pretoria Story.

Received With Incredible Joy in London But Probability Discussed.

London, April 11.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Bloemfontein, dated Sunday, by way of Lorenzo Marques, says: "Yesterday Gen. Dewet engaged the British for the third time within a week at Morkkatsfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900, with twelve wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded.

The Daily Mail publishes also the following details: "April 10, from Lorenzo Marques: 'The Netherlands Railway Company professes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kroonstad; the Boers capturing 900 British.'

Commenting upon this the Daily Mail remarks: "There is a report from Kroonstad, but it is the report of a Boer, and it is hardly to be taken as a reliable authority."

The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay: "It is officially announced that a battle has been fought at Kroonstad, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded, and 900 taken prisoners."

Mr. Roberts is declared to be finding great difficulty owing to scarcity of water."

London, April 11.—5 a.m.—But that the war office has issued no news from Lord Roberts during the last three days, and that he has little disposition to place any credence in the Boer reports of a British disaster. The unexpected news, however, leaves the public in a nervous condition.

Despatches from Pretoria, as stated last Monday, did not mention any further Boer victories. On the contrary, they said all the communications between the Boer and British headquarters had failed promptly to reach their destinations, as well as successes, or to allow the newspaper correspondents to get any news. This confirmation is received there is justification for regarding the Morkkatsfontein rumor as one of the Boer's usual tricks.

At the same time, the extreme anxiety of the Boer is felt.

No further news has been received of fighting either at Wepener or in Natal. Boer reports seem to indicate that Lord Methuen is advancing from Boshof towards Kroonstad. It is a bold and apparently a dangerous move, since, although it turns the right flank of the Boer position, it puts Lord Methuen's force between whatever garrison there may be at Bloemfontein and the Transvaal and Orange Rivers.

The Boer commissioners at Naples do not conceal the fact that they have no hopes of obtaining peace, but they endeavor to save their honour proper or to secure a truce for further negotiations. Mr. Fischer says the present Boer strength at the front is 28,000 men.

London, April 11.—The Durban correspondent of the Daily Telegraph telegraphing Tuesday, April 10, says: "Our naval guns have commenced bombarding the Boer positions between Sunday's River and Biggarsberg."

GOLDEN STOOP OF ASHANTEE.

Efforts by British to Obtain Its Possession the Cause of the Recent Uprising.

London, April 9.—Official reports received from Sir Fred. Mitchell Hodgson, governor and commander-in-chief of the Gold Coast Colony, show that the Ashantee uprising was due to efforts by the British to obtain possession of the "Golden Stoop of Ashantee," which King Prempeh was alleged to have concealed at the time of his submission to the British expedition led by Sir Francis Scott.

These efforts have been violently opposed by the Ashantees, with the result that two British constables have been dangerously wounded and one has been killed. A third constable and twenty-one other casualties are reported. Most of the native chiefs, however, declare themselves loyal, and refuse to join the Kumasie tribesmen.

The Governor hopes to secure a peaceful settlement. He has sent for two additional companies of troops.

HORRORS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Movement to Investigate Causes of Suicide and Lunacy of American Soldiers.

Washington, April 9.—Representative Levy of New York to-day introduced a resolution which, after reciting the statements that 39 officers and men of the army in the Philippines have committed suicide, and that more than 400 are now confined in insane asylums, and that serious charges have been made against officials in the transport, commissary and quartermaster's services, calls upon the secretary of war for formation and authorization of a committee to report an investigating committee if the house thinks it necessary.

THE LIPTON CHALLENGE.

New York, April 9.—Major J. Estance Jameson who spent some time in this country last summer with Sir Thomas Lipton, is a passenger on the Lipton here Wednesday. It was stated in yachting circles that Major Jameson is bringing a special commission from the New York Yacht Club from the owner of the Shamrock touching his contemplated challenge next year.

SAWMILL BURNED.

Montreal, April 9.—The sawmill of F. Tremblay, near the Lachine canal, was destroyed by fire this morning. The workmen had a narrow escape, and one Caliste Brunet, aged 50, a pattern-maker, was badly burned.

QUEEN'S DAILY OUTING.

Brisk Drive Along the Valley of the Liffey—Villagers Mark the Occasion.

Dublin, April 10.—The Queen selected the picturesque route along the valley of the Liffey for her drive this afternoon, and covered nearly twenty miles before returning to the vice-regal lodge. Her Majesty rode in an open Indian and was accompanied by the Princesses and Prince Leopold.

Although the route was only selected a few hours previous to start, the villages traversed were gay with bunting, and crowds of cheering people lined the highways. Groups of school children from the soldier schools, operatives from the mills, and peasants in the fields formed to-day's collection of spectators.

The private secretary and equester to the Queen, Sir Arthur J. Bigge, announced to the reporters today that Her Majesty was very much pleased to hear that all the children who took part in the demonstration in her own holiday had arrived home safe and happy.

Range Finding By The Boers

American Scout Describes Their Method of Effective Firing From Shelter.

Clever Tactics Shown in Recent Trek When Cavalry Pursuit Looked For.

London, April 11.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, telegraphed April 9, gives a description by F. R. Burnham, the American scout with Gen. Roberts, of the Boer trek from Kroonstad.

"Owing to a report that the British had occupied Brandfort and were moving to Winburg, the course of the Boer trek was altered, and the Boers pushed forward with increased speed towards Winburg. They expected cavalry pursuit every hour, and the convoy was protected with the greatest care and subtlety, the road taken being between loops held and evacuated in succession by rear guards. The trek proceeded throughout Sunday, and on Monday morning the convoy was ten miles from Winburg."

Mr. Burnham, explaining the Boer method of obtaining the range for rifles, said: "The man fired successive shots and watched the dust raised by the bullets until accuracy was obtained. He could then communicate the range to his comrades."

Mr. Burnham also mentioned the way in which the Boers obtained the range for their horses was immediately taken up by others with fresh animals if occasion offered, the newcomers being given the reins and the reins of the horses who were to follow.

It was also struck by the "extraordinary" failure of the instructions given by the commanders to the men before any movement was begun. These instructions included the intention of the movement, and the different rendezvous in the case of either victory or defeat.

Another thing that impressed him greatly was the "total absence of leadership" in some instances every man having his own idea, and he would lead them out independently and as speedily as possible.

HOW THEY SETTLED CRONJE.

Canadians Actually Entered the First Trenches, Thus Bringing the Boers' White Flag.

London, March 26.—A correspondent of the Daily News, writing from Kroonstad, where Gen. Hector Macdonald led the movement of the Highland Brigade from Magerfontein after Lord Roberts' retreat, describes the surrender of Cronje at Paardeberg. He says the Royal Canadian Regiment, having been ordered to advance, did so, and in the darkness of the night they were within fifty yards of the Boer position. The Boers poured a tremendous fire into the ranks of the Canadians, but the latter, undeterred, advanced to the trench and fired. The Boers promptly evacuated them, and unless they were able to re-occupy the trenches there was nothing to save them, and the Boers were then the privations had created a strong party in favor of surrender to the British. The situation brought about by the Boers' retreat, and the Field Marshal complimented them in the highest terms.

BOERS BACK AT PAARDEBERG.

Supposed to Be Searching There for Buried Arms and Ammunition.

London, April 10.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Sunday says: "The movement of troops continues with bewildering frequency, brigades and divisions appearing and disappearing at brief intervals. No specific accounts of such movements are permitted."

"Some accounts were fired on yesterday on the railway while they were on their way here from the south. The enemy are reported to be in considerable numbers to the southeast of the line, and the Boers are apparently feeling their way frequently to the west of the line. A party has been thrown forward which has been engaged at Sande, and has probably to search for buried arms and ammunition."

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

United States Navy Department Interested in Forwarding Food Supplies.

Washington, April 10.—The navy department is doing all in its power to relieve the famine-stricken people of India. Dr. Linnich of the Christian Herald, has notified the department that he has succeeded in collecting a large supply of foodstuffs, mainly corn, for the famine sufferers and has appealed to the department to transport this supply to India. Mr. Charles Pepper was at the navy department today to urge speedy action in the matter and met with success.

Plumer In Tight Place

Half of His Officers Wounded in the Affair Near Mafeking.

British Showed Great Gallantry in Fighting Without Any Cover.

Boers Hope to Revenge Paardeberg by Capture of the Little Garrison.

Gaberon, April 3.—Saturday's fight in the environs of Mafeking was conducted on Col. Plumer's side under great difficulties, being in the proximity of the Boer laagers, where reinforcements could be promptly sent to the burghers, and the British when the fight began, the plain being but sparsely wooded, and the railroad embankment, the chief protection, being only two feet high. The men behaved gallantly, however, and the officers were exceptionally conspicuous in the ranks.

With the exception of a few rounds fired by the British Maxim gun at Ramathlabama, the fire on both sides was entirely by rifle.

Half of the British officers were more or less wounded. Col. Plumer's orderly was wounded in his right arm; his horse was shot. Col. Bodie and Capt. Row were wounded. Col. Plumer's orderly is missing. Sergt-Major Manning of the Fifth Dragon Guards, who took up the duties of orderly, did excellent work. A large one has left while covering the retreat of others. Captain MacLaren was severely wounded and killed. A large one has left while covering the retreat of others. Captain MacLaren was severely wounded and killed. A large one has left while covering the retreat of others.

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CANADIANS FOR DE AAR.

Colonial Mounted Contingent Move to That Point—Kenhardt Freed of Insurgents.

Carbarnon, Cape Colony, April 9.—Kenhardt was formally "re-annexed" to Cape Colony April 1st, and the large number of insurgent colonists, including many of their leaders, are now imprisoned here. Many Boers, including the West Australian and Canadian Mounted Rifles and Artillery left here yesterday for De Aar.

PRIZES OF WAR.

Amount Refused by Sale of Twenty-seven Captured in Spanish-American Contest.

New York, April 9.—The Navy department has received from J. N. Stripling, U.S. district attorney for the southern district of Florida, a statement of the proceedings conducted by him before the court in that district in the matter of condemnation of the prizes taken by American warships during the Spanish-American war. The 27 prizes realized \$600,000.

THE BEHA ROUTE.

Attempt to Work Up a Russian Protest Against Anglo-Portuguese Agreement.

London, April 10.—The Russian and French papers are still excitedly protesting against Great Britain's use of the Beha route for transporting troops to Rhodesia, but there is nothing to confirm the despatch from St. Petersburg that the British government is to issue a protest against the Russian and French papers. The British dropped lyddite and shrapnel shells into the Boer position, finally silencing the enemy's guns and driving the Boers to the shelter of the Cape town.

THE NEW LIBERALISM.

Movement for a Reformed Party on Imperial Principles Laid Down by Rosebery.

London, April 10.—The newly formed Liberal coalition held its first meeting this afternoon under the presidency of Mr. Robert William Perks, M. P., the treasurer of the London Nonconformist club, who explained that the object of the new organization was to maintain Liberalism in its old progressive, tolerant and aggressive form. In other words, he declared, the Imperial Liberalism is proposed to follow the lead of such men as Lord Rosebery and Sir Edward Grey.

Perks, who is a lawyer and a contractor interested in the construction of the Manchester ship canal, announced that a large number of those who had already joined the organization were candidates in the forthcoming election, and he hoped, therefore, to have a solid battalion of candidates in full sympathy with the organization's Imperial views.

ASSAULT ON BRABANT.

Two Days' Severe Fighting with Heavy Losses on Both Sides.

Allwal North, April 9.—An engagement took place to-day at Wepener. The Boers' Vickers Maxim did considerable execution, but the British guns, which were kept running and made great havoc. The Rouxville commando has gone to Wepener.

Allwal North, April 9.—Evening.—The fighting at Wepener was severe and lasted all day. The Boers received a check. The casualties were heavy on both sides. Another commando is advancing towards Wepener from Dewetdorp.

Allwal North, April 10.—Heavy fighting was continued today to urge speedy action in the matter and met with success. Boer commandos are attacking the town.

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Queen Drives In Dublin

Another Holiday in Ireland's Capital to Do Honor to Her Majesty.

Dense Crowds Through the Route—More Impressive Than State Entry.

Dublin, April 9.—Queen Victoria took her usual drive in the vice-regal grounds this morning, and paid her promised visit to the city in the afternoon.

Large crowds of people witnessed Her Majesty's departure from Phoenix Park and the route followed was thronged with people. An escort of the Household Cavalry lent picturesqueness to the royal procession. The stores and houses in the main thoroughfares were plentifully decorated with flags and bunting and Her Majesty was received with great enthusiasm throughout her drive.

The weather was splendid and the brilliant sunshine and varicolored decorations gave the city quite a carnival appearance. Thousands of people gathered from early morning and lined the route thickly. The throngs about O'Connell street, Sackville street and College Green were enormous. Sackville street presented a striking spectacle. Handsome Venetian masts in the centre of the imposing thoroughfare divided it into two avenues and the royal procession passed under an almost unbroken canopy of lythian flags, gorgeous banners and varicolored festoons of flowers and evergreens.

Her Majesty rode slowly and was almost unbrokenly bowed and smiling her acknowledgments of the plaudits. Not even on the occasion of the state entry into Dublin was the scene more impressive or more significant than to-day.

The scene about College Green, where the Bank of Ireland, Trinity College and the public statues were gaily bedecked, was especially interesting, as that point had been selected not only by the invited guests, but thousands of visitors from Belfast and other cities. The crowds were so dense that they almost touched the carriage wheels, and there was an almost total absence of constabulary. In spite of this, there was not the slightest disturbance of any kind. The Queen's appearance there, and marked her course through Harcourt street and the South Circular road, the bridge to the Phoenix monument and the vice-regal lodge.

HOPE TO STOP ROBERTS.

Boer Envoy to Europe Proclaim That He Will Find Desert Impracticable.

Naples, April 10.—The Boer peace commissioners, Messrs. Fischer, Wolmarans and Wessels, arrived here to-day and were welcomed by Mr. Mueller, the representative of the Orange Free State, and Mr. Van Boerschooten, the secretary of the Transvaal legation at Brussels. They will remain here for some days. Messrs. Mueller and Van Boerschooten were on board the Kaiser and had a long conference with the envoys.

BOER TREACHERY AGAIN.

Allwal North, April 9.—Small bodies of the enemy have been seen empowered to open negotiations for an acceptable peace, or for a truce with a view to subsequent negotiations. The Correspondent of the Times telegraphing from Bloemfontein says: "The captured Boer column is only fifty men unrounded off at Reddersburg. Garrison of Colonials Isolated—Surrendered Boers Again Take the Field."

ARTILLERY FOR BOERS.

Thirty Pieces Recently Brought From West African Port and Sent to Free State.

London, April 11.—The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marques, telegraphing Monday, says: "It has recently been ascertained that the Boers recently obtained at least thirty pieces of artillery, some of large calibre, which were brought overland as machinery from a West African port. Eight of these guns were despatched to the Free State a week ago. Boer officials openly boast that they have succeeded in smuggling ammunition through Portuguese territory."

DEWEY PRICE MONEY.

Men Appeal For Double the Hundred Dollars Apiece Awarded.

Washington, April 10.—Argument was begun in the United States court to-day in the case of Admiral Dewey and his crew. The case grows out of their claim for bounty due for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Manila, and comes to the supreme court on appeal from the decision of the court of claims. The court awards the men \$100 each and the admiralty court has claimed double that amount in all cases on the ground that the enemy's force was superior to the American fleet.

SUNDAY AT THE FAIR.

American Exhibits Must Be Shown With the Rest, Though Pavilion Will Be Closed.

Paris, April 10.—United States Commissioner Ferdinand W. Peck has consulted with the authorities at Washington respecting the question of Sunday opening at the exposition in this city, and has received a cablegram saying that President McKinley desired that the American section should be closed on the Sabbath as far as allowed by the French regulations.

DEPENDED ON LADYSMITH.

Boer Success in the Siege to Have Been Signal for Dutch Uprising.

London, April 11.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times telegraphing Monday says: "The enemy are making a general attempt to discover a strategic opening, but their numbers are unknown to us, but are anywhere between three thousand and six thousand. They are moving cautiously. Remounts are arriving, but the Argentine animals are little liked by the cavalry."

CHESS MASTERS.

London, April 10.—The fourth round at the masters' and amateurs' tournament resulted to-day as follows: Blackburne defeated Passmore; Munster defeated Vanriet; Tietjen was defeated by Teichmann; and Ward defeated Lawrence. Loman and Lee and Jones and Physick adjourned their respective games.

FRANCIS JOSEPH VISITING.

Emperor William Expects Berlin to Put Its Best Foot Forward for the Occasion.

Berlin, April 10.—The newspapers of this city express much satisfaction at the impending visit of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. Emperor William has telegraphed to the chief burgomaster of Berlin this message: "His Majesty Emperor Francis Joseph has communicated to me most joyful intelligence, namely his intention to visit the Empire and myself. I am convinced that the visit of my residential town will regard our illustrious guest, once the loyal friend of our immortal Great Emperor, with feelings of loyal devotion and warm attachment. I announce to you the impending visit in order that my Berliners may have time worthily to decorate the city and welcome my honored and royal ally."

TROOPS FROM NATAL.

London, April 11.—The Durban correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "Large numbers of troops are coming down for shipment to Cape Colony. Two regiments have already sailed. Gen. Harle is also going to the Cape, probably in command of the two white rangers."

DEFENCES FOR BLOEMFONTEIN.

British Troops Have Entrenched and Sleep in the Works—Boers Becoming Very Bold.

London, April 10.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Sunday says: "The railway and telegraph are working well. Works and trenches have been prepared in suitable positions around Bloemfontein. The greatest vigilance is exercised. Some of the troops sleep in the trenches."

"Confirmation has been received of the report that the Boers are in larger in considerable force with guns at Dewetdorp, eighteen miles southeast. The British scouts report another body still closer. The Boer patrols have grown very bold, venturing much nearer our tents."

THE PLAGUE AT SYDNEY.

Day of Intercession and Prayer for Relief From the Visitation.

Sydney, N.S.W., April 9.—Ninety-three cases of the bubonic plague and 29 deaths have been reported from Sydney here. Thursday next has been appointed as a day of intercession and prayer for relief from the plague.

Must Make a Long Halt

Roberts Awaits Arrival of Remounts and Supply of Winter Clothing.

London, April 10.—(5 a.m.)—Preparations are being made to hold Bloemfontein against surprise. Lord Kitchener has been given an important duty, being responsible for the protection of the railway while Lord Roberts is waiting for remounts and winter clothing for the troops, whose thin cotton khaki uniforms and boots are worn out.

Gen. Brabant and Gen. Gatacre are both at a standstill. Lord Roberts will probably for some time confine his operations to clearing the Free State behind of raiders, and to relieving Mafeking, for which purpose apparently the Eighth Division now arriving at Capetown has been ordered to Kimberley.

Lady Sarah Wilson and other Mafeking correspondents send diaries of the things they are doing. The Boers have tried by abandoning the trenches to lure the besieged out into a mined ambush. Fortunately the British were on their guard, and unearthed the 250 pounds of dynamite and war gelatine.

When the charges are for an advance to Pretoria may be judged from the fact that only from six to ten thousand horses are on the march. The military tailoring departments only within the last three weeks began to receive orders for uniforms. It is said it will take at least two months to provide 200,000 uniforms.

Mr. Stijg's address to the Free State is a singularly strong one. The Fischer-Wolmarans deputation has full power to negotiate for peace subject to the approval of the Free State. Lady Roberts will remain at Capetown. The Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Athol and Lord Henry Cavendish-Bontnick have gone to the front.

NAVAL MILITIA.

Plans for Instruction Call Attention to This Branch of American Service.

Washington, April 10.—Capt. Sutherland, in charge of naval militia affairs, has made up an itinerary for the summer cruise of the naval militia organizations of the states bordering on the Great Lakes. All of these are to be made on the old gunboat Michigan. She is ordered to be at Cleveland or such other Ohio port as the Governor of Ohio may suggest on June 25 to instruct the naval militia for a period of seven days. She is to be at Detroit July 9 to instruct the Michigan naval militia for the same period of time and to be at Chicago July 25 to instruct the Illinois naval militia likewise for a period of seven days.

BOERS KILL KAFFIRS.

Pretoria, April 7.—Advices from Mafeking say a body of armed Kaffirs led by Mafeking through the burghers' lines during the night of April 5, were shot into a bush, where they were killed by a Maxim Nordenfled gun. The Boers then stormed the Kaffir position, killing 31. The Kaffirs fought stubbornly.

PRISONERS LANDED.

Capetown, Tuesday, April 10.—The remainder on board the transport of Simonstov, about 2,000, have been transferred to the mainland.

Mr. Eudyard Kipling and Sir John Henry De Villiers, Chief Justice of Cape Colony, will sail for England to-morrow.

GREAT COST IN HORSES.

Bloemfontein, April 9.—Remounts are continually arriving, but competent authorities estimate that the shortage of horses monthly by the British forces in South Africa must be calculated at not less than five thousand.

METHUEN'S FORCE.

Zwartkopsfontein, Orange Free State, April 9.—Lord Methuen's force is encamped ten miles east of Boshof. Since the Boer affair Lord Methuen has had Yeamany and the Kimberley mounted corps, has reconnoitered eastward, but has only encountered a small body of Boers, who fled.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

Toronto, April 10.—The World's Montreal special says: "The clans are being called together in the city and district to prepare for general elections. The Sir Donald Club has decided to present an address to Sir Charles Tupper."

A woman who is weak, nervous and sleepless has a cold, hands and feet numb, and feet and ankles a well' pained. Carter's Iron Pills and active the circulation, restore nervousness, and give strength and rest.

The Report At Ottawa

Received Last Saturday Sir Wilfrid Dill's Decision.

Strathcona Calls For Fervent—Major Drum to Command Militia

Ottawa, April 10.—The position in British Columbia is still a good deal of attention. Wilfrid Laurier told Mr. Bost that Lieut.-Governor McInnes was received last Saturday to give the house no hint as to its general belief is that the government do nothing until after the elections. A report published in the Province that Sir Wilfrid L. disapproved Martin has been to Strathcona has called for a national meeting to fill possible vacancies in the militia department.

It is reported that Major D. military secretary to Lord M. has been appointed to command the militia in succession to Gen. H. left Capetown for Canada last week. Strathcona has called for a national meeting to fill possible vacancies in the militia department.

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