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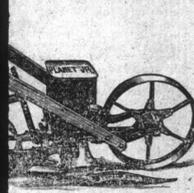
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## Ominous For Buller

### London Accepts Suggestion That His Recall Has Been Decided On.

### Meagre Reports Show Extensive Operations in South-east of Free State.

### Foreigners In Boer Service to Be Organized as Separate Legion.

London, April 18.—Heavy rains impede the movement of the British columns. The blockade of Wepener continues, although relief is near.

Large quantities of stores are being moved southward from Bloemfontein, which is a reversal of the course of the freight for the last six weeks. These shipments are made necessary by the operations in the southeast of the Free State.

There are two thousand sick in the field hospitals, many cases being of dysentery and enteric fever.

With the exception of these facts, the campaign on war news is almost complete. The special correspondents send trivial details or statements which obscure rather than explain, the situation in their efforts to prepare matter that will pass the censor. Here and there a phrase indicates an expectancy that large things are about to happen.

What is to be done with Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren, occupies everybody's attention at the present time. It is now generally accepted that the government had a purpose in the publication of Lord Roberts' messages and that the recall of Gen. Buller and Gen. Warren has probably been decided upon.

According to Boer reports, there is a steady flow of foreign volunteers to the Transvaal. Hitherto, these adventurers have been attached to the various commandos. Now it is said that they are to be formed into a special legion with Continental officers, and there is a rumor that the command will be given to a distinguished French soldier lately retired, who is now in the Transvaal or is nearing the end of the journey thither.

The Lorenzini Marquis, correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Wednesday says: "Two hundred and fifty Boers arrived to-day at the camp near the marching through Zoutpanberg district to intercept Gen. Carrington's forces."

### SWIPED A BOER CHICKEN.

And Canadian Soldier Must Do Many Days' Hard Labor for Being Caught.

London, April 18.—A special letter from Bennett Barleigh, dated at Bloemfontein and published in to-day's Telegraph, cites a case of real hardship. A Canadian soldier, he says, was court-martialed and sentenced to fifty-six days hard labor for appropriating one Boer chicken when thousands who had committed the same offence escaped scot-free. There was considerable indignation in the Canadian camp over the act.

### STEEL MILLS RESUMING.

Overproduction in Recent Great Rush Caused Temporary Closing—Steel to be Cheaper.

New York, April 18.—A private despatch from Chicago to a Wall Street news agency was received to-day which stated that in all probability the mills of the American Steel & Wire Co. now shut down, would resume operations on Monday next. The telegram quoted President Lambert as saying that the plant had been working day and night on overdue contracts and had simply reached a point where stockpiles of steel bars in excess of demand. He said these conditions could not last and that in a week or ten days the plant would again be in operation.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 18.—It was learned to-day that at a meeting of the Bar Hill Association held in Pittsburg last Friday, the price of steel bars was cut from 2 1/2c a pound to 2c, equal to a reduction of \$5 a ton.

### CHRISTIANS IN CHINA.

Government Issues an Order to Protect Converted Natives From Violence.

Pekin, April 18.—The government has issued an edict directing all viceroys and governors to warn armed organizations that they must refrain from acts of hostility towards native Christians. These officials are also instructed to punish severely any infractions of the orders.

### JAMAICANS STARVING.

Failure of the Banana Crop Has Brought Widespread Suffering.

Kingston, Jan., April 18.—It is announced here in the local press that in consequence of the failure of the banana crop in the parish of Thomas widespread and acute suffering exists in that place and a number of deaths from starvation has occurred among the people there.

### TO BUILD RUSSIAN RAILWAY.

New York, April 18.—E. F. Walker of Philadelphia, and J. H. McLeary of Richmond, representing prominent capitalists, sailed to-day for Southampton. It is said that they are authorized to pledge bonds for any amount of money necessary to secure the contract for building the projected railway from St. Petersburg to Odessa, which will traverse more than half the Russian empire, from north to south. The new railway will cost \$80,000,000.

## APPEAL TO AFRIKANDERS.

### Boers Make Last Despairing Bid for a Rising in Cape Colony.

Cape Town, April 17.—The Boer governments are circulating the following manifesto to the Afrikaners in South-east Cape Colony:

"We feel that our fate and the fate of all the Afrikaners is at stake, and we appeal to you to stand and fight shoulder to shoulder with us. You cannot, you may not, allow the tyrant to extinguish forever our finest traits of character as a nation. With you on our side the issue can't be doubtful. We must conquer. God grant that love for your country and your liberty and the noble virtues of men truly free may induce you to join us in the hour of our supreme struggle."

## Liberals Accept Mackintosh.

### Cannot Support Smith Curtis While He Is Mr. Martin's Colleague.

### Grand Forks Friends Prepare a Shock for Too Sanguine New Minister.

Grand Forks, April 18.—At a meeting of the Grand Forks Liberal Association held last evening, a resolution was adopted condemning Hon. Joseph Martin and confirming a former resolution declaring against party lines in the coming election. It was decided to support the candidature of Hon. Smith Curtis, provided he resigned from the Martin government and agreed to run as an independent candidate.

The first gun of the campaign in the Rossland Riding was fired here this evening when an enthusiastic meeting held in the opera house under the auspices of the local Liberal-Conservative Association adopted a resolution endorsing without distinction of party, the candidature of Mr. C. H. Mackintosh. A noteworthy feature was the attendance of many prominent Liberals. H. S. Cayley, who presided, paid a high tribute to the worth of the Conservative candidate. Among those on the platform, were Dr. Bowes, Alex. Sharpe, Mayor Goodvee and D. B. Bogie, Rossland; Dr. Hayes, Trail; Mr. Howe, Ebbot; Jeff Davis, W. McLaughlin and Geo. Fraser, Grand Forks.

Dr. Bowes, the first speaker, reviewed the steps taken by the Rossland Conservatives to hold a convention that irrespective of party would select a suitable candidate. Mr. Mackintosh, he pointed out, was not only a man of high character and intention of conducting the campaign on party lines. Dr. Bowes said the record of the Semlin government was one of unfulfilled promises and broken promises. Continuing he predicted the defeat of the present administration and with the termination of the present intolerable state of affairs the dawn of a new era of prosperity. Amidst applause, after briefly referring to the eight-hour law and the successful operation of the contract for the Rossland, the speaker enlarged Mr. Mackintosh, and regretted the absence of the candidate, who had been called East to the object of raising capital for investment in the Boundary district.

Mayor Goodvee, of Rossland, followed. He declared that the failure of individual government, justified the adoption of party government with certain limitations. The men required in political life in the province at this critical juncture were men of principle not individuals animated with no other motive than self interest. He characterized Hon. Mr. Martin as a destructive politician, whose bugling laws had brought the province to its present plight. Where order and prosperity once reigned, there now existed uncertainty and depression. He criticized the Martin platform, especially the railway policy.

### WARREN'S EXPLANATION.

Thorneycroft Made Solely Responsible But Prominence Given to Buller's Nomination of That Officer.

London, April 18.—In his despatch Gen. Warren sets forth the fact that the Spion Kop operations had not entered into his original plans, as his instructions were to occupy a plain north of it.

On consultation with the Commander-in-Chief on January 21, however, when the question of retiring from or attacking Spion Kop was discussed, Warren expressed his preference for attacking. This was successfully accomplished by Thorneycroft in command of the summit.

In the meantime Warren had sent Gen. Coke up to reinforce, with orders to assume command. Intellectual efforts were made to telegraph Thorneycroft to ask whether he had assumed command. Towards sunset he was finally enabled to get orders through, and concluded the position could be held the next day if guns could be provided and shelter obtained. Both these conditions were about to be fulfilled when, in the absence of Coke, whom he had ordered to come and report in person on the situation, the evacuation took place under orders given on his own responsibility by Thorneycroft. This occurred in the face of the vigorous protests of Coke's brigade major and others.

In conclusion Warren said: "It is a matter for the Commander-in-Chief to decide whether there will be any further resistance to the question of the authorized evacuation of Spion Kop."

### KING OSCAR EXPECTED.

Prin, April 18.—It is officially announced that King Oscar will visit the exposition before the end of the month. The Crown Prince of Denmark has proposed a visit for some days.

## PROTESTING ST. HELENA.

### Boer Government Sending to London Complaints of the Burghers—Offered Portugal Five Millions.

Pretoria, April 18.—As soon as the Berne award in the Delagoa Bay railway arbitration was published the Transvaal government offered to Portugal the amount she was condemned to pay (\$5,000,000) which, however, was courteously declined, the statement being made that the money was already provided.

The government is receiving many memoranda from burghers on the subject of sending the Boer prisoners to St. Helena and will formally protest to Great Britain on the subject. Secretary Helitz says the Transvaal government is not taking any resolution regarding the destruction of the mines.

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### BRITISH GOLF CHAMPION.

His Play a Revelation to the Best of the Boston Experts.

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Work Resumed Under Military Auspices But Full Force Not Yet Secured.

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## Platform of Workingmen.

### Adopted at a Meeting of the Trades and Labor Council.

### Mr. W. H. Hayward Announces Himself as a Candidate for Esquimaux.

### THE ALLEGED CANNIBALISM.

Jury Acquits the Half-Breed Charged—Indian Lad's Confession Against the Story.

### MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Winnipeg, April 18.—Premier Macdonald left via the Northern Pacific for Toronto to-day. He is accompanied on his journey as far as St. Paul by Hon. J. T. Davidson, but when seen by a reporter neither gentleman would give any hint as to the object of their trip. Mr. Macdonald simply stated that he would remain in Toronto only one day and then return to this city.

Word has reached here of the death of Private D. L. Ramsey of D squadron, R. G. D., who accompanied the first battalion of Mounted Rifles to South Africa. Ramsey died at Capetown, March 28, of peritonitis.

Fire destroyed Jos. Woods' hotel at Elm Creek last night. Loss, \$1,000.

### QUITE A FIRE.

New York, April 18.—Fire to-day caused a loss of about \$75,000 in the big mattress and iron belt factory of Charles H. Rogers & Co. The fire was discovered in the cellar. Thirty girls on an upper floor were got out unhurt.

### THE QUEEN'S VISIT.

Dublin, April 18.—The Queen enjoyed a most successful evening. An address from the Carter Club assured Sir Charles that the French Canadian people supported his Imperial trade policy. In his reply he said that he never hoped to sink so low as to receive lessons in loyalty from the Toronto Globe.

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## Chief Main's Body Found

### Chinese Thieves Had Buried It Near the Scene of His Fatal Quest.

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