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The Government is Censured by the Press for Giving the Despatches to the Public-It Now Looks As If the British Movements Had Been Begun Both In Natal and the Free State.

London, April 18, 4 a. m. The govern- to have behaved in a very gallant manner from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, ment has chosen this as the moment to throughout the day.

"It is to be regretted that Warren did ers. This despatch, written February 13, is not understood unless it is expected will ask to be relieved of their commands. The revelation of their incapacity must

sures is the great feature of the Londen press this morning. In a long edithrial the Daily News speaks of the "Somewhat appalling language" of the despatch

MUson the whole these despatches are disquieting and disheartening in no ordinary degree. * * * Following immedistely upon the recall of General Gatacre, they will create a widespread feeling of siness and anxiety."

The Standard, which is supposed to be in the confidence of the government,

"It is scarcely likely that the publica-tion of Lord Roberts' despatch is with-out purpose. It irresistibly suggests whether it is not to be followed by fur-chet important changes in South African commands. Painful as such measures may "General Buller's report commenting on the continues of Lord Roberts' despatch is without purpose. It irresistibly suggests whether it is not to be followed by further important changes in South African been important changes in South African been important changes in South African been important changes in South African puting the correctness of some of Warren's passertions and describing the dangerous situation occupied by Warren's force, tells that he saw the force at Spion Kop, after disputing the correctness of some of Warren's passertions and describing the dangerous situation occupied by Warren's force, tells that he saw the force at Spion Kop had given away before, Warren knew of it. Buller therefore telegraphed to Warren: Unless you put a really good, hard fighting main in command on top you will lose the hill. I suggest Thornycroft." "General Buller continues: I have not thought it necessary to or der an investigation. If at sundown the defence of the summit had been taken in ing them out if they are required in the

ound to the north and to turn one after inother, the postions held by the Boers iorth of Bloemiontein. General Buller's ironihition of all gress telegrams in Natal' until further notice is taken to indicate that a movement is about to begin there.

London, April 17-The war office tonight published in the Gazette a despatch from Lord Roberts, dated February 13, submitting General Buller's despatches describing the Spion Kop and other operations from January 17 to January 24. Lord Roberts deals severely with General Warren and some others. Even General Buller does not escape.

Buller does not escape.

Lord Roberts complains that the plan of operations is not clearly described in the despatches. After sketching General Buller's intentions, as communicated to Sir Charles Warren who commanded the whole force, Lord Roberts points out that General Warren seems to have concluded, after consultation of his officers, that the flanking movement ordered by General Buller was impracticable and, therefore, so changed the plan of advance as to necessitate the capture and retention of Spion Kop. Lord Roberts continues:

"As Warren considered it impossible to make the wide flanking movement which was recommended, if not actually prescribed in the secret instructions, he despatch the position of Sir Redvers Buller is rendered untenable; and his resignation with the course he made without any preliminary public ventilation of mistakes and cross consures.

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pening.?

Regarding the withdrawal from Spion Kops the retention of which had become essential to the relief of Ladysmith, Lord Roberts says:

wise discretion in ordering the troops to retire. I am of the opinion that Thornycroft's assumption of responsibility and
authority was wholly inexcusable. During
the night the enemy's fire could not have
been formidable and it would not have taken more than two or three hours for with Maj. Gen. Coke or Warren. Coke appears to have left Spion Kop at 9.30 p. m., for the purpose of consulting with Warren. Up to that hour the idea of withdrawal, had not been entertained. Yet, almost immediately after Coke departure. The government is in supreme common and ought to assert its authority without first appealing indirectly to the man in the street."

We pener is Still Surrounded—Two Hungary after Coke departure. The purpose of consulting with Warren without restricted in all threatened directions and was guidance of Secretary Hay, done every so well traversed with banks and, sand bags that not a single casualty occurred the guidance of Secretary Hay, done every so well traversed with banks and, sand bags that not a single casualty occurred the guidance of Secretary Hay, done every so well traversed with banks and, sand bags that not a single casualty occurred after it was eccupied.

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"As day dawned a rained house was the government, hoped that the Sultary promise, though delayed, would be fulfilled." ference to superior authority which upset the whole plan of operations and rendered unavailing the secretices already made to carry it into effect. Therefore it is only right to state that Thornversit appears

"It is to be regretted that Warren did not himself visit Spion Kop in the afternoon or evening, knowing, as he did, that the state of affairs was very critical and that the loss of position would involve the failure of the operations. He, consequently, was obliged to summon Coke to his headquarters and the command at Spion Kop thus devolved on Thornycroft, maknown to Coke, who was under the impression that the command devolved impression that the command devolved the resource of Romand Roughless and Roughless and

upon Col. Hill, as senior officer. Omission or mistakes of this nature may be trivial in themselves yet they may exercise an important influence on the course of events, and I believe Buller was justified in remarking: There was a want of or-ganization and system which acted most unfavorably on the defence.

and probably also to errors of judgment and want of administrative capacity on the part of Warren. But whatever faults Warren may have committed, the failure must also be attributed to the disinclination of the officer, in supreme command to assert his authority and see that what he thought best was done and also to the unwarrantable and needless assumption of responsibility by a subordinate officer."

The despatch continues:

"The gratifying feature of these despatches is the admirable behavior of the troops throughout the operation. "General Ruller's report commenting on

defence of the summit had been taken in hand, entrenchments laid out and the dead geration.

"It is not the least of the great services and wounded removed the whole place would have been brought under regular try that he exposes with judicial impartiality and wise, wholesome severity, errors and omissions in high quarters which have cost us so very much."

would, have been brought under regular military, commands and the hills would have been held, I am sure. But, no arrangements were made. Coke appears to have been ordered away just as he would have been useful and no one would have been useful and no one with the second control of the country of the count have cost us so very much."

The Daily Telegraph compliments Lord Roberts upon "Not hesitating, where great national interests are at stake, to wound private susceptibilities."

The Daily Chronicle confesses to "A feeling something like consternation when reading the extraordinary passages" of the despatch.

Whether the government has any special, purpose on not in publishing the despatch that the guns were coming up and, generally, fliere was a want of organization and system that acted most unfavorably on the defence. It is admitted that all of Thornycroft's command acted with the greatest gallantry throughout the day and really saved the situation. But preparation for this second day's defence should have been organized during dant Snyman with reference to the Entiwould have been useful and no one succeeded him. Those on top were ignorant

Whether the government has any special purpose or not in publishing the despatch the way in which it has been received will the day and commenced at hightfull. As the way in which it has been received will the day and commenced at hightfull. As the way in which it has been received here from Commanders in active service.

The Roberts' long wait and the Boer activity have seriously disturbed public entered into his original plans, as his instructions were to occupy a plain north of it. On consultation with the commander in-chief, January 21, however, when the question of retiring from or attacking, an army of occupation will have to be installed. From various sources come hints that more men than are already provided for will have to be installed. From various sources come hints that more men than are already provided for will have to be installed. From various sources come hints that more men than are already provided for will have to be installed. From various sources come hints that more men than are already provided for will have to be sent out.

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tion, the evacuation took place under or-ders given on his own responsibility by is a matter for the commander-in-chief to decide whether there will be any investi-

gation into the question of the unauthor ized evacuation of Spion Kop." The Publication of Lord Roberts' Despatches

London, April 17.—The publication of Lord Roberts' despatches describing the Spion Kop and other operations from Jan. 17th to Jan. 24, is severely criticised by Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post today. He characterizes it as "ill

"The effect of it to the army in Natal," unless great changes are made in the com-mands, changes which, if necessary should have been made without any preliminary

or recall is a matter of course. But the government cannot be credited with arranging the matter with consideration or ives for the use of future historians, and distance; the right of it under Captains General Buller's call might have been Stairs and Macdonell, Royal Canadians, arranged with diplomatic delicacy.
"General Buller was appointed by the

shrinks from taking the responsibility and seeks to shelter itself behind Lord Roberts "These two captains." and behind the expression of public opin ion which the despatches are sure to oc casion? If that be the case, the govern

Tuesday, April 17:
"Our force at Wepener is still surrounded but it is reported that the enemy are attacking in a very half-hearted manner

"On the re-occupation of Rouxville, April 15, the few Boers there retired and General Brabant made some important

interfered with the march of these columns but it is hoped they will soon be able to "The attempt to relieve Ladysmith was well devised and I agree with Buller in thinking it ought to have succeeded. That it failed may in some measure have been due to the difficulties of the ground and commanding positions held by the chemy and probably also to errors of judgment and probably also to errors of judgment and probably also to errors of judgment to use for doctors and an ambulance."

> The Men in the Trenches Will Hold Out Two Months-Valuable Scouting Work.

is solving the question of feeding the na-

two months longer. The men in the had I remained a minute longer this letter trenches are determined to play the game would never have been written.

The British Government Will Make Purchases in Canada.

Toronto, April 17-Major Dent, of the agents to buy in Canada animals 'are to be shipped direct from Montreal to Cape Town as soon as they are

Thornycroft. This occurred in the face of the vigorous protest of Coke's brigade major and others. Mafeking are very hungry. Should a flying column be dispatched to their relief it will find the country well grassed and watered as it proceeds northward. watered as it proceeds northward.

The body of Captain Crewe has been handed over to Baden-Powell and beried in Mafeking cemetery:

In Mafeking cemetery:

When Dr. Angell resigned in 1898 the between the two countries were

sorts of stories from Pretoria among them reports that Russia and France have The Official Report of Col. Smith-Dorrien.

the Paardeberg fight, by General Smith-

Brigade, appears in The Friend, the war

moved steadily from the trench shoulder in the dark night, feeling the way through the bushes, keeping touch by the right.
"At 2.50 a. m., they were met by a terrific fire from the enemy's trenches now trumpet these things to the world. The only 60 yards in front of them. The line despatches might have slept in the arch- was forced to fall back only a very short retired only 20 yards where they lay down in the open and returned a steady fire, overnment and by the government he mostly volley, for the next one and a half should have been recalled without exhours. The rest had to fall back rather

> "These two captains, Lieut.-Col. Kincard and his engineers, officers and men and a Canadian working party started building trenches in spite of a galling fire, and by daylight completed a most ad-

dred Transvaalers Got Rough Handling.

I company from which this work could be enfilleded. A company from the reserve was sent up the left bank to cover the early charge of Captain Lloyd C. Criscon, the confice has received the following despatch at 2.50 a. m., the Shropshires, to hold the land with the business.

enemy in main langer, engaged them with A Horrible Row Occurred at

mained partly in the open and partly in most all tanced flank trench. Later they lengthened and enlarged ready to move forward in support. Soon after daylight a white flag was seen flying on the Boer trench, 93 yards from our own hasteily constructed trench. Soon the Boers are dead and two are dangerously wounded came trooping into our line. They stated at the mining town of Windber, near here, they had no orders from Cronje to sur- as the result of a drunken row render, but heard he intended to give in

"The result of the gallant operation was General Cronje altered the date to one the results gamed when it is considered the heavy fire which continued nearly two

ours at 80 yards range.
"A dip in the ground covered from shot he place where the party was working, hence the absence of casualties among the Royal Engineers and the slight losses of the working party of the Royal Canadians,

Chaplain Left a Moment Before Death Arrived

Ottawa, April 17-(Special)-Chaplain O'Leary of the first contingent, writes his prother James L. O'Leary, of the post

I lay prone, sharing the tiny shelter with found there. The town is in a state one of the Black Watch. Finding that wild excitement. there was not room for two, I decided on making a dash for a little mound some Funeral of the Late Captain Hamilton-Mafeking, Saturday, April 7-The suc- fifty yards forward. As I raised myself cess of Lieut.Smith Eman, the Rhodesian on my hands and knees, preparing prescout, who, with the exception of a Reuter paratory to a dash, I remember him calling scout, who, with the exception of a Reuter correspondent, a cyclist, is the only white man who has entered Mafeking since the slege began, is likely to prove of great value to Col. Plumer, to whom he has returned with despatches, should Plumer decide to raise the slege in earnest.

A Scottish crofter has introduced a method of making nourishing porridge with oat bran, which is a great boon and is solving the question of feeding the national correspondent, a cyclist, is the only white and provide the national provider with the control of the on my poor companion an hour, but still, Presbyterian, all of the clergymen being

"Another trying moment was when in the early hours we were laying almost within touch of a laager. Oh how that within touch of a laager. On how that hell-fire mowed down everything around us, but we held our ground and when day the broke, the Boers hoisted the white flag and surrendered, the best tribute ever and surrendered, the best tribute ever given to Canadian worth and Canadian bravery. While every one of the other anada regiments is loud in our praise, we can at Upper and Lower New Horton, have well afford to be proud of our brave boys. They are indeed worthy of it."

Relations May be Severed.

Washington, April 17.—There is no longer any question that the diplomatic rela-tions between the United States and Turkey are in a critical state, growing out of the Sultan's bad faith. He promised to pay the indemnity claims of the American missionaries for the destruction of eight buildings of the Euphrates College at Harpoot and several buildings belonging to the American missionaries of Marah

Lord Reberts indicates that at least 10, 500 meri are silvancing to cut off the Boers who are investing Wepener. As there are fivesting Wepener. As there are fivesting being that the command on the summit. In the meaning like the bors of the command on the summit. In the meaning with at Crocodile Poole. The Boers, too, are already in collaborated troops are already in collaborated with the Boers. Lord Roberts with the Boers. Lord Roberts wite the southeastern section of the real way, and then swing state, east of the railway, and then swing to the roops and to the Roberts of the railway, and then swing to the absence of Coke, whom I had ordered to of Roberts from the positions come and report in person on the situation of Roberts from the positions come and report in person on the situation of Roberts and the positions come and report in person on the situation of Roberts and the positions come and report in person on the situation of Roberts and Roberts and the positions come and report in person on the situation of Roberts and and horses are investing and horses are invested than that the Rhodesians are operating in The total casualties to make the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the command on the summit. In the mean the order of the contrast with those Colonel Plumer fought at Crocodile Poole. The Boers, the mean that the contrast with those Colonel Plumer fought at Crocodile Poole. The Boers in meaning part of the promise Plumer's little force is now strongly entrenched northwest of Mafeking.

The country hereabouts is much more easily traversed than that the Rhodesians are operating in. The total casualties Saturday were 78, but many are convalescing and horses are improving in health as the winter approaches.

Natives report that the inhabitants of Mafeking are very hungry. Should a fly-broken faith. This is not his only longer one resting upon disputed points of international law, but upon the Sultan's broken faith. This is not his only promise, he having stated to our ministe that he would give his permit for the reconstruction of the American college and school buildings, yet up to the present

relations between the two countries were critical by reason of the inaction of the Turkish government, and its refusal to entertain the indemnity claims. Mr. Straus, by reason of his successful previ-ous mission, and his past experience, was summoned by the president to take up the mission as best qualified to adjust the pending questions in a manner satisfac-tory to both countries. Shortly after his Brigade, appears in The Friend, the war arrival in Constantinople in September, correspondents' newspaper published in 1898, several matters yielded to negotiation. He then addressed himself to the General Smith-Dorrien says: "At, 2.15 main questions, the compensation for missionary buildings destroyed, and fer property looted, and for the permit for their rebuilding. The Turkish government shortly before the departure of Dr. Angell, sent a reply denying all traduits. right of the rear rank of the Canadians, A similar reply was sent to the ambassalike claims. Mr. Straus took up the ques-tion anew, basing his argument upon the well recognized principles of international law, with the result that at an audience with the Sultan on the 8th of December, 1898, the Sultan promised to pay the claims. The claims were examined with great care and scrutiny based upon the principle of indemnity for the actual value of the property destroyed. The Sultan also stated that he had given per-

ises have been kept. The situation is practically this: The mirable work which gave grand cover from unsatisfied: Mr. Straus has, under the fire in all threatened directions and was guidance of Secretary Hay, done every-

a train at South Fork this morning. The dead are John Halverson, a Swede; E. D. McCauley, an American; Gust. Grieryvolver and some of deadly stiletto, the two wounded men, Thomas Kipling and Jerk Buckwalter, having been wounded with at the home of a French woman, known as Mrs. Stuex until a couple of weeks ago, when she married an Italian. The place has been known as a "speak easy," or un licensed saloon, and has been frequented by both foreigners and Americans em ployed in the mines. Yesterday seems to have been a banner day throughout. About "One particular incident may interest 10 o'clock last night a man appeared at you. In Sunday's battle (Paardeberg) the door and cried that he had been stab when the enemy's fire was most furious, bed, ran a few steps and then fell over we had taken shelter in open as best we a second and then a third. The fourth us to rush forward. Behind an ant hill, and then the two wounded men wer

Personal Items.

Hopewell Hill, April 13,-The funeral of conducted by the members of that fraterodist church, assisted by Rev. F. D. Davidwere The Hour of My Departure's Come; Why Do We Mourn Departed Friends, and Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep. Interment was made in the old burying ground here.

come to their homes here for the Easter Young Man Had His Leg Badly Injured in

Miss L. M. Clark, of St. John, is spending Easter with Miss Edna West.

Miss Lena G. Calhoun, of Lower Cape, has taken charge of the school at Hebro for the remainder of the term.

The First of the Official Fetes Held in Paris.

Paris, April 16-The first of the series

of official fetes to be given in connec-

tion with the exposition took place tonight at the Elysee Palace. President Loubet entertained 260 guests at dinner, the largest number ever seated at an Elysee banquet. Among those present were the diplomatic corps and the commissioners general of the various nations. represented at the exposition. The de-corations were very elaborate. Following

Twenty Men for the Northwest Police -The Ice Getting Shaky.

Fredericton, April 16 .- Lt. Col. Morris, He expects to take 20 men from here. Col. Morris goes to St. John Fr day.

The fine weather of the past few days

is having its effect on the river ice. The water is steadily rising and the ice in some places is becoming rather shaky. It made a start below the railway bridge at made a start below the railway bridge at noon and ran for a distance of about 40 rods. The ice opposite the city is still held firmly in place by the bridges, but it is liable to start any time now.

The Children's Easter Monday Festival at the Company and is connected with a number of other Atlanta enterprises.

Washington.

Washington, April 16-Easter Monday, egg rolling day, was celebrated on the reen lawn south of the executive mansion 9 o'clock when the gates were opened they began to gather from all parts of the eggs of every conceivable hue and by o'clock several thousand were racing an tumbling about on the green sward. Abou hat time the full Marine band marched into the grounds and during the remain er of the afternoon played at frequen

The Boer Lines Were Passed by a Scout Who Has Reported to Col. Plumer.

Lorenzo Marques, April 16—Lieut. Smith Eman, a Rhodesian scout, who en-tered Mafeking through the Boer lines, has returned to Col. Plumer's camp with despatches from Mafeking saying that all was well there April 8.

A Senator's Health.

Newport News, Va., April 16-Senato Hanna left Old Point this morning for Washington. The stories sent out from senator's illness were greatly exaggerated. He was slightly indisposed when he reached Old Point Thursday but was well enough yesterday to spend practically the entire day out of doors.

a Hay Press.

Florenceville, April 12.—James Cox, an employe of Henry W. Cain, M. P. P., met with a painful accident a few days go. While at work on a haypress one is legs got caught in the straps of and was so badly injured that The limb, however, has been save and the patient is on the road to a cor

Walter S. Blight was a Good All-round - Man:

Toronto, April 16—(Special)—Walter S. Blight, Q. O. R., of "C" Company, R. C. R. I., whose death from enteric fever is reported by Col. Otter, was the son of Walter H. Blight, city agent of the Ocean 22 years of age, a printer by trade, a keen soldier and a good all-round athlete.

Southern Paper Sold.

Atlanta, Ga., April 16.-Hoke Smith today sold his interest in the Atlanta Jour-nal to H. M. Atkinson, Morris Brandon and J. R. Gray of Atlanta for \$159,000. The minority stock holders also disposed of their holdings. The amount involved Geo. H. Dickinson, formerly of the New York Herald, will be the publisher under the new regime. H. H. Cabaniess has been asked to remain as business manager and Josiah Carter, for several years the

German Politics.

Berlin, April 16.—Prussia's Polish So cialists held a convention today to decide the question whether the Polish nationalthe party creed. The convention was most boisterous and finally adopted a resolution to become an integral part of the German Socialist party, putting the national issue behind the economic one. The government considers this of the utmost importance as strengthening and unifying Socialism.

A Great Year With the Seals.

St. John's, Nfld., April 16 .- The sealing steamer Panther returned today with 12,-700 seals. The aggregate returns show this rofitable known for a generation.

Shipping Notes-

A telegram to Mr. Jas. Kennedy an nounces the safe arrival at Pascagoula, her loading port, on the 14th inst., of ba Chandleir Island on Sand Bar. The Culdoon sustained no damage whatever and

Another merry hunt out in the bay will soon take place after the St. John, N. B., barque Wildwood, which has been here previously, and all the skippers of the large-sized towboats will have their lamps trimmed and weather eyes opened. She is coming here from Cebu, Philippines, and was spoken at sea on the 11th, in latitude 41 degrees and longitude 61 degrees. She is 172 days out on the trip.—[Boston Post.

A battle royal between two well-known quare-riggers has been sarted from Bruns-vick, Ga., to reach New York with a lumber cargo in advance of each other. One is the barquentine Herbert Faller, which left Boston in July of 1896 for Bosario during nurder of Captain Nash, wie and Second



Winter is the most trying season of the year, so far as health is concerned. Confinement in-doors, and overheated and impure air makes even usually strong people feel dull, languid, easily tired and generally run down.

A tonic is needed to aid nature in regaining lost energy. April is the month of all months when a tonic is of most service.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE

is the only true tonic medicine. These pills make rich, red energy-giving blood and transform listless, dull, tired and worn-out men and women into smiling, healthy, happy, work-loving people.

Thousands—some of them your neighbors—have been made well by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but you must get the genuine.

NERVOUS AND WORN OUT.

Mrs. Peter Mahar, Seal Cove, Que., writes: "It gives me real pleasure to acknowledge the benefit I have derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pille, for I believe had it not been for their use I would now be in my grave. My health was broken down, and the least exertion would fatigue me. I was troubled with dizziness, shortness of breath, and paquitation of the heart; my appetite was fickle, and I was extremely pale. I gave the pills a fair trial, and they have restored me to perfect health, and I can do all my household work without experiencing the least fatigue. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best tonic I know of for weak, tired pale people."

At all dealers, or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six

