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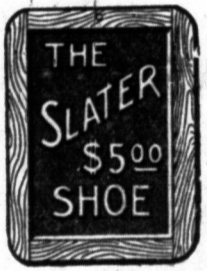
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## BAD NEWS AFTER GOOD

### General Villebois-Mareuil's Death a Severe Loss to the Boers.

#### The Five Companies of British Captured by the Enemy Held Out Against Odds for a Whole Day—Four Thousand Free Staters Laid Down Their Arms to Gen Clements.

London, April 7.—The War Office at 4 p. m. yesterday posted a despatch from Lord Roberts announcing Lord Methuen's capture of fifty-four Boers and the killing of General Villebois Mareuil, the chief-of-staff of the Boer army. This news had been judiciously started a few minutes, when a second telegram was bulletined, reporting the loss of five companies of British infantry. Both despatches were issued in time to be printed in the last editions of all the evening newspapers. The lost companies are probably part of the force guarding the railroad at Bethany, thirty miles south of Bloemfontein. The Boers are evidently operating in force near the railroad, and there is a possibility of the line being interrupted for a brief period at any time.

In the death of Gen. Villebois Mareuil, the Boers lose their best instructed soldier in continental methods of warfare. As the late Gen. Joubert's chief of staff, his brain devised the Boer defences against Gen. Buller's advance to the relief of Ladysmith. He was the most notable of all the soldiers of fortune serving with the Boers.

As the captured British soldiers were in a position to defend themselves for nearly 24 hours and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe.

The detachment held out from before noon on April 3 until 9 a. m. April 4, and then apparently surrendered for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time.

Lord Roberts ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, and despatched the Cameron Highlanders also to Bethany. Gatacre arrived at Reddersburg at 10.30 on the 5th, without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment. There can be no doubt they were forced to surrender.

NEWS OUT OFF.  
London, Saturday, April 7, 4.30 a. m.—Not a word regarding the affair at Reddersburg had been allowed to come through except the despatch of Lord Roberts. It is therefore impossible to form any notion as to what has happened. Meanwhile the British public is beginning to realize the immense difficulties to be overcome even before Pretoria is reached. No one now believes that it will have ended by the beginning of June. This latest event more particularly illustrates the heavy task involved in holding the railway. This body of some 500 British troops, without guns, which disappeared so completely within 35 miles of the great British army, had for its business to guard a section of nearly 90 miles of railway between Bloemfontein and Springfontein.

It is said that the Boers who captured the British at Reddersburg belonged to Olivier's command. If so

he has not retired north, and hopes are expressed that he may still be cut off.

TO TAKE BLOEMFONTEIN.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, says:—"The Boers are apparently making an attempt to redeem their promise to retake Bloemfontein. A considerable force has moved south through Thaba Nchu. Gen. Tucker's position at Kameel is more apparent than real, since the open ground north of Bloemfontein offers small opportunity for Boer tactics. They may possibly engage him to distract attention from operations elsewhere."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Thursday, says:—"A sedition meeting was summoned by Transvaal emissaries for to-day at Leunswaag, but nobody attended. Boer patrols from Brandfort have cut the telegraph between here and Boshof."

The British scouts reported yesterday that a force of from 12,000 to 18,000 Boers had been seen beyond Bosman's Kop, moving from Thaba Nchu to the south. The enemy, by appeals and promises combined, are vainly trying to induce the burghers to take the field again."

METHUEN'S SUCCESS.

The Daily Telegraph has the following from Boshof, dated Thursday:—"Lord Methuen's relieving force was concentrated here to-day. The Boers are in force a few miles distant, on Vast River. This town is practically deserted, all the men being with the command under Commandant Duplessis, who controls the district. Lord Methuen commanded in a spirited little action nine miles to the south-east, where he surrounded 70 Boers on a kopje. Not a man escaped. We took 54 prisoners, 60 horses and a quantity of baggage. Gen. De Villebois was killed during the action. A Boer hoisted a white flag and then fired immediately after, killing a British officer. The murderer was instantly shot."

A Bloemfontein despatch, dated the 5th, says:—"The first cavalry brigade, under Col. Porter, reconnoitred eastward to-day beyond Louw Kop. They found 150 Boers, and opened up on them with shells. The Boers dispersed instantly."

NOT SALISBURY'S SON.

Another Boer version of the fighting with Col. Plumer's force says that four officers and thirty men were taken prisoners at Ramathlabama. It appears that the names Cecil and Gravelle, which were originally supposed to indicate two of the officers captured at that time, should have been read together as the name of one officer.

As numerous prisoners are now held on both sides and the numbers are about equal, the question of exchange was mooted in the House of Commons last evening. This elicited a reply that the Government had no intention of proposing an exchange.

According to advices from Pretoria all British subjects have been ordered to quit Pretoria and Johannesburg immediately, except some 400, who are permitted under a recent law to remain in the Rand. Those who are expelled number about 600.

The prisoners and guns taken at Sinas Poot have arrived at Pretoria.

GLOOM IN DUBLIN.

Lord Roberts' despatch, describing the disaster at Reddersburg, was printed in the Dublin evening papers and created general consternation. It brought the populace with a quick turn from the rejoicing over the Queen's visit to the great issues of the war, and cast a sudden gloom over the gayest of the party at the castle.

The news of the death of Gen. De Villebois Mareuil was posted in the French Chamber of Deputies and Senate yesterday, and caused a painful impression.

The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Thursday, says:—"Colonel Plumer's force is returning north."

WILK HAS IT ALL SETTLED.

Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post says:—"The Boer strategy at present may have one or more of several aims. The idea of cutting off the British detachments is natural and obvious. So is the plan of striking at the railway south of Bloemfontein. The plan of collecting a large force in the hills near Thaba Nchu is that of a flank position. The theory of it is that a strong Boer force here would threaten the British communications when the British advance is resumed and therefore that Lord Roberts will have to attack and clear these hills before moving forward. If he moves east to attack them, the Boer forces from Kromstad would move south against his communication."

WAR NOTES.

Ten thousand remounts from South America are due to arrive during the coming week at ports of Natal and Cape Colony. Remounts are anxiously awaited at Bloemfontein.

Small bodies of Boers can be seen in the vicinity of Bloemfontein, and the

Boers are still in the neighborhood of the waterworks. Lord Roberts is taking steps to meet the activity of the Boers.

It is asserted that 4,000 rebels surrendered during Gen. Clements' march northward. The Boers will do their utmost to hold Ladybrand and Thaba Nchu, both being rich grain producing districts.

Dunraven's sharpshooters started for South Africa today, amid the usual scenes of enthusiasm. The corps is formed of men chosen for their shooting capabilities. In one company alone seven of the men had figured in the final stage of the Queen's prize at the Bisley shooting tournament.

Another batch of 1,300 Boer prisoners has been removed from the transport Cambridge. The men presented a woe-begone appearance. Many of them were sick, and their baggage consisted of Kaffir blankets, canvas water bottles and cooking utensils. One of the prisoners died of small-pox and four others were fatally ill.

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## TO ACT AS SCOUTS

Canadian Mounted Infantry Will Lead the Advance

And Clear the Country Ahead of Lord Roberts on His Way to Pretoria.

Montreal, Que., April 7.—The Star tonight publishes the following special cable from its correspondent with the first Canadian contingent:—"Bloemfontein, April 4.—There has been a reorganization of the mounted infantry corps of the army under Lord Roberts at this point, the new division as thus constituted being placed under the command of Gen. Hamilton. The division is composed of two brigades, one being formed of the Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and the other colonial units here. This brigade has been placed under the command of Col. Hutton, the late commanding general of Canada. The second brigade, which is made up of regular volunteer imperial troops, will be under command of Maj. Riley. This organization of the mounted infantry corps of Lord Roberts' army probably indicates an early advance movement of the entire British army northward, on which movement the Canadians and other mounted infantry divisions will act as the advance guard and scouts patrolling and clearing up the country in front of the main army during the march. In this event we are likely to have some very lively work to do, as the country is said to be fairly swarming with small bodies of Boers entrenched at favorable points. The capacity of the Boers for this kind of lighting was illustrated at Bushman's kop where Longman's division was so cleverly entrapped. It is reported to-day that the Boers are working south in considerable force from Thaba Nchu, and that they have formed the audacious plan of attempting to surround the British army."

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