

Southward Path Blocked

British Effectively Check Movement by Kimberley-Lord Rosslyn Captive.

Canadian Second Contingent Complete a Long March Without Opposition.

London, April 15.—There has been the usual Saturday night's news both from the war office and from other sources of information. The situation in its chief points is apparently unchanged.

Natives report at Kimberley that Col. Dargatzis engaged the Boers near Zwartkops on Wednesday and succeeded in driving them back. The British casualties were slight. The enemy's progress southward has been effectively barred by the British occupation of Jonskop on the left and Umbulwani on the right.

The scouts have located the Boers in a strong position 11 miles north of the British forces at Bloemfontein.

Lord Roberts has strongly protested to President Kruger against the treatment of prisoners sick and wounded in his hands, and has formally demanded the observance of the Geneva convention.

A traveller recently arrived at Bloemfontein says that the Boers are working to persuade the Swazis that the British cause is lost, and are seeking to ingratiate themselves, hoping to secure a footing in Swaziland in peace, or to seize hold of the country if necessary.

A special despatch from Bloemfontein dated April 14 says: "A patrol of Royal Irish with whom was Lord Rosslyn has been captured. Lord Rosslyn has been sent to Kroonstad."

De Aar, April 14.—The main body of the Camarvon field force, in command of Col. Parsons, including the Canadian Artillery and the Mounted Rifles, arrived here this morning, after a five weeks' march from Victoria road, by way of Kenhardt, a distance of about 600 miles. They encountered no active opposition. Col. Parsons pacified the district, which was previously in rebellion, and arrested the ringleaders.

London, April 15.—A special from Pretoria dated April 14 says that Lord Roberts is being interviewed and that he trusted God would soon stop the senseless bloodshed.

He would be vigorously defended by the British people. He was finally taken. She added that she had had in the field 32 grandsons, two of whom were killed, four sons, six sons-in-law and numerous other relatives.

CRONJE AT ST. HELENA.
Boer General Arrives in Good Health and Spirits—Received by the Governor.

St. Helena, April 14.—General Cronje and his wife and three members of the staff of the former Boer commander, who with other Boer prisoners arrived here on the Niobe and Milwaukee April 10, were landed to-day, accompanied by Col. Reece. They were met by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of St. Helena, His Excellency Robert St. John, and Mrs. St. John at the castle, where the party remained for an hour, afterwards proceeding to Kent buildings.

Gen. Cronje looks well and appears cheerful. The other Boer prisoners will disembark Monday.

Capetown, April 14.—The transport Lake Erie, with upwards of 500 prisoners, including French, German and Russian, and members of the foreign legion captured at Boshor, was called for St. Helena.

PRESENTS FOR THE PRISONERS.
Friends of the Britishers at Pretoria Are Keeping Them Well Supplied.

Pretoria, April 14.—The United States consul has received six and a half tons of presents for British prisoners, mostly from England and the Cape, comprising luxuries, groceries, cigars, cigarettes and beds. The Transvaal government has afforded every facility for their distribution, which has greatly gratified Mr. Hay. He recently visited the prisoners at Waterval and says that he found everything as well as could be expected under their circumstances.

Good Friday was observed as a holiday throughout the Republic. All is reported quiet at the front.

MANITOBA AFFAIRS.
Bold Housebreaker Secured by the Police—Arbor Day Proclaimed—Lacrosse Arrangements.

Winnipeg, April 14.—(Special.)—Joseph Williams entered several residences on Thursday night and held up the occupants by threats of shooting. He was arrested with several missing articles in his possession.

The St. Paul, Minn., Lacrosse Club will join the Western Canadian Lacrosse Association and compete with Winnipeg teams.

May 4 will be Arbor Day in Manitoba.

AN UNKNOWN HANGED.
Added Murder to Burglary but Would Not Involve His Family in the Disgrace.

Toronto, April 14.—(Special.)—An unknown man was hanged here this morning for the murder of J. E. Varcoe, a brewer, Queen street, in November. He was burglarizing the store with another, who was shot by a policeman while escaping. The man's name was given as Harry Williams, but admitted that this was not his right name. He had no relatives in the city, and his last, not wishing to bring shame to his family, who he is understood to comprise a mother, sister and children.

GREETING TO GENERAL WHITE. Defender of Ladysmith Finds Himself the Object of an Appreciative Demonstration.

London, April 14.—The scene which greeted Gen. Sir George White when the steamer reached Southampton this afternoon must have convinced him of the gratitude of his countrymen for his gallant defence of Ladysmith.

The harbor presented a brilliant scene, and the vessel's berth at the wharf was resplendent with bunting and evergreens. There Lady White, the Mayor, and members of the corporation in their state robes awaited the gallant defender of Ladysmith.

The greeting between husband and wife being over, Gen. White had to undergo much handshaking and receiving congratulations from personal friends before he reached the dock shed, where the municipal authorities presented him with an elaborately illuminated address of welcome. During the reception of the address the huge crowds in the vicinity seized every opportunity to burrah, and the enthusiasm was indescribable. Gen. White was visibly moved at the warmth of his reception.

In acknowledging the address, he referred with admiration to his gallant garrison, every one of whom, he said, from Gen. Hunter to the brave drummer, had behaved magnificently.

General White and Lady White after General White had received the congratulatory letters waited Sir George on his arrival at Southampton, including Lord Roberts, making an attempt to get to his health. The General and Mrs. White, accompanied by their daughter, arrived in London to-night.

English View Of Americans.

Hard Words of the Presidential Campaign Must Not Be Taken Seriously.

Britishers Friendly to McKinley Would Not Injure Him by Saying So.

London, April 14.—The Spectator, which so often voices government opinion, has a lengthy and important editorial on the relations in the immediate future between America and Great Britain, during which it says, in part: "The British people will have to keep their tempers for the next few months when they consider American affairs. There are rather an old series of circumstances. It happens that the pivot of the next election will be the relations of the United States to Great Britain, and of course in the frenzy of the campaign very hard things will be said by Mr. Bryan and his supporters who will pass resolutions calling upon the government to intervene strongly in the case of President Kruger, who either by instinct or craftiness, always appeals to them through the literature which they have a shower of have words from their side and there may be even a difficult and perplexed argument to maintain that the United States should not intervene. We shall not be any less friendly to McKinley, but we shall not be any less friendly to the Republicans. President McKinley will persist in his policy and carry it out to the end. The Republican candidate for the presidency cannot bear with the second term at stake. The Republican leaders will do nothing to show themselves friendly to the United States. They will utter no plain protest against the chorus of ignorant reproach, and will view with dismay any appearance on the part of Americans who have dogged stolidity with which we are censuring the remainder of the world. The electoral campaign will come to an end and with it most of the attacks upon Great Britain. The better opinion in the United States, including, we believe, a majority of the people, is upon the side which we are fully convinced that all the world over British and American interests are on the same side. Neither desires anything except to trade in peace. Of one thing we may be sure, the Americans will not caricature the Queen in the streets of their electoral battles. They will respect the aged lady who forty years ago was on their side in the civil war, and who now is the only monarch in Europe who watches their prosperity with ungrudging pleasure and without the idea that their growth, wealth and influence is a menace to the world."

This article voices better than anything that has recently appeared the tone of sentiment towards America held by the British government officials, and by those who are seriously interested in the relations of the two countries.

The statement that the senate will not ratify the Hay-Pauncefote convention this year, has created little comment. Those who maintain that England has given something for nothing in the Nicaragua agreement express pleasure and hope that it will never be ratified, while those who supported the convention accept the postponement of action as the best of the present situation.

The Saturday Review says: "Whether McKinley's attitude regarding the Hay-Pauncefote convention is correct depends entirely, not on his sentiments towards us, but on the success of Lord Roberts."

INVALIDED BY RHEUMATISM.
Toronto, April 14.—Pte. R. Walter Mills, of the 15th Battalion, has been sent to hospital at Capetown suffering from rheumatism.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.
Philadelphia, April 14.—The international cricket match between Canada and the United States will take place September 21 and 22. These games have been arranged in deference to the wishes of the Canadians.

Trapping the Commandos.

British Closing In From Three Directions on the Boers Besieging Wepener.

Hint of Good News From Mafeking—Buller Content to Wait.

London, April 14.—The critics of the afternoon papers eagerly speculate on the possibilities of the Boer commandos at Wepener being cut off. This seems quite possible, as the force from Bloemfontein is advancing by way of Dewetsdorp, Gen. Chemsides is nearing the objective with the third division by way of Redderburg, and Gen. Brabant's force is moving from Alival North by way of Rouville and Bushmankop, while across the border a strong force of Basutos are closely watching events.

In the meanwhile Gen. Buller's division is concentrating at Springfontein, Lord Methuen's force is trying to get to Hoopstad, and it is believed that Gen. Hunter's division will strengthen the British left at Fouries Streams.

The weakening of Gen. Buller's force by the withdrawal of the brigades now under Gen. Hunter is attributed to the fact that the General commanding in Natal has decided that the forcing of the passes is impracticable, and that he will merely surround the Boers and wait for their surrender.

Major-General Sir Frederick Carrington, accompanied by detachments of bushmen and Scotch scouts, sailed to-day for Capetown en route for Beira. Prince Adolphus of Teck has returned to Bloemfontein after a short visit to Capetown.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Boy Burglars Convicted and Sentenced—An American Vice-Consul's Affliction.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 14.—W. M. Kenibels, the new American vice-consul at Nelson, B.C., a few days ago received the sad news of his sister's death; this so affected him that he resigned his position at once and started for his home in Boston.

Mrs. H. F. Hill died yesterday in Vancouver. She was a sister of Dr. Hacking of New Westminster.

Two young men, Kitchen and John McKay, 9 and 12 years old, respectively, were convicted of burglary to-day before Magistrate Russell. Kitchen was sentenced to one month in the penitentiary, McKay to one year in the penitentiary.

A GERMAN WISEACRE.
Proclaims That If Lord Roberts Gives Up the Free State It Will Be Lost to Britain.

Berlin, April 13.—The latest events in South Africa are commented upon calmly. In the Lokal Anzeiger, Gen. von Schmeling says a decisive turn in the campaign is about to be reached. He adds that if Lord Roberts is able to await things quietly in Bloemfontein until the complete occupation of the Orange Free State will follow. But if Lord Roberts is compelled to retreat to the Orange River, the loss of the whole of the Orange Free State is inevitable. Insurgent districts are sure to ensue, and therewith the loss of the whole campaign.

WHITE HORSE COPPER.
Development of Rich Quartz Mines on the Yukon River.

Taylor Armandout, the Skagway trader, on returning from a business trip to White Horse gave an interesting and encouraging report of the progress in development of copper properties in that district. He said:

"Development work is progressing on several of the properties. Those of which I gained knowledge are the Grafter, the Rabbit's Foot and the Anaconda, within four miles of White Horse. The tunnel which is being made into the side of the Anaconda has been run in 125 feet, including a cross-cut. This tunnel was begun 100 feet below the original outcrop, and has already run into a good ledge of ore 12 to 15 feet wide. The ledge is, however, thought to be only a feeder to a greater and better ledge. There is no water in the tunnel."

"Two shafts have been sunk on the Rabbit's Foot. One shaft is down 25 feet and the ledge is about 10 feet wide. The other shaft is down 10 feet and the ledge is about 10 feet wide. The ledge is, however, thought to be only a feeder to a greater and better ledge. There is no water in the tunnel."

"The Anaconda and Rabbit's Foot are owned by William Plunkett, Ole Dixon, John O'Neill, and Charles Ward, all formerly of Mount Vernon, Wash. The Rabbit's Foot was located last summer and the Anaconda the year before."

"The British-American Corporation has 20 men working on the Grafter. It is the same as the other claims mentioned. This ledge can be traced ten miles."

VETERAN FIELD MARSHAL. Leaders in Civil and Military Life Pay Parting Honors.

London, April 14.—The funeral of Field Marshal Sir Donald Martin Stewart, who died at Algiers March 26 last in his 77th year took place here this afternoon. It was conducted with the full military honors and in the presence of a representation of Queen Victoria, who placed on the coffin a wreath bearing an autograph inscription expressive of Her Majesty's high regard for the distinguished veteran. The Prince of Wales was also represented, while the commander-in-chief of the army, Lord Wolseley, and the whole of the general staff, besides a host of high naval and military officers attended. The members of the cabinet and a number of distinguished civilians also participated.

Late Arrival From Nome.

Mail Carrier Wirt Came by the Steamer St. Paul Yesterday.

He Tells of the Conditions Existing During the Winter.

The collier St. Paul arrived yesterday morning from Kodiak, Alaska, and will leave to-day for Comox to take another load of coal for the far northern town. Among her passengers down was Loyd L. Wirt, of Cape Nome, the first man to come down this season from the new Eldorado by the ocean route, and the last who left Nome to reach the "outside." Mr. Wirt left Nome City on January 8 with the Alaska Commercial Company's mail, and had as a companion as far as Kodiak, where he found the St. Paul, Capt. Worth, the Alaska Exploration Company's mail carrier. The Captain took a steamer for Juneau, and should be down by one day, but the mail was delayed.

Mr. Wirt describes it as "an awful time." It was very cold, of course, the thermometer at St. Michael registering 40 below zero, and the wind blowing from the north. The snow was so deep that it was impossible to go out, and the men were forced to stay in the house. The food was so scarce that the men were forced to eat what they could get. The men were so tired that they could not sleep. The men were so hungry that they could not eat. The men were so cold that they could not stand. The men were so miserable that they could not live.

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Martin To Move London

Offers Action There Against the Asiaties If Endorsed by Electors.

Magis of His Referendum Proposal—Tired of Personalities in Politics.

Special to the Colonist.

Chelmsford, April 14.—Owing to the sudden death of Hon. Smith Curtis mother at the family home in Eastern Canada the people of this district were deprived of the promised opportunity of hearing the Minister of Mines at the political meeting here to-night, but they heard the Premier in an address quite in contrast to his Saanich delivery in that Mr. Martin seemed to take self and audience seriously and made an effort to argue in support of his position. He emphasized his desire for the choice of distinctly party candidates, pledged either for or against the enunciated policy of the government, and appealed for clear cut and definite issues as against what he termed the curse of the past in provincial affairs, namely, personal politics.

In taking credit for the settlement of the eight-hour law, Hon. Mr. Martin held that the suggestion of the application of the referendum in the originally promulgated platform had gone a long way toward inducing the mine owners and miners to come to the recent final and mutually satisfactory settlement.

In considering the question of nationalization of railways, the Premier contended that he only aimed to initiate a policy of business principle as against a fictitious capitalization policy, by which system multimillionaires were made without the investment of a dollar of their own money.

He had been, he said, to send his 400 men to the mines, not by the use of his own labor or applied energy, but by money that should have been in the pockets of the people of Canada.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. How the Surplus Is Swelled—Chignecto Ship Railway Again—Adjutant for Yukon Garrison.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 14.—The government to make a showing of a gross surplus are now adding the expenditure on the contingents for Africa to those charged to capital account. Last month \$888,000 was so charged to capital. The Conservative precedent set at the time of the Northwest rebellion was to charge the military expenditure against the current account.

Capt. Thacker has been appointed adjutant of the Yukon garrison. The promoters of the Chignecto ship railway are again interviewing the government for better terms.

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