

Cable From Frederick Hamilton—Dalgety Holding Out at Wepener—Cape Town Inflamed by Rumors of a Big Victory by British Under General Brabant—Remounts Urgently Needed.

Toronto, April 15.—The following cable was received from Frederick Hamilton, Toronto Globe's special correspondent, with the Royal Canadian regiment: "Bloemfontein, April 14.—Sergt. A. Beattie, of Toronto (formerly of the Queen's Own Rifles) and Pte. R. Harrison, Montreal Garrison Artillery, died today of enteric fever. Beattie had been ill since March 29. Just before he was stricken he was transferred to 'A' company as acting color sergeant.

"The following sick and wounded have sailed for England in addition to those mentioned in my previous dispatches: 'By steamer Duane Castle, March 24—Sergt. W. Peppert, R. C. A., Quebec Company; Corporal T. E. R. Baugh, R. C. R. I., Montreal Company; Pte. H. J. D. Andrews, 8th R. C. A., Western Company; Ptes. R. H. M. McLaughlin, R. C. R. I.; S. M. Ward, Q. O. R., and James Kennedy, Q. O. R., of the Toronto Company.

"London, April 15, 4.55 a. m.—The war office had nothing to communicate to the public yesterday. It may be taken for granted that the rumor of General Buller's victory at Wepener is premature. With the remainder of his force he left Alwal North Saturday morning, and there has been some talk of a heavy demand on the railway, for so large an army leaves the populace bare of everything save the absolute necessities of life.

"The fact that the censors allowed Mr. Winston Churchill's despatch on the subject of remounts to pass speaks volumes for the condition of that question and concerning the prospect of any immediate advance toward Pretoria. The utmost Lord Roberts will be able to do for some time to come will be in the direction of clearing the Boers from the southern part of the Free State.

"The despatches announce the approach of winter. The first pinch of frost has been felt at Bloemfontein, where considerable rain has fallen.

"It is said that President Kruger visited the Boer camp at Kroonstad as well as Bloemfontein.

correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Saturday, says: "President Kruger attended a conference of the Boer commanders at Brandfort on Thursday. It is believed that a decision was reached to withdraw the Transvaal forces to the north of the Vaal River, preparatory to a general retirement across the Vaal River, if hard pressed, leaving the Free Staters to their own resources."

Alwal North, Saturday, April 14.—Col. Dalgety writes that the casualties at Wepener include Quartermaster Williams, Lieut. Halford and Lieut. Duncan and 15 men wounded.

London, April 15.—A special despatch from Bloemfontein, dated April 14, says: "A patrol of the Royal Irish with whom was Lord Rosslyn, has been sent to Kroonstad."

Warrenton, April 15.—Mr. Frank Smith, the well known mine owner, fell into the hands of the Boers while driving from Barkly West toward the Frank Smith diamond mine.

London, April 15.—The executive of the American women's hospital ship fund has received a cablegram from Lady Bannockburn, announcing that the Maine arrived at Madeira this morning and will reach Southampton on April 23. All on board are well.

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De Aar, April 14.—The main body of the Carnarvon field force, in command of Col. Parsons, including the Canadian artillery and the Canadian mounted rifles, arrived here this morning after a five weeks march from Victoria Road by way of Kenhardt, a distance of more than 500 miles. They encountered no active opposition. Col. Parsons pacified the district, which was previously in rebellion, and arrested the ringleaders.

PAARDEBERG MEM RETURNING.

Toronto, April 14.—The Telegram's special cable says: The following Canadians will leave the Herbert Hospital at Woolwich, Thursday next, and will sail for Canada forthwith: Private J. S. Cairns, 2nd Field Battery, C. A., Quebec, member of 'D' Company, Ottawa.

LETTER FROM JOHN SCOTT

He Adds a Little to the Paardeberg Story—The Canadian Regiment Had all the Fighting it Wanted—Carrying off the Wounded Under a Terrible Fire.

Mr. William Adams, of Golden Grove, has received the following letter from John Scott, a member of 'G' Company of the first contingent: "Froopdrift, March 11, 1900. 'Dear Friend,—I write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and safe; thank God for it. I wish I could say the same for all the boys that came out here."

Reform Demanded—The Army Must No Longer be a Place for the Titled and Wealthy—Men of Ability and Brains and Training Demanded.

London, April 14.—The unsatisfactory turn that has recently marked the campaign against the Boers is resulting in a re-estimate of the army's methods. The English papers of their own army methods. When Miller struck camp in Natal, when Gen. Methuen and Gen. Gatacre made terrible mistakes, and before the British arms had secured any progress a somewhat similar wave swept over the press. But then it was directed at individuals and chiefly confined to papers which were willing to endorse the "lang" one or two generals. Now names are not mentioned, but there is a widespread, deeply rooted conviction that the method of selection of British army officers is altogether wrong.

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 today. It was conducted with the fullest military honors and in the presence of a representative 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 Wolsley, and the whole of the general staff, besides a host of high naval and military officials, were present in full uniform. The members of the cabinet and a number of distinguished civilians also participated. After the services in the historic chapel of the Chelsea Hospital the coffin was placed on a gun carriage, amid the salute of 17 guns and was conveyed to Brompton cemetery, escorted by a large body of troops. The march to the cemetery furnished a grand military spectacle and was witnessed by thousands of people.

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Close of 20 Years of Activity in God's Work in York County—Did Much for the Indians—Was Rector of St. Peter's Church, Portland, in His Younger Days.

Fredrickton, April 15.—(Special)—Rev. William O'Leary, parish priest of French Village, died at Victoria Hospital here this morning, of lockjaw. He was aged 44 years. The remains will be taken to St. John tomorrow for interment.

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Moncton, April 15.—A woman named Mrs. W. H. Forbes, who lived on T. B. LeBlanc's farm at Legere's corner, died very suddenly today of hemorrhage of the lungs. The deceased has been delicate for some time but was around the house and her death was unexpected.

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Sir Alfred Milner Protests to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain Against South Africa Being Made a Social Center for British Blue-bloods.

London, April 15.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, has received the following despatch from Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa: "The number of visitors to South Africa is constantly increasing and includes many, especially ladies, who seem to have no particular claim of duty or business."

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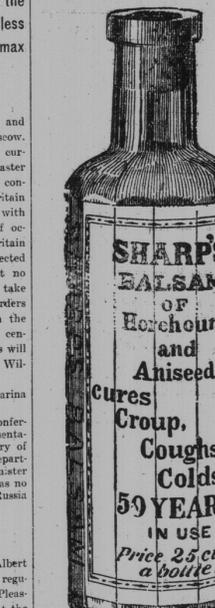
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