

Boers Made Hard Fight

In Cover on the Kopjes They Stubbornly Resisted British Advance.

Almost Hemmed in by the Cavalry Before Giving up Their Position.

British Infantry Moved Across Exposed Plain as if on Parade.

London, March 31.—The war office has posted the following despatch from Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 30, evening:

"Reports point to the enemy leaving Brandfort and proceeding in a northerly direction.

"The casualties in yesterday's engagement were more numerous than at first reported; officers killed, two; wounded, eight; rank and file, killed ten (?), wounded 150, missing 2."

Bloemfontein, March 30.—The Boers' position yesterday was one of great tactical strength. Only by the turning movement of Gen. French and Major Legalis, the latter commanding the mounted infantry, on their flank, insured the British success.

The Boers' right flank consisted of a long hill with wooded sides connected with the main position by a long low ridge thickly wooded. The rest of the position towards the left consisted of broken kopjes, all connected by a high ridge. Major Legalis moved the Boers' left and engaged them first, freely using the Vickers-Maxims and gradually forcing the Boers towards the centre, where they made a good stand.

The latter made a wide detour towards the rear of the Boers, but was unable to complete the movement. They perceived his intention and abandoned the position. They retired in good order between General French and Major Legalis to where the main body of the Boers with four guns held an excellent position on the edge of a deep donga.

The infantry attack was delivered at mid-day when the Norfolks opened the fight by seizing the lower slopes of the kopjes. Steadily they worked their way to the crest of the hill, where a hot engagement ensued. The Boers occupied the hill on the right, protecting the 18th Battery, which dragged its guns up the hill with the greatest difficulty.

The Boers slowly retreated upon Brandfort, taking their dead and wounded with them.

The cavalry, including the Australian Horse and Sydney Lancers, under Capt. George Wolskel, since 1897. He was born in the county of Tipperary, Ireland, on July 25, 1852, and was the second son of the late Major-General Gough. He joined the 14th Hussars in 1871, passed through the staff college in 1883, commanded the mounted infantry in the Sudan campaign 1888-89, and commanded the 14th Hussars since 1891.

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THE DEATH OF JOUBERT.

Lord Roberts' Tribute to a Valorous Opponent—Intense Grief of President Kruger.

Bloemfontein, March 30.—Lord Roberts has sent a telegram of condolence to President Kruger on the death of Gen. Joubert. Eadyard King has written a poem on Joubert's death, which appears in the Friend of the Free State.

New York, March 20.—In describing the funeral of Gen. Joubert a despatch to the Herald from Pretoria says: "The aged President, as he delivered an address of farewell over the body, was moved in grief. Before the funeral train left President Kruger broke down completely sobbing out again and again that his right hand was gone, and asking why he alone should be spared to live and see the old brigade of men which he had created, the brigade which he had led into the field, and which he had seen after another from the people."

Gen. Joubert's death, said the President, is an irretrievable loss. His life and deeds, they are the history of the republic. President Kruger said it had been the General's desire to see Gen. Louis Botha elected in his stead."

Boer Raiders In Free State

They Harass Returned Burghees and Gather in Discarded Cavalry Horses.

St. Helena Trip Not Relished—Loyalists Want Rebels Punished.

London, April 1.—(3:56 a. m.)—The war office issued no further news to-night, and the few despatches received from the seat of war bear evidence of having been delayed by the censor.

According to a special despatch from Pretoria, dated yesterday, Lord Roberts has commenced his advance northward.

The despatch says that there are daily skirmishes and that a big battle is imminent. The British are now moving over the whole of South Africa, and in other ways his following in Sir Edward Grey's footsteps. Mr. Joubert's death, said the President, is an irretrievable loss.

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon's issue of the Topeka Capital is re-published here in order to give it wider circulation. The following comment by the Globe on the enterprise is a fair specimen of the journal's high opinion of the ordinary American paper, only duller. It will be an evil day when the rubbish which passes as religion in America and a lesser degree in England, ever has a large following."

The despatches relating to the action of the naval brigades with another thing Buller, give an excellent idea of the splendid work accomplished by the sailors and among them singled out for the distinction of being already evacuated. Orders have been issued to Cape Town for the Eighth Division to be embarked and sent north immediately on its arrival there.

The Boer forces in the neighborhood of Paardeburg are reported to be actively engaged in marauding and in attempting to capture British horses left on the veldt owing to their weak condition.

Six hundred Barkley refugees sent back from Capetown are stranded, the Kimberley military authorities refusing to allow them to proceed.

Much Kaffir looting is reported at Klip Dam.

The remainder of the campaign is in progress on the part of the loyalists of Cape Colony for the annexation of the republics and the annexation of the colonies who serve in the Boer army.

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A Dull Week In London.

Whole Batch of Liberal Leaders Abandon Boer Republics to Their Fate.

Gallantry by a Midshipmilitaristic of Dr. Sheldon's Model Daily.

London, March 31.—In the lack of all interest from developments in South Africa, except the death of Gen. Joubert, which brought forth most generous tributes from all classes in Great Britain, some politics have undeservedly claimed a large share of attention.

Parliament has been scarcely more instructive or interesting than the aldermanic proceedings of the smallest city of the United States, its tremendous mentality being largely confined to discussing the relative merits of fogging and detention as punishment for juvenile offenders.

The meeting of the National Liberal Federation merely served to show how hopelessly divided is the Liberal party. The substitution of Sir Edward Grey for Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as premier, owing to the latter's illness, gave the Imperialist faction a great chance.

Sir Edward Grey spoke, as expected, frankly in favor of the war and all it means. The only surprising feature of the conference was Mr. Herbert Gladstone's declaration that the British war movement over the whole of South Africa, and in other ways his following in Sir Edward Grey's footsteps.

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VICTORIA HARBOR.

Ottawa at Last Orders That Dredging Be Proceeded With.

Ottawa, March 31.—The government dredger will be set to work in Victoria harbor at once. Acting Minister of Public Works Mulock, after hearing the representations of Senator Tompkins, who supported the request of the board of trade, promised that the harbor would be dredged. Orders were sent to Nanaimo to-day to move the dredger to Victoria, and no doubt in the course of a week the work will be in progress. The harbor will be dredged to a uniform depth.

YUKON APPOINTMENTS.

Chatham Barrister to Be Clerk of Territories—Another Commission of Inquiry.

Ottawa, March 31.—John Thomas Bethune, White Horse, Yukon Territory, has been appointed notary public for the Yukon Territory. He is a native of Montreal, Quebec, and has been in the Yukon since 1897. He is a member of the bar of the Province of Ontario, and has been in the Yukon since 1897. He is a member of the bar of the Province of Ontario, and has been in the Yukon since 1897.

Charles Macdonald, barrister, Chatham, Ont., has been appointed clerk of the territories, with headquarters at Dawson City.

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

Found Dying on the Street—Carpenters Fix Their Wage—Imperial Limited Again.

Vancouver, March 31.—Mr. Brett, a prominent business man, said that a Martin candidate would get no support in either East or West Lillooet. In West Lillooet the candidates announced are A. W. Smith, the present member, and J. H. Macdonald, who has been in the Lillooet since 1897. He is a member of the bar of the Province of Ontario, and has been in the Yukon since 1897.

Joseph McLean, who had an operation performed last night at C. F. Costerton's office for the purpose of selecting delegates for the general convention in Vancouver. Mr. A. Macdonald, who has been in the Yukon since 1897. He is a member of the bar of the Province of Ontario, and has been in the Yukon since 1897.

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Conservatives' New Leader.

Mr. Wilson Says Party Is Troubled With Too Many Men of Ambition.

What He Hopes for Mr. Martin—Sir Hibbert Tupper Called Down.

Special to the Colonist.

Winnipeg, March 31.—The Tribune publishes the following to-night: "Mr. Charles Wilson, Q. C., of Vancouver, is in the city to-day on his return from a month's visit to Montreal and other Eastern cities. Mr. Wilson, accompanied by Senator Lougheed of Calgary and Senator Kirchoffer of Brandon, paid a visit to the local cabinet ministers this morning and had a long interview with Premier Macdonald."

"You are the leader of the Conservative party in British Columbia, are you not?" was asked Mr. Wilson by the reporter. He replied affably: "Well, I don't know. Some people say I am and others say I am not. I suppose it is between me and some of the others. Cotton and the rest of them will have to get into line and fight the campaign on straight party principles, or they will find themselves in the rear. The trouble is that there are several who have held office so long that they think they have a life lease of it, and there are good many others who want to be made attorneys-general, ministers of agriculture, provincial treasurers or something of that sort. I cannot be troubled with the Conservative party."

"Just before I left Vancouver, about a month ago, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper gave an excellent opinion against party lines, and said there were things which a party government could not handle. An example of this was confederation. He mentioned two or three others, and one of the circumstances which a party government could not handle was Mr. Joseph Martin, the bold, bad man."

"Now, I do not see any use in such tactics. There is nothing to be gained by setting your opponent up on a pedestal as a lion to be feared. If any other man than Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper would say the like he would have brought to task by the Conservative party for it."

"Well, as to that I can only say that I hope he will be very well liked."

A UNIT AGAINST MARTIN.

Liberals of Vernon Decide to Take No Part in Proposed Convention.

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DELAGOYA BAY AWARD.

Another Lesson Not to Base Expectations on the Result of Arbitration.

London, March 31.—As a nation and as individuals Great Britain is very wrought over the Delagoa Bay railway award. The average opinion is that the country has got the worst in the end of bidding for Delagoa Bay. Up to the high-down prophecies that an Anglo-German South African agreement would become operative through the decision have fallen through.

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Ambitions Of Russia.

Apparently Further Pressed Than if the British Were Not Pre-occupied.

Turkey May Lack Support in Resisting Demand For Railway Concessions.

Korean Question Not Yet One For War—No Menace to Afghanistan.

London, March 31.—Russian activity has been the international factor of the week and diplomatic fancies are attached to the Court of St. James are asking themselves, "What does it all mean, and where will it end?" The Russian ambassador smiles blandly and assures his dear friends that it means "nothing, absolutely nothing," but just the same speculation is scarce.

There is no such view is taken by the British foreign office, which during the recent troubles sized up the international situation with wonderful correctness. The next few weeks may perhaps bring up a tremendous war scare, but the salient fact remains that Japan is not ready for hostilities. Alarming telegrams from the Far East may increase and multiply and Japan may seem to be the victim of annexation by Russia, but the calm of Downing Street is not likely to be disturbed. Korea may seem to be the victim of treaty and Lord Salisbury does not believe that Russia intends to break her treaty with Korea. Japan may be strained to a serious point.

All this rumour in the Far East had been postponed for another year, but there is scarcely any doubt that war would be a serious probability, but those who are not so sanguine as to believe that far-reaching war projects and their present incompleteness do not hesitate to be carried out on an unpremeditated scale. It will be a serious risk anything until her plans are matured. Japanese manoeuvres the coming year will be to carry out on an unpremeditated scale. It will be a serious risk anything until her plans are matured.

The foreign office while only faintly interested in Korea, being practically sure that the Russian movement in the East is devoted careful investigation to the warlike preparations occurring in South Korea. The news no longer to be any doubt that Turkey, for her tardiness to meet the Russian demands regarding railway concessions, is being menaced by the northern Russian army. The fact that the fact that Russia intends to settle herself in the northeast of Asia Minor is a serious matter. The quarter million of Russian troops are massed on the borders while the Black Sea squadron is ready for business at a moment's notice.

To what extent British moral assistance can be given to Turkey in withstanding the Russian demands is a question which at present is occupying Lord Salisbury's attention to an even greater extent than the South African