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WAR NEWS.

LONDON, May 4.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing May 2, says:

"I have just ridden hither from Thaba N'chu, along the line of our advance east of Bloemfontein. The distance is fully 40 miles, and yet almost every point of concentration is contested by the enemy. General Ruddle, with the Eighth Division, is posted on our right flank, with orders to guard a strong and boldly outlined frontal position in a country of a decidedly difficult nature. There the Boers have posted a number of guns of superior weight and range to our own. However, they show no disposition to do more than harass our advance."

"Further to the west General Ian Hamilton, with his division of mounted infantry, is pressing northward, encountering only desultory fire. The Highland Brigade from Val Krantz has been engaged, while General Tucker, commanding the Seventh Division, has moved eastward from Kamee siding and has returned south, followed by the Boers."

"Nevertheless, the cavalry, owing to the greater number of the enemy, have been prevented from completing the movement that was intended to encircle the Boers on the march to Brandfort, and the enemy are now prepared to offer stubborn opposition on an outcropped hill to the southeast of Kroonstad."

"General Tucker's attempt to advance on Brandfort showed the enemy to be in considerable strength. The colonial cavalry were engaged, and they lost 20 horses while under fire from pom-poms. The Boers, however, were driven from their position."

LONDON, May 4.—The Daily News has the following from Thaba N'chu, dated Wednesday:

"In yesterday's fighting movement, Capt. Towns and 99 Gordon Highlanders were surrounded by 200 Boers who demanded their surrender. Capt. Towns ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. With a wild cheer the Gordons rushed at the enemy and swept them away with great slaughter. Capt. Towns was blinded in both eyes by the enemy's fire and throughout behaved most heroically."

MONTREAL, May 3.—The Star's special cable from London says Captain J. E. Pelletier, of Montreal, and Major Pelletier, as reported, is the French-Canadian officer, involved in a house in West End suffering from stroke and wounds. His left leg, neck and right leg are temporarily paralyzed yet, he talks bravely of going back to the front. His doctor hopes he may be able to leave and recruit his health at Brighton in a week or two. Captain Pelletier confirms the statement that five or six Canadians were killed or wounded at Paedburg by accidental bayoneting by the Gordons. As the Canadians fell back on the trenches the Gordons mistook them in the half light for Boers. Captain Pelletier adds the Gordons are not for a moment to be held blameworthy. Smith-Dorrien's command is highly praised by a captain in the Leinsters, also involved. He says he saw much of the Canadians and other colonials. The soldierly qualities of the Canadians excited universal admiration."

LONDON, May 5, 4.05 a. m.—The mounted infantry, with Lord Roberts, among whom are the Canadians, have picked their horses on the north bank of the Var river, 18 miles north of Brandfort. The head of Lord Roberts' column has thus advanced 32 miles from Kamee Siding in two days, or 62 miles north of Bloemfontein.

Little powder was spent. The British work was hard marching, the Boers retired out of reach of the British shells. The correspondents supplement Lord Roberts' plain statements with a few details. As General Henton with the First Mounted Infantry brigade drew near Brandfort, he saw a Khaki-clad body of troops ahead of him. He was surprised but thought they must be the British. Soon, however, they opened fire upon the British who replied heavily. They were the Irish-American brigade from Lorenz Marquez, and it is reported that the Irish left severely."

The Boer flag was flying over Brandfort as the British entered the town. Several British wounded were found in the hospital. The Boer postmaster gave up the keys of the public buildings to Captain Ross. Lord Kitchener arrived at Brandfort at noon and Lord Roberts at dusk. General French's cavalry are sweeping the country northward. The expectation is that the infantry advance will be continued towards Kroonstad immediately. Although no prisoners were taken and although no hot pursuit was attempted, the news greatly cheers London. Nevertheless, it has not been received with the fine rapture that attended the first success of Lord Roberts."

General Hunter's crossing the Vaal at Winderton brings the relief of Mafeking, 196 miles beyond, almost within a calculable interval. It is now regarded as quite possible that Mafeking may be secured ere the Queen's birthday."

The debate in parliament on the Spion Kop despatches proved a disappointment to the supporters of the government. The Ministerial papers confess to a certain amount of inconsistency and weakness in the statements of the spokesmen of the government. On the other hand, the Standard points out, the opposition professes to be well satisfied with the despatches as they believe it has injured the government and has rendered Lord Lansdowne's continuance at the war office difficult."

Wagoners are to be garrisoned with a strong force from General Chemside's division commanded by Lord Castle-town. Mr. Henry W. Lucy, writing to the Daily News, says that he has ascertained that Sir Alfred Milner's letter against ladies visiting South Africa, was written as a result of a limitation from Queen Victoria."

COLOMBO, Ceylon, May 4.—It is expected that a batch of Boer prisoners will be sent here. The Imperial government has approached the Ceylon authorities on the subject and has asked them to suggest a good site for a camp."

LONDON, May 4, 4.15 a. m.—General Broadwood's cavalry brigade has reached Jacobsfontein, 28 miles north of Thaba N'chu. General Ian Hamilton is bivouaching at Jacobsfontein, 15 miles north of Thaba N'chu. General Tucker's division is moving eastward from Kamee Siding. The divisions of General French and General Ruddle are in and near Thaba N'chu. Thus Lord Roberts has 60,000 men operating clear of the railway along a front of 40 miles. He has been advancing slowly with some success, but nothing decisive. Yet at all points of concentration the Boers appear in force sufficient to compel the British to proceed with caution."

Observers at headquarters in Bloemfontein seem to think that the Boers are preparing to evacuate Brandfort and Ladybrand. The Boers, still holding Thaba N'chu district are estimated at 4,000. They have among their guns 40 pom-poms. The correspondent, writing from Bloemfontein Wednesday, said that the British hoped to cut off the whole communication between the Boers and the sea."

The correspondents at Kimberley have been forbidden to communicate for several days, the deduction being that a forward movement is under way there. The Boers are reported to have crossed the Orange river Wednesday, and to have advanced to the British outposts. New York, April 20.—P. Louise Wassels, special commissioner from the South African republic today received a telegram from the Hague, saying that the peace envoys, Fisher, Wessels and Wolmerston, will sail for the United States May 3. They will be the guests of the National Boer Relief Association in this city. The envoys will make a tour of the country under the auspices of the association."

LONDON, May 2.—Lord Roberts has telegraphed to the war office from Bloemfontein, under today's date, that news has been received from Colonel Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking, saying all was well there."

The despatch from Colonel Baden-Powell was dated April 20. WASHINGTON, Cape Colony, May 4.—A British six-inch wire gun opened unexpectedly on the Boer laager yesterday at a distance of seven and a half miles, throwing 100 pound shells with wonderful accuracy and causing a hasty retreat of the burghers. The bombardment continued today at all points by Howitzers and field guns, supported by two companies of the Munster Regiment, the Boers being driven from shelter and their guns being put out of action."

JAMESTOWN, St. Helena, May 1.—The British auxiliary transport Bavarian has arrived here from Cape Town with 1,000 Boer prisoners. All are in excellent health. They will be landed as quickly as possible, although the wharves are blocked with stores owing to the insufficient transport inland."

CAPE TOWN, May 1.—At a big meeting held here tonight an Irish association was formed. Those present cheered all reference to the Queen and the deputy mayor declared that the voice of the Irishmen in South Africa was for "Queen and country."

LONDON, May 2.—Mr. Winston Churchill, telegraphing to the Morning Post from Thaba N'chu April 28, and describing the operations there, says: "Yesterday afternoon, upon the withdrawal of the British demonstrations on both flanks of the enemy, the Boers pressed to close quarters and Kitchener's Horse were unable to evacuate their position until midnight. The suspense caused great anxiety."

"Today's operations were intended to drive out or to intercept the Boers. They occupied a wide horseshoe of mountains, with the convex face toward us. Gen. Hamilton succeeded in crushing the Boers on the right and opening a road for Gen. Dickson's cavalry brigade, which dashed through and hunted the enemy from ridge to ridge, shelling them with horse artillery."

"At last we arrived at the rear of the horseshoe and the Boers, in parties of 200, could be seen within the enclosed space, running about like rats in a trap. Dickson hoped to make a bag; and he signalled to Hamilton regarding the situation. Hamilton came at once bringing up every soldier he could find."

"Suddenly, about half-past four, the Boer army, nearly 4,000 strong, moved out of the horseshoe and began marching northeast. I had never before seen such an array of Boers. Their order was so regular that at first it was believed they were Gen. Gordon's cavalry brigade. But they quickly opened with artillery on Dickson."

"At the same time the Boers who had escaped earlier in the day from our impugned trap returned in force on Dickson's left and rear with two guns. In these circumstances Dickson resolved to retire, and the only possible retreat was in the direction of the Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Monday, says: "The fighting at Thaba N'chu is of a desultory nature. The whole front is now to be swept by mounted troops, preparatory to a definite forward movement, for which the forces may now be turned organized."

LONDON, May 2.—Lady Sarah Wilson, telegraphing from Mafeking, April 19, says: "The investment is so close that no runners have entered or issued forth for 10 days. There was a terrific bombardment on April 11 but, with the exception of destroying some houses, it was harmless. The Boers then made a determined attack on the southwestern forts, which was successfully repulsed."

"The Boers have formed a new laager on the south. Many horses are dying of horse sickness. Traps are being cut down for fuel. The garrison is now eating the ambulance oxen, reserving the mules until the last. The daily ration is now six ounces of gritty oat bread, a round of bully beef and a quart of skilly."

LONDON, May 1.—A special despatch received here from Cape Town under today's date says that Secretary of State Retz, of the South African republic, declared to a recent visitor at Pretoria that not only would every Englishman be cleared out of the State, but also every American, German, or any man of other nationality who was not prepared to shoulder a Mauser and fight for the country."

LONDON, May 2, 2 p. m.—The war office has published the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Val Divor, Saturday, May 5, 7.15 p. m.: "I marched here today with Pollock's division. Headquarters and Wavell's brigade, of the seventh division, are two miles in the rear. Maxwell's brigade, of the same division, is the same distance to our right."

"The enemy are in considerable strength on the opposite bank of the river. Our guns engaged theirs for some three hours without being able to force a passage of the river, but shortly before dusk, the mounted infantry, under General Hutton, turned the enemy's right, and, in a very dashing manner, pushed across the river under very heavy shell and musketry fire."

"We are now bivouacking for the night within three miles of Vet River. Our casualties, I hope, are not numerous. "Hamilton was in action yesterday and succeeded in preventing a junction of two Boer forces by a well executed movement by some of the Household Cavalry, the Twelfth Lancers and Kitchener's Horse, who charged a body of the enemy and inflicted serious loss. The enemy fled, leaving their dead on the field and their wounded to be attended to by our doctors."

"MacDonald's Highland Brigade dislodged the enemy on the right flank under cover of the naval guns, in which operation the Black Watch distinguished themselves and were skilfully led. "Hamilton was advancing this morning to a difficult drift over the Kleinvet (or Little Vet) River. "Hunter reports that Barton's Brigade was heavily engaged this morning, two miles north of Roiland."

"The enemy's position was quite four miles long and strongly held. He states that our men marched magnificently and carried ridge after ridge in grand style. "Casualties in this force, in Hamilton's and Hunter's will be reported as soon as possible. "Captain Miller, who was taken prisoner near Thaba N'chu, has been sent to Ruddle's camp by the enemy, with a severe wound in the abdomen. "Brabant reports that one Sergeant and three men were captured on May 2, while on patrol and that one of them, who had been brutally ill-treated and left for dead by the Boers, was found the following day."

"Lieut. Lille, Victoria Mounted Rifles, reported missing, was found at Brandfort dangerously wounded and has been carefully attended by the Netherlands Ambulance Corps."

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