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## North of The Vaal

Lord Roberts Announces That British Troops Have Crossed the River.

Attempt May Be Made to Destroy Railway Communication With Johannesburg.

London, May 25.—The advance of Lord Roberts's infantry is delayed at the Rhenoster River for a day or two by the depth of the stream which is not fordable. The banks, which are precipitous, are forty feet high. A pontoon and temporary bridge construction are under way.

The railway has not been damaged to any great extent between Kroonstad and the Rhenoster. The Transvaalers have attempted to destroy the railway by blowing up the bridges when retreating to Kroonstad. They refrained from doing this on retreat to the Rhenoster, but now they are destroying it as far as they can. A temporary bridge has been finished at Wesselsburg. Trains now go to Dundee. General Buller said the best way to celebrate the Queen's birthday was to repair railway to Newcastle and every man was put to work.

London, May 24.—A wild rumor on the stock exchange to-day to the effect that the Mafeking relief force had marched to Johannesburg, surprised the Boers and captured the town, sufficed to cause a sharp spurt in Kaffirs.

Gold From Pretoria.

Capetown, May 24.—Bar gold to the value of \$705,000 has been sent by rail from Pretoria to Johannesburg. Secretary Reitz travelled on the same train.

Peace On Any Terms.

London, May 24.—At a stop-the-war meeting in London, Mr. Wm. Stead stated that the Boer delegates now in the United States told him they were prepared to accept peace on any terms compatible with independence, and asked if it was any good attempting to send Lord Salisbury, to which Mr. Stead said he replied that it was useless to do so, unless they would be prepared to surrender their independence. The delegates then proceeded to the United States where they have met with cordialness in officialdom.

London, May 23.—The Times correspondent at Johannesburg says he writes on an unquestioned authority that within the last six weeks President Kruger has transferred the bulk of his property in the Transvaal to personal friends in order to avoid its confiscation by Great Britain.

The German liner Bundesrath has been detained here all day for a special train from Pretoria bringing the families of prominent Boers. The utmost secrecy regarding their identity is maintained, but it is believed that among them are Mrs. Stern and Mrs. Reitz.

One of the morning papers suggests that the men of England should present a sword to Lady Sarah Wilson, the Daily Mail's correspondent at Mafeking during the siege.

The British who are in the hands of the Boers at Pretoria by some extraordinary means learn of the British vicararies as soon as the Transvaal authorities and the British bonfires and sing "God Save the Queen." The Pretoria people are apprehensive of the prisoners and are agitating for a transfer of the whole number to a point inside the British lines saying that a few thousand more or less make no difference.

London, May 25.—Another advance along the railroad towards Pretoria has brought Roberts's troops to Vrededorf road, a few miles north of Prospect, where they arrived at noon on Thursday.

In the meanwhile Gen. Methuen is progressing along the southern bank of the Vaal River with the object possibly of making a dash at Klerksdorp when he arrives at the railway terminus.

Gen. Hutton's column is apparently in the neighborhood of Vrededorf, 15 miles west of the railroad, whence it threatens the Federal's right flank.

The next couple of days ought to settle whether Lord Roberts will encounter serious opposition south of the Vaal, but the best opinion believes the next big engagement will be fought just south of Johannesburg, and that the fight here, and possibly one at Laing's Nek, will prove the last pitched battles of the war.

Latest indications almost point to the latter being the most stubborn of the two.

It is hoped here that Buller will delay until Lord Roberts is able to detach a force to seize Heidelberg and sever rail communication between Johannesburg and Laing's Nek.

## AT VREDEFORT.

Vrededorf, May 24.—The British columns, after an unopposed march, reached Vrededorf road at noon to-day, and are now only two marches from the Vaal River.

## VRYBURG OCCUPIED.

Warrenton, May 24.—Operations have been pushed forward 80 miles. One of the Boer's brigades occupied Vryburg last night. Considering the difficulties of the road this is a remarkable achievement for a

mixed force, short of rations, making forced marches. Water is scarce. Some portions of the brigade covered 18 miles without a break.

Gen. Hunter goes to Vryburg to-day by train. Col. Otter.

Ottawa, May 25.—Lieut.-Col. Otter cabled the militia department to-day that he had recovered from his wound and was rejoining his regiment.

Agitation in the States.

New York, May 25.—Notwithstanding the declaration of the President that the United States will not interfere in the African war, says the Herald's Washington correspondent, it is apparent to the Boer commissioners that political agitation will aid their cause, and they intend to take advantage of every opportunity to press it on the attention of the American people.

London, May 25.—Major-Gen. Baden-Powell declines to act on the suggestion of his friends that he should return to England for rest. He is determined to retain his active command at the present.

Advices from Mafeking, dated May 20th, say: "The Boers are entrenched at Potfontein, 10 miles east of Mafeking. The Northern railway is now repaired to a point within four miles of the town. Ample supplies of plain food are coming in. Baden-Powell voluntarily gave up 53 Boers and 13 wounded to the Boer commandant, who thanked him for his kindness."

The Baratangs, stimulated by the British successes, attacked the rebel natives at Rietfontein May 19th and took much loot. They released Sami, the old chief British in keeping Mafeking supplied with news of the Boer operations.

The railway south of Mafeking is being rapidly repaired, and the bridge at Taungas can now be used. Refugees from Mafeking are passing through Taungas, bound for the Cape.

Two thousand Boers are near Ficksburg, beside small roving parties that come in contact with the British while reconnoitering. President Steyn was with these Boers last Monday, organizing and inspiring them and drafting recruits into the service.

The British are sweeping the country far and wide, seizing horses, cattle and grain. Yesterday's President Steyn is reported to be at Bethlehem with a small field force, appealing to the Free State to defend their freedom and independence. Apparently he and all the Free Stateers he can assemble will not join the Transvaalers, but will remain in the northeastern section of the Free State.

On Tuesday there was heavy reconnoitering at Mochenen, near Bethlehem. The firing began at dusk. Why and with what result is not known at Maseru, Basutoland, where the news arrived yesterday.

Gen. Rundle's division was still at Trelmel on Tuesday. There was a small Boer laager 12 miles to the north of him, and beyond this there was a larger one. The correspondent sending this news, which was wired from Windburg, says that these Boers were understood to be ready to surrender, and that in his opinion the war in the Free State was practically over.

Next the Border.

London, May 26.—According to messages from Lord Roberts's headquarters, at Vrededorf station at 5:35 on Thursday afternoon, the British were rapidly advancing.

General Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts, and the country in front of them was clear of Boers. The Boers were evacuated from all their positions south of the Vaal river and 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank.

Probably Gen. French's cavalry is already reconnoitering two fords of the Vaal. War office observers expect that the next dispatch from the Pretoria Mail will be dated in sight of the Transvaal frontier.

Mr. Bennett Burleigh, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Vrededorf, on Thursday evening, said Lord Roberts would doubtless cross the Vaal Saturday or Sunday. The British outposts were then at Erste Geluk, nine miles south of Vrededorf, twenty-six miles south of Vaal river. The railway is much damaged.

While the British, in overwhelming force are thus approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers are enveloped in mystery. The last Pretoria newspaper reaching Johannesburg was a week old. Everyone seeming to cross the Portuguese border from the Transvaal is secured for newspapers and letters. Dispatches and mail letters containing harmless references to the war are suppressed and the only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by word of mouth. According to these oral reports yesterday, the Boers were quarrelling among themselves, Krouse and Klinkse, the engineers who opposed the blowing up of the mines, have been dismissed. Commandant Schmitz has been appointed to defend Johannesburg, and all the British subjects had been summed out.

Kruger Ready to Retreat.

London, May 26.—The following dispatch, dated Friday, from Newcastle, appears in the Daily Mail.

"President Steyn is reported to be at Velde, where the Free Stateers are concentrating preparatory to moving to join the commandos now at Laing's Nek outposts."

The Transvaalers fears that the British will blow up the bridge at Komatipoort, thus cutting off their supplies from Delagoa Bay, and a commando of

500 is guarding the bridge against any such attempt by the British raiders.

It is re-asserted that President Kruger will retire to Lydenburg when fighting is imminent at Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Concern is expressed at Pretoria with reference to the possibility that Gen. Carrington may come down from Rhodesia with 5,000 men to co-operate with as many more entering the Transvaal by way of Mafeking.

Horse sickness is said to have broken out among Gen. Carrington's animals.

Troops for Africa.

London, May 25.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war, discussing military matters in the House of Lords to-day, announced that 11,000 additional troops would be sent to South Africa next month. In the course of his speech Lord Lansdowne said: "It is a formidable problem how recruiting is to be kept up when the excitement of the present campaign has worn off. I do not think that an increase of pay would tend to make the army popular to the extent that some suppose; but the war office is devoting itself to the subject, and I believe the changes contemplated will tend to render the army more acceptable to every class in the country."

Boer Delegates.

Washington, May 25.—A statement has been issued by the Boer envoys, Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans, who are representing the South African republics in this country, who have received many pressing invitations from large cities in the United States to visit them, but owing to the short time they have spent in this country it will not be possible to accept all the invitations received.

It is their intention to return as soon as possible to their own country, staying in Europe for some time to carry out their instructions, but before leaving they have concluded to yield to the great demand on the part of some American people to spend a few more days in America, and they have concluded to visit Baltimore, Philadelphia, Providence and Boston during next week. After visiting these cities, they are in hopes of being able to spare the time to extend their visit to several other cities in the middle states, timely notification of which will be given to the committees honored with invitations.

The common councils and mayors of a number of cities, it is alleged, are urging them by resolution to make them a visit, and it may be possible that their stay in the country may be prolonged a few days in order to meet their wishes. The envoys regret exceedingly that they cannot meet the great numbers of people who are so anxious to greet them as they would like to do.

They expressed their very grateful feelings for the many expressions of sympathy heard upon all sides for the cause that is so dear to them, and they trust the fact that they cannot visit all who wish them to do so will in no way interfere with the full and free expression of sympathy and good will on their part.

The Ambush.

London, May 25.—The Times has the following from Newcastle, dated Thursday: "The Boers are fortifying every large semi-circular position extending from Majuba to Pongwana. Large numbers are busy entrenching, and six guns are visible."

"Our scouts are now at Viljoen Drift, on the frontier north of Wolwehoek.

The local mines are unharmed and working on as usual. There is no enemy on this side of the river.

Hunter reached Vryburg on May 24th."

TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS.

Ottawa, May 25.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received the following cable, which has been delayed in transmission, from Major-General Baden-Powell:

"Mafeking, May 17, 1900.—Mafeking relieved to-day, and I am most grateful for the invaluable assistance by the Canadian artillery, which I received from March from Pretoria to help us. (Signed) Col. Baden-Powell."

By Cable From London

The Outlook for Peace Is the Leading Topic of the Hour.

Foreign Powers and Boers—Sir T. Lipton's Challenge for America Cup

London, May 26.—The outlook for peace, how soon will it come and the steps by which it will be procured are the foremost topics of the hour here. The air is full of rumors about messages from President Kruger, the Boer delegates and other formal steps looking to the cessation of hostilities, but these, so far have proved to be without any foundation.

According to the opinion of one of the highest officials of the foreign office there is popular misconception regarding the importance of these imaginary appeals. This authority is inclined to believe that the most submissive telegram President Kruger could compose would not alter the situation in the slightest.

He said: "I fail to see how matters will be altered even if a foreign power, say the United States, consented to transmit the unconditional surrender of our foes. I cannot see that it would be worth the paper it was written on, though what action we would take is too hypothetical for me to discuss it."

A well known member of the diplomatic corps told a representative of the Associated Press that he thought it must be improbable that any nation would transmit even unconditional offers from the Boers, or that such methods of attempting to end the war would do the Boers any good except as saving their pride.

Parades of students and others that would do credit to the Latin quarter of Paris continue to make the house of Major-General Baden-Powell's mother their objective.

A noticeable feature of the residences is the prevalence everywhere of the Stars and Stripes, which was never before displayed to such extent.

From Sir Thos. Lipton, the representative of the Associated Press learns that he will not attempt the date of his next challenge for the America Cup till August.

It is persistently rumored that Sir Wm. Henry White, who has been director of naval construction since 1855, is resigning his position.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

Officer Divulged Letters and Was Cashed Out From the Army.

HUNTING FILIPINOS.

Manila, May 25.—Major Peyton C. March, with a battalion of the 33rd Infantry, and Col. Luther R. Hare, with another part of the 33rd Regiment, while scouring the country northeast of Benguet, report that they have struck the trail of a party of Filipinos travelling in the mountains, and believe they are escorting Aguinaldo. Major March is continuing the pursuit across an exceedingly difficult country, beyond the telegraph lines.

Sergeant Barry and four privates of Company B, of the 27th Regiment, have rescued the daughter of the President of San Mateo from Ladrones, who abducted her. Arriving twelve Ladrones ambushed them, killing the sergeant. Three privates stood off the band while the other secured reinforcements. Seven Ladrones were killed.

Lieut. W. P. Elliott, of the United States cruiser New Orleans, died recently at Cavite of apoplexy, resulting from sunstroke.

FISHERMAN DROWNED.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, May 26.—Part of the Guichon wharf, of Ladner, was swept away this morning by Fraser river floods.

Wm. H. Chester, fisherman, was drowned in Thursday night's storm in English Bay.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 25.—Henry A. Muan, Victoria, B.C., is gazetted notary public for the Yukon Territories.

Chas. Dubois Mason, Victoria, is also gazetted notary public for the Yukon Territories.

CARS JUMP THE TRACK.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 23.—Two open cars on the Genesee street line jumped the track yesterday afternoon, as they were approaching the bridge across Scenajou creek. There was no collision, and that both cars should leave the track was considered a remarkable coincidence. The cars were a considerable distance apart. They both entered adjacent fields, the first car being overturned.

William Huhall, the motorman of one of the cars, tried to stop his car, but failed to do so. He was badly hurt. The passengers injured were Mrs. Volk, of Virginia street, skull fractured, can live; Mrs. Young, aged 55 years, of Rothally, both legs cut off above the knees, fatally injured; Mrs. Krueger, 83 Sherman street, severely injured about face and body; Edwin Krueger, aged 4, son of above, badly injured; Mrs. Pfeiffer, of Diamond Place, badly bruised; Mrs. Mary Felty, of Rothally, badly bruised; Nathan Wolf, of 600 William street, painfully bruised and lacerated.

Miss Felty, Mrs. Pfeiffer and Mrs. Krueger are sisters, and were on their way to a cemetery to decorate a relative's grave.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

(Associated Press.)

Welland, May 25.—The crown succeeded in obtaining a jury to try Dullman, Nolan and Walsh, the three alleged dynamiters, yesterday afternoon, and after the presentation of the case to them by E. F. B. Johnson, crown prosecutor, the court adjourned at a late hour last night to this morning.

## Dynamiters Sentenced

Dullman, Nolan and Walsh Found Guilty of Attempting to Blow Up Welland Canal.

And Sent to Prison for Life—Crown Prosecutor's Charge to Jury.

Welland, Ont., May 25.—The three men, Dullman, Nolan and Walsh, who tried to blow up the Welland canal, were found guilty to-day and were sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The exclusion of evidence respecting the connection of the prisoners with Fenianism took much of the sensation out of the trial of the dynamiters. When to-night it was learned that all three had been found guilty and were given the terrible sentence of imprisonment for life, there was a quick revival of the keenest interest.

E. F. B. Johnson, crown prosecutor, delivered a powerful address to the jury. He pointed out that it was an attack on the country, not on the individual. He said:

"To-day the attack is on a canal; tomorrow it may be on railway bridges, next day on the houses of parliament. I know not whether this crime is an outcome of a plot of the Clan-Na-Gael or any other secret society or club, nor do I care, as far as the purposes of this case are concerned. One thing is certain, and that is it was not due to private motives, neither was it due to revenge or personal spite, but we can say that the hand which touched the fuse of the lock was a hand traitorous to the state. That hand struck a blow at this country, and not at the Welland canal alone."

Chancellor Boyd charged briefly, and the jury was out half an hour.

Chancellor Boyd delivered sentence immediately, dwelling on the horrible nature of the crime and remarking that Nolan and Walsh might have undertaken the deed for money, but in the case of Dullman apparently there was no motive but hate. He then sentenced the prisoners to imprisonment for life, refused to attend to any pleas, and were taken back to their cells.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Notwithstanding the criticism by Mr. Turner of the Times report of his meeting at Wellington, the Times Nanaimo correspondent writes to say that he still has the stenographic notes of the address, and that he can verify it in every particular.

The same correspondent writes: "W. W. B. McInnes in an interview with your correspondent says that the statements made by Mr. Turner, in his Victoria speech, in reference to his (McInnes) seeking to enter Mr. Turner's cabinet are absurd. Mr. McInnes says that he will deal with this question in detail on Saturday evening at Northfield."

The Times Alberni correspondent sends the following: "So far James Thompson has not met with much encouragement, and it is the general opinion that Mr. Neil will get in. It seems a pity to split up the votes, and to allow a greater chance to Mr. Redford to get in on a triangular vote. Mr. Thompson holds a meeting in Huff's hall on Saturday next, when George Powell will also be present to speak."

Mr. Arthur Peatt, one of the candidates in Esquimalt, has a letter in the Times announcing his withdrawal from the contest there. His reasons for so doing are purely private.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Overgrown Fishing Boat Found in English Bay—Occupants Missing.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, May 25.—R. N. Johnston, the oarsman, has challenged Robert Hackett, of Seattle, formerly of Rat Portage, to a match race for \$1,000 a side.

Jack N. Woodward, druggist, son of Chas. Woodward, died this morning of consumption.

An overturned fishing boat, with mast up and sail set, No. W. C. 450, was picked up in English Bay yesterday. No trace of the men, who were probably drowned, has been found.

The secretary of the school board sent a congratulatory telegram to Her Majesty on the celebration of Empire Day.

FROM PARIS.

Canadian Pavilion at the Exposition Opened—Queen's Birthday Dinner.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, May 25.—The Evening Telegram publishes the following from Paris, France:

Canada's pavilion at the exposition was opened yesterday without ceremony. A large number of people visited the fur section and greatly admired it.

Queen's birthday was celebrated in the evening by a dinner which proved most enthusiastic and patriotic. The British colonization and the representatives of India and Australia joined in the celebration.

Canadian Commissioners Scott and Gaudreau were congratulated on the excellent arrangements of the different sections of the pavilion.

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