DYNAMITERS

AT WELLAND.

Desperate Attempt to Blow Up a Welland Canal Lock.

THREE MEN UNDER ARREST

Members of a Gang of American Dynamiters.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP LOCK 24 AT THOROLD

and Pro-Boerism Among the Motives Suggested, but Opposition the Connors Syndicate and a Consequent Desire to Cripple the Welland Canal the More Generally Accepted Theory-Story of the Arrest of the Men-Fuses Found in Their Rooms at Niagara Falls' N.Y .- Soldiers Guard the Jail at Niagara Falls, Ont., in Which the Men are Confined—Alleged Proposal From Buffalo to Rescue Them.

Earl Dullman, Washington, D. C.

John Nolin, Philadelphia, P.a., aged 50.

St. Catharines, April 22.—A most haring but, fortunately, unsuccessful attempt was made about 70 chock last everling to blow up the lock gates of lock 24, new canal, at Thoroid, with dynamite, and thus delay the opening of mayigation, which is set for Wednesday mext, 25th/On the arrived of the Migara, St. Catharines & foromo Raliway train at Thoroid, about 6,20 p.m., two men were seed to alight, each carrying a small value, they walked a short distance up the railway track and then made for the earnal bank, which they followed until they walked a short distance up the railway track, and then made for a few minutes, when one of the railway track and then made for a few minutes, when one of the man at the lock, evilently to arrange the lusse. They walked a round for a few minutes, when one of the man at the lower gates. Nothing was thought of their action at the time. The minute the lower gates and the other to the lower gates made the other to the lower gates and the other to the lower gates and the other to the lower gates. Nothing the longer gate than the lower gates and the other to the lower gates and the two men were running rapidly down the road towards Niagara Falls. The windows in all the neighborhood were broken. The explosions were distinctly felt both in St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie, five and eight miles distant.

The damage to the lock gates will not be so great as at first feared, and will be fully repaired in a few days, and will not delay the opening of the canal on Wednesday next. Had the plans of the men been successful great damage would have been done not only to the canal but to the surrounding projecty, together with probable loss of life. The Welland division of the University ruision of the Grand Trunk Railway runs in a deep cut alongside of the canal, only the banks separating them, with the station immediately below. This, with a number of houses would no doubt have been swept away, and the country for miles around been flooded, as the level above it is about a mile long with six-teen feet of water in it.

THE OBJECT.

The district round about is greatly excited at the daring attempt, and all kinds of rumors are flying around as to the object of destroying the canal, some placing it to op-position to the Connors syndicate to there to the grain shovellers' trou-ble in Buffalo. and, again, to Boer and, again, to Boer sympathizers from across the river. The majority of people, however, claim it is in connection with the grain shovellers' trouble and a desire to prevent the grain that would otherwise go to Buffalo from com-

of the blowing up of lock 24 on the new canal at Thorold this evening. Detective Mans with his affest impe-diately called on substand covered the whole frontier to apprehend the men-from the meagre description given of from the mergre description given of them as they were seen flying from the scene of their work. As the news spread on the streets papple turned out in crowds in the main to assist the police. County constalles be to arrive from the township and crity of the explosion on horseback and in rigs.

Mayor Wilson and Constalle Clarks of Thord of a critical characteristics.

Walsh and Constable Clark, of Thorold, started out towards Stamford, and when reaching the west end of Bridge Walsh, Washington, D. C., 18. Nolin, Philadelphia, Pa., aged Nolin, Philadelphia, Pa., aged

ers the leader. He was well dressed in a dark suit with a white soft felt hat. The other two men are dressed in dark suits, not so carefully taken care of. The men will be detained, Walsh and Nohn charged with blow-ing up the lock at the canal with dynamite. They will have a hearing Monday.

Monday.

After the arrest of the three men After the arrest of the three men this evening by the Ontario police the American police at Niagara Falls, N. Y., late this evening located the abode of Nolan and Walsh on the American side to be at the Dolphin House, Suspension Bridge, N. Y., and on searching their room found exploding fuses concealed there. It has been further learned that the Canadian Inspector of Customs Bampfied, and American Customs Inspector Lewis had been shadowing the three men for the past week as opium smugglers, and both officers came to the conclusion that they were a clusion that they were gang of crooks.

A GANG OF DYNAMITERS.

Niagara Falls, April 22.—(G. N. W. press despatch)—Without a doubt the Ontario police here have made a very important arrest in the three men charged with blowing up the gates of lock 24 of the Welland Canal at Charged last evaning Chiar Volung and Thorold last evening. Chief Young and Detective Mairs have been working assiduously all day to-day, and, with the American police and Buffalo detectives, have probably uncarthed a gang of dynamiters operating from the Dolphin House at Suspension Bridge, N. Y. the Positi Mestal Suspension claim it is in connection with the grain shovellers' trouble and a desire to prevent the grain that would otherwise go to Buffalo from coming through the canal and down the St. Lawrence route. All is mere conjecture, but may be brought out at the trial of the men.

PARTICULARS OF THE ARREST.

Niagara Calls, Ont., April 21.—(G. X. W. Press Despatch.)—The Ontario police were notlied at 7.15 by telegraph of the blowing up of lock 24 on the new canal at Thorold this evening. train at 6 p. m. for Thorold with two canvas telescope valises, which contained the dynamite cartridges and fuses attached. The police have witnesses who can identify the two men Walsh and Nolin as the men who, lowered the two valises in lock 24 and lighted the fuses. The following is, a detailed and corrected description of the prisoners:

the prisoners:
No. 1-John Walsh, 27 years of age, No. 1—John Walsh, 27 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, smooth, medium florid face, weight 170 pounds, brown hair, wears dark brown suit of clothes, sack they had passed two men on rold road in Stamford, who if avorably with the desafts. wn stiff hat; he claims to be a bar-rom Washington, D. C. blin Nolin, 5 feet 2 inches, Detective Mains, with Officer

says he is a machinist from Philadelphila.

No. 3—Refuses to give any account of himself, but registered at the Rosli Hotel as Karl Dullman, Washington, D. C.; 5 feet 9 inches, stout build, 215 pounds, smooth, full face, brown hair, quite grey, wears a lead-colored small check sult, sack coat, white fedora hat, white shirt and turn-down collar and black tie.

The general impression is that the prisoners are not Boer sympathizers, but only three of a gang of dynamiters operating probably as hirelings of capitalists or labor to cripple the Welland camal, with a view to diverting the traffic of the upper lakes from Montreal to Buffalo. Several of the gang are still at large, and another attempt will probably be made to further injure the camal. Chief Young gand Defective Mains placed a strong guard of deputies on the juil last night and to-day where the prisoners were locked up.

TALK OF BREAKING JAIL.

TALK OF BREAKING JAIL. Information was received this after-moon that probably an attempt would be made by a crowd of 200 mem from Buffalo to forcibly liberate the prisoners some time to-night. Mayor Slater with two other Magistrates, made a demand for a detachment of No. 1 Co. of the 44th Battalion to guard and frustrate any such attempt, as the Ontario and local police would be infrustrate any such attempt, as the Ontario and local police would be in-adequate to cope with such a gang of thugs. Capt. Vandersluys called out his men and a detachment of 25 men in full uniform and accourrements, under his own command, were put on guard at the jail. Each man was served with ten rounds of ammunition and rifle, and are doing guard duty at the jail, parading up and down the four sides of the building with fixed bayonets. Special police deputies are guarding the three bridges and any attempt at rescue will be promptly frustrated. Special pairols have been placed on the canal, and the Grand Truck have a posses of men guarding their tunnel under the canal near Merritton. The prisoners will have a hearing before Police Magistrate Logan to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, when they undoubtedly will be committed for trial. The greatest excitement is prevailing on both sides of the frontier. Hundreds of people have gathered on the streets intown to-night. town to-night.

MEN'S ROOMS SEARCHED. MEA'S ROOMS SEARCHED.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 21. —
(Special.)—Sergt. Maloney went to
the North Lad, and the proprietor of
the Dolphin admitted to him that he
had had as boarders for a week three
men of whom he knew little or nothing. Maloney went to the room occumen of whom he knew little or nothing. Maioney went to the room occupied by the men, and there found a rubber bag filled with fuses, such as are used in dynamiting operations. That was the only thing to be found that would seem to connect the occupants of the room with any possible use of high explosives. The room was locked and Maloney returned to headquarters.

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quarters.

The proprietor of the Dolphin said that the men came to his house a week ago and engaged a room. They said little to anyone and told absolutely notifing about themselves, where they came from or why they were in the Falls. They were well dressed. They spent all of their nights, so far as known, in the hotel, but made frequent trips abroad by day, several times crossing the ziver.

EXTRA POLICE SWORN IN.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 22.—

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 22.— It is pretty well established that Fenianiasm or Boer sympathizers, as at first rumcred, had nothing what at first rumcred, had nothing whatever to do with the bold attempt to destroy the locks of the Welland Canai at Thorold last night. The theory advanced is that it was a bold and preconcerted plan on the part of the Buffalo scoopers, as a revenge for the establishing of grain elevators at Port Colborne and Montreal by the Conners syndicate. It is a result of the great strike of the Buffalo scoopers last year, when Mr. Comers fought them to a finish. The Buffalo police advance this solution of the situation. It was rumored this afternoon tion. It was rumored this afternoon that a large party of the Buffalo scoopers had left Buffalo for Niagara Falls, presumably to liberate the three men under arrest charged with the crime, Great excitement prevailed in the Town of Niagara Falls, Ont., and the volunteers belonging to the 44th Battalion were instructed to be in readiness to resist any attempt to re-lease the prisoners. Chief Young, of the Ontario frontier police, swore in 50 deputy, rollies deputy police, who are guarding the pail against would be rescuers; he also has a number of pickets at the Cana-dian end of the bridges to prevent any mob entering Canada. The telephone exchange, which customarily closes at 6 p. m. on Sundays, is giving an alinight service to-night. Up to midnight there had been no signs of violence, but the guard was strengtheaed at 11 p. m., and are prepared to give any desperadoes a warm reception.

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Ottawa. April 22.—Hon. A. G. Giair this morning received from Superintendent Thompson, of the Welland Canal, advice of the attempt to blow up lock No. 24. Mr. Thompson reported that he would have divers at work examining the bottom of the lock, and later informed Mr. Blair that the damage is trifling, It is not believed by the officials of the Department of Railways and Canals that it will be necessary to postpone the opening of the canal, which was set for the 25th inst. A detailed report of the damage is which was set for the 25th inst. A detailed report of the damage is now on its way from Superintendent Thompson to the department. In his telegrams of to-day Mr. Thompson does not say anything as to the motives of the perpetrators of the deed.

MR. MURRAY TO INVESTIGATE. Toronto, April 22.—Chief Inspector ohn Murray, of the Ontario Criminal Investigation Department, was last night commissioned by the Attorney-General's Department to proceed to the frontier and inquire into the matter, and will leave for Niagara Felication. ara Falls this morning. Mr. Murray has no definite theory of his own in regard to the attempt to blow up the canal, but thinks probably the Fenians may have had a hand in it.

1 RECAUTIONS AT OTTAWA.

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Here in Ottawa the police authorities have also been on the alert. A special night guard has for six months been detached to watch the big vault of the Finance Department, where millions of treasures are kept. Wi'hlin the past week or two supernum ary Dominion police in claim claim as have nightly natrolled the have also been on the alert. A special night guard has for six months been detached to watch the big vault of the Finance Deputrment, where millions of treasures are kept. Within the past week or two supernum ary Dominion police in plain clot is have nightly patrolled the Parlin lent grounds.

140 pounds, 35 years of age, brown hair, sandy moustache, second linger of the right hand bears evidence of being crushed at the tip, wears cheap suit of blue serge, sack coat, black stiff hat; says he is a machinist from Philadelphila.

Fighting Their Way Steadily to His

No Word of Roberts' Advance Yet—Busy Clearing His Lines—Ten Thousand Attacked Buller in Natal-Canadians at Springfield-Boers Now Said to Have 80,000 Men in the Field-Report That General DeWet Has Been Killed-Warren to be Governor of Free State-More Canadians Dangerously III --- Some Boer Jokes.

London, April 23.—Fighting is proceeding south and east of Wepener, while the bombardment of the British garrison at that place continues with renewed vigor. Gen. Rundle's column is gradually pressing its way east against a stubborn resistance by the Boers, who hold strong positions. Gen. Brabant, advancing from the south, is now at Bosman's kop. His advance guard is in touch with the Boers about fifteen miles south of Wepener, after taking a week to Wepener, after taking a week to cover the forty miles from Roux-ville. The delay was caused by the bad weather that has been prevail

ing. A despatch from Maseru. Basuto-A describes the Basutos as order-land, describes under arms to pre-

land, describes the Basutos as orderly. The natives under arms to prevent an invasion of the country by the Boers, are commanded by three British commissioners.

The Standard's correspondent at Bloemfontein, in a despatch dated last Friday, says it is still uncertain how much longer General Roberts will remain at Bloemfontein. He draws attention to the impossibility

furnished protection to those tak-ing it, a Free State Mounted Police has been formed, and the country di-vided into sections, each of which will be administered by a commis-sioner.

clamtion urging the burghers to maintain their struggle against the British until the report of the Boer Peace Commissioners arrives from Europe. He says that this will be only a short time, and then foreign litervention will be certain. The British correspondents interpret this proplemation. will be certain. The British correspondents interpret this proclamation as a sign that the Free State Boers are slackening in their enthusiasm for war, and need spurring on, but they admit that there is no other sign of this, as they fight with as great vigor as ever. They even say that the Boers who attacked General Methuen's convoy fought with a dash that hitherto had not been seen on the western border.

border.

The Dally Telegraph prints a despatch dated Boshof, Orange Free State, Sunday evening, which states that a Boer commando is in that immediate neighborhood, and that it is looting everything that can be carried off.

The despatch adds that the weather is perfect, and that the British troops and horses are in fine condi-tion. A copy of a proclamation recent-ly issued by President Steyn has been eceived in Boshof. It declares that the Free State Boers, who fail to take up arms will have their property confis-cated, and they themselves will be shot when they are captured. The proclamantion has created conster-nation among the burghers.

Rundle hour Engaged. Walkerstroom, near De Wetsdorp, Saturday, April 21.—Fighting was con-cinued to-day, mainly with the artillery. The Yeomanry and mounted infantry pushed forward on the right flank, and were subjected to shelling and a heavy rifle fire.

The Royal Irish Rifles captured a Free State flag.
The Boers are well entrenched and hold their ground tenaclously.
The British casualties have been

Brabant Fighting Too. Maseru, Basutoland, April 22.—Gen. Brabant's advanced guard reached Bushman's Kop last evening. The Boers held a strong position there, with two guns. The engagement opened at sunrise, with heavy rifle fire. At 8.30 a.m. cannonading began, and continued for several hours.

Gen. Brabant's forces are on the plain, and have fairly open country all the way to Wespener. Il the way to Wepener. Four Boer guns were hard at work Four Boer guns were hard at work all Saturday on Col. Dalgety's posi-tion. The British guns replied at in-tervals. Col. Dalgety heliographs: "All well. Boers fired 300 shells yesterday without doing much dam-

The Boers are divided into three divisions, two being in positions to repel the relief column, the distant roar of whose artillery is audible.

The Basutos are posted on the border

for defensive purposes. They are behaving in orderly fashion, but are showing the most intense interest in the next 24 hours.

A Maseru, Basutoland,

"The investment of Wepener con-"The investment of Wepener continues. The Boers are doing their utmost to force the garrison to surrender before the arrival of relief. Firing was heard in the direction of De Wetsdorp to-day, and some of the Boers besieging Wepener started for the former place.

Fighting on Friday.

Wakkerstroom, O. F. S., April 20.—There was a smart engagement yesterday between the British troops and the Boers. The British Imperial Yeomanry and Col. Sitwell's mounted infantry were the principal troops engaged, and they behaved splendidly. They located the Boers on the heights near Dewetsdorf and seized the most important hill, which Gen. Brabazon's troops held stubbornly from 11 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon, when they were reinforced by infantry and three batteries of artillery. The British infantry hold the hill to-night (Frklay). Wakkerstroom, O. F. S., April 20.hill to-night (Frklay).

Before the Fighting.

Morlogs Poort, O. F. S., April 19, 8 p.m.—The eighth army division, commanded by Gen. Sir Henry Rundle, is now east of Reddersburg. The camp of the division is beautifully situated. For five days past the rain fell in torrents, flooding the country, and making the roads almost impassable for the cavalry and artillery. The infantry also had great difficulty in getting through the ouagmires into getting through the quagmires into which part of the country was converted. To-day, however, the weather conditions have much improved, and the drowned lands are getting rid of the water.

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There was a Boer commando in this neighborhood when the British arrived. They at once divided into two parties, but they are still in the vicinity. It is hoped that the British will be able to get in touch with them tomorrow. A few shots were exchanged to-day with straggling Boers, but there were no casualties.

The military censor has shortened the limit of the number of words each correspondent may send from here. It will therefore be necessary to send press reports by messenger to other telegraph stations where there is not such a press of business, the wire here being crowded with service

Got Behind Their Laager. Makkerstroom, O. F. S., April 21, reconnaissance, sustaining few cas-ualties. He caused some excirement among the Boers by getting in the rear of their laager.

Lendon, April 23.— It is quite probable that by this time General Sir Henry Rundle has fought a decisive battle with the Boers. He entrenched himself Saturday to await the arrival of Gen. Campbell with the 16th brigade. That commander arrived Saturday evening and how rear that irday evening, and news may, there-

fore, be expected at any moment.

It is still impossible to ascertain the position of affairs at Bloemfontein or to learn when the long-expected advance northward will begin. The despatches conflict regarding the state of the preparations. Present indications, however, point to still further delay.

The Boers are said to half encircle Bloemfontein to the eastward in a crescent formation. There have been several outpost affairs in that vicin-The eleventh division, under General Pole-Carew, and the Fourth Cavalry Brigade are operating toward Sanna's

General DeWitt Reported Slain. London, April 23.—A despatch to the Daily News from Lorenzo Mar-quez says it is reported there that Gen. De Wet, the Boer commander, has been killed. The despatch adds that the members of the Irish Am-bulance Corps with the Boers have decided to fight against the British.

Similar decision has been reached by all the ambulance corps from Contin-

80,000 Boers in the Fields London, April 23.-A des from Lore

ental Europe.

Infantry, who opened fire.

Later, the Boers shelled Elands
Laagte colliery. The shells fell close
to the mine, but did no damage. The
work at the mine was stopped, but
it was resumed next day.

The British guns opened fire. The
naval brigade on the right sent a
few shells in the direction of the
Boer guns, which were posted on a
long ridge, 4,000 yards to the right
of the bridge. They were difficult
to locate, but the Boers were seen
retreating over the hill toward Wessels nek. Several of the shells caught
them, and must have done some damage.

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Later in the day the Boers showed activity in the trenches on the ridges in front of Elands Laagte.

A few 4.07 shells forced them to reliquish their works. This position was only 4.800 yards distant from Elands Laagte.

Defence of t. Lo on.

Canadian Soldiers Dangerously III. London, April 21.—A list of soldiers dangerously ill in South Africa, which was issued by the War Office to-day, includes the following Canadians: R. Agassiz, T. Moore, C. E. Finch, A. Matheson, and L. McGiverin.

St. Helena Colony.

St. Helena, April 22.-Much excitement and conjecture have been caused by the signalling of a French warship in Prosperous bay on Thursday. The vessel was first seen close to the shore in Sandy bay, south of the island, vessel was first seen close to the shore in Sandy bay, south of the island, where it remained until late in the day. It then steamed in the direction of Jamestown, and has not been seen since.

General Cronje with his wife and staff have been living in a nice little country house. Later they will remove to a larger one.

The transport Lake Erie has arrived with 394 prisoners, including 34 officers. The health of the prisoners is good.

To Try the Rebels.

London, April 22.-The Law Journal says a special court will be constituted for the trial of rebels in South Africa, of which the Lord Chief Justice, Baron Russell of Killowen, will be a measurement.

Some Boer Jokes.

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Bioemfontein, April 21.—The Boers on Leeuw kop are estimated to number 6,500. At noon yesterday they heliographed in English: "Are you fit? When are you going off duty?" The British replied: "When we get to I'retoria." Then the Boers heliographed: "How is his Lordship?"

The British replied: "Is Kruger packing up?" A number of messages of this kind were exchanged. The Boers signalled: "We don't like soldiers' work, but we do like whiskey." The Englishmen answered: "We have only half a bottle, but come over and share it." Several similar jocular messages were exchanged.

The British commander heliographed to-day that ten Boers had been sniping at the British mounted patrols in the early afternoon. About 100 other burghers were seen supporting them, but they afterward withdow.

the early afternoon. About 100 other burghers were seen supporting them, but they afterward withdrew. It is estimated that there were 500 men behind Leeuw Kop and 2,000 in the vicinity of the waterworks. The aggression of the Boers was probably a covering movement to defend their retreat.

retreat. A heavy rainstorm for the last two days has placed the country in a sod-den condition. The veldt is in such shape that it is almost impossible for cavalry and mounted infantry to pass over it.

It is noticed that the horses which are now coming to the front are much superior to those sent to South Africa a few months ago.

Canadians at Springfield. Bloemfontein, April 21.—(Special.)— The Canadians moved this afternoon to Springfield, six miles to the east of this place. Sergt. Beattie died on the 14th.
Mr. John A. Ewan has arrived
Frederick Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton's second reference to the death of Sergt. Beattle is the result of an inquiry addressed him by the Globe.

Mr. Hamilton's reference to Mr. Ewan in his cable despatch shows that the second contingent, which Mr. Ewan accompanied in the interests of the Globe, has arrived at Bloemfo tein, and is another indication that the movement towards Pretoria is about to begin, if it has not, in fact, already

FEAR ANOTHER LONG SLEEP. Montreal's "Sleeping Girl" Removed to the Hospital.

Montreal, April 22.—Miss Eva Roch, the celebrated "sleeping girl," has been removed to the Hotel Dieu Hospital at her own request. The physicians who have watched her case are pital at her own request. The physicians who have watched her case are afraid from symptoms which have developed that, unless measures are taken against it, she may fall again shortly into one of her long slumbers, and although she does not show any great decrease of vitality, they are afraid that in her present weak condition another sleep like the previous one would be her last. Some time after she awoke from her last sleep she was able to sit up, but of late she has been obliged to take to bed agaja. She has had numerous hemagain. She has had numerous hemagaja. She has had numerous hemory nages, but, strange to say they do not weaken her perceptibly. Them asked how she is she replies. About the same as usual." She sufers very severely from pains in the latire left portion of her body from to her feet, but she never any only once in a while is a pathetic desire to the sunshine and to air. Up to this the sunshine and to h air. Up to this herself and her peotously objected to the since the physicians to her their fears for

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y be spared to improve