

Forward!

Buller's Forces Continue to Advance.

His Column Has Reached Paardekop, in the Transvaal, 31 Miles From Standerton—Many Boers Are Surrendering.

London, Friday, June 22—4 a.m.—Gen. Buller is pressing his advance. On Wednesday he followed the Johannesburg railway to Paardekop, 31 miles from Standerton, about 300 Boers, singly or in small parties, having surrendered. A dispatch, dated Paardekop, Transvaal, June 21, says: "The British column arrived here today. The presence of the army has induced many burghers to lay down their arms. The retreating Boers have destroyed a bridge and culverts, but the Sandfontein bridge is little damaged."

BOERS WANT FUNDS.
The Transvaal government, according to the Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times, is endeavoring to meet the emergency with treasury bills, but the people refuse to accept them.

The first train for Pretoria left Cape Town yesterday.

Lord Roberts has adopted the Transvaal mining regulations for military administration.

A WARNING.

The colonial office publishes a notification by the military government at Johannesburg of the stoppage of a check for £40,000, drawn for the National Bank of the South African Republic, and warning all persons against dealing in the check, as the funds of the National Bank are the property of her majesty's government.

BOER BULLETIN.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says: The Boers printed and posted at every corner the following: "Machadodorp, Monday.—The Paris Exhibition has closed, and France has declared war against England. Fifty miles of the railway has been destroyed. The British have surrendered. Fifty miles of telegraphs are down, and native runners traverse the distance. The Boers continue to assert that they have had successes east of Pretoria."

The war office has issued a list of casualties in engagements around Heilbrunn, previously undisclosed.

THE MACHADODORP FIGHT.

London, Thursday, June 21.—Again it is rumored in Lorenzo Marquez that there has been a big fight at Machadodorp, which the Boers abandoned, retreating to Lydenburg. There is, however, no mention of any such fight in the official dispatches, and there is nothing to indicate that Gen. Roberts has been engaged since Gen. Botha escaped from him on June 13.

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS.

Correspondents' reports of the fighting on June 11, 12 and 13, east of Pretoria, are now arriving. They show that the Boers fought with great vigor and pertinacity. The British horse artillery was at one time in considerable danger of capture. They were rescued by a charge of the Lancers, in which the Earl of Aldrich was killed. The Lancers on this occasion killed 22 of the burghers. The immense area covered by the operations, and Gen. Botha's handling of his force, which is said to consist mainly of foreigners and Cape rebels, prevented a junction of the British on the left with the Mounted Infantry on the right, and this allowed the Boers to retreat. The correspondents claim that at least 200 Boers were killed. Forty bodies were counted at Pienaar's Post, the result of the shelling by the naval contingent.

Gen. Botha's escape, according to the standard correspondent, is a great disappointment. It had been hoped to end the war by one staggering blow. The same dispatch says that the historic ground of Bronkhorst Spruit was the scene of a gallant feat by the West Australians, who, pursuing the retreating Boers, stampeded them and killed several by their rifle fire.

There is no report of any change in the Orange River Colony. The Boers under Commandant Steyn have been reinforced by many of the burghers who withdrew from Laing's Nek, and commandant Piet Viljoen reports that 50 miles of railway in the Orange River Colony have been destroyed by his men. Another engagement on June 15 resulted in the capture of 31 British troops.

Capt. Loesberg, an American attached to the Boer artillery, has arrived at Lorenzo Marquez. He says that the Transvaal's ammunition factory has been removed to Lydenburg. He de-

clares that Gen. Dewet has 6,000 men in the Orange River Colony, and Gen. Botha 2,500 in the Transvaal. Fifteen hundred men in small bodies are elsewhere.

It is announced that in two days the bridge will be restored to traffic. Evidently the interruption in railway communication between the Transvaal and Lorenzo Marquez caused by the destruction of this bridge was not as important as the first dispatches stated. Passengers have been able to cross the spruit afire, and take trains on the eastern side.

AT STANDERTON

Gen. Hamilton and Buller Likely to Join Hands Tomorrow.

London, June 22.—Lord Roberts reports that Gen. Ian Hamilton reached the springs yesterday, en route for Heidelberg, to join hands with Gen. Buller, who is expected to reach Standerton tomorrow.

The dispatch of Lord Roberts in full is as follows: "Pretoria, June 22.—Ian Hamilton's column reached the Springs yesterday, en route to Heidelberg, where they will join hands with Buller's troops, who reached Paardekop yesterday, and will be at Standerton tomorrow, thus opening up communication between Pretoria and Natal, and preventing any joint action between the Transvaalers and the people of the Orange River Colony."

"Lord Edward Cecil, the administrator of the Rustenburg district, has to date collected 3,000 rifles."

"The commissioner at Kroonstad reports that 341 rifles have been handed in at Wolmaranstad."

THE SYNOD

Executive Committee and Delegates to the Provincial Synod Elected—Doings at Yesterday's Sessions.

When the synod met after the mid-day adjournment yesterday, the scrutineers who had been appointed to examine the ballots for executive committee and delegates to the Provincial and General Synod, reported as follows:

Executive Committee—Clerical—

Revs. W. Craig, G. C. Mackenzie, C. Miles, Canon Hill, R. McCosh, D. Williams, Dean Innes, Archdeacon Davis, J. C. Farthing, J. Ridley, C. H. Gunne, Canon Richardson, G. B. Sage, T. C. Hodgins, R. Hicks, Canon Brown, S. F. Robinson, Canon Hincks, Canon Young, W. Lowe, H. A. Thomas, Canon Davis, D. Deacon, Canon Smith, W. A. Graham, J. T. Wright, W. Stout, G. Dunn, Lay members—Judge Ermatinger, Principal Dymond, J. Jenkins, Matthew Wilson, V. Cronyn, R. Bayly, James Woods, H. MacKinn, E. G. Henderson, J. D. Noble, G. D. Sutherland, J. D. Noble, R. Shaw, Wood, J. Peers, P. T. Harrison, A. C. Clarke, J. Higginbotham, C. C. Hodgins, Sydney Smith, R. M. McElheran, J. W. Ferguson, Judge Woods, T. W. Scott, John Shirley, John Lee, A. E. Welch, Edwin Paul, P. Holt, J. B. Lucas.

Delegates to Provincial Synod—Clerical—

Revs. W. Craig, G. C. Mackenzie, J. C. Farthing, Archdeacon Davis, Substitutes—D. Williams, W. Craig, R. McCosh, Canon Richardson, Lay delegates—M. Wilson, Principal Dymond, C. Jenkins, R. Bayly, Judge Ermatinger, V. Cronyn, James Woods, T. H. Luscombe.

Rev. A. R. Griffin gave notice of motion to request his lordship the bishop to issue a pastoral in regard to the early to prayers by the bishop.

debate on the proposed canon on inadequate collections was resumed, those participating in it being Mr. E. Jenkins and Rev. T. L. Armstrong, H. Bray, P. Leigh, W. Stout, C. R. Gunne and Canon Young. Rev. A. R. Griffin moved to amend the constitution (page 68, Synod Journal, 1899); with reference to No. 3, that the last sentence of clause 16 of the constitution, commencing on line 24, be amended to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the executive committee to prepare in due form all such matters as the bishop may desire to have brought before the Synod, and all notices of motion, and to forward them, through the secretary by any member of the Synod, but with respect to all other matters forwarded to them, the executive committee shall print only such portions as they may deem expedient; and a circular containing a statement of such business to be submitted to the Synod shall be forwarded to each clergyman and representative two weeks before the meeting of the Synod, which business shall stand first in the order of the day."

The proposal to discontinue the printing of the appendix to the Synod Journal and send a copy of the Journal to each clergyman, and lay delegate, and each subscriber of \$1 or upwards to the funds of the diocese, was carried after considerable discussion.

Rev. W. Cooper, of Campbellford, in the Diocese of Toronto, was admitted to a seat on the floor of the synod.

Very Rev. Dean Innes moved to amend canon viii. regarding examina-

tions of students seeking ordination, or clergymen entering from other dioceses. The canon as amended, reads as follows: "No person shall be admitted to the exercise of the ministry in the diocese of ordination or transfer from another diocese, or receive a first license to any parish in the diocese until he shall have first produced and delivered to the registrar the certificate of the synod physician, stating that he has examined the applicant, and that the latter is in good physical health. The synod physician shall be appointed annually by the executive committee at its first meeting after synod, and all charges in connection with such examinations on all certificates to be paid by the applicants."

On behalf of the vestry of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, Judge Ermatinger submitted the following proposed canon as to select vestries:

"1. This canon shall apply to every church in this diocese whose vestry shall, at any annual meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose, pass a resolution adopting the provisions of this canon, and declaring them to be thereafter in force in the parish."

2. The said vestry shall, at the annual meeting which resolution has been passed, or if passed at a special meeting, at the next ensuing annual meeting, elect not less than three, nor more than eight select vestrymen from among the members of the vestry, who shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or more frequently if it is quarterly or more frequently if its members by resolution decide, or at the call of the rector or incumbent, who shall be chairman, or of two churchwardens, or of any other members, by notice to all other members. The vestry clerk and any other officer of the church shall, if so requested, attend all or any of the meetings of the select vestry, to afford information and assistance. 6. The select vestry shall possess all the powers and privileges now possessed by the churchwardens, who shall, nevertheless, perform the duties and functions heretofore performed by churchwardens, but subject to the direction and control of the select vestry, whose duty it shall be to manage and direct the temporal affairs of the church and parish."

In support of this canon Judge Ermatinger referred to the practice of the church in Ireland, New Brunswick and parts of the United States, where the plan worked very successfully. He read letters from places where select vestries had been established, showing excellent results.

The matter was debated by R. Bayly, Q.C., Matthew Wilson, Mr. Principal Dymond, James Woods, Mr. Rogers, Hicks, McCosh and Dunn, and afterwards the motion carried to refer the matter to the executive committee to consider, and with power, if deemed advisable, to take such action as might be necessary to obtain an act of parliament to give effect to the same.

Adjourned.

In the evening when business was resumed the report from the committee appointed to consider the points in the bishop's charges was read. The synod adopted the recommendations, (1) that the portion dealing with the relations between Christianity and science be separately printed and distributed for the instruction and study of members of the church throughout the diocese; (2) that the bishop's suggestion respecting united prayer in deaneries be strongly urged upon the attention of rural deans and deaneries, and suggesting that the bishop issue a pastoral on the subject; (3) that the bishop's reference to the attendance of the laity be noted, and a special committee to make full inquiry and suggest means for improving the present position in this regard.

A subscription list was opened for the widow of the former caretaker, who is in reduced circumstances.

A lengthy discussion followed Mr. Henry MacKinn's motion to amend the constitution and canons of the synod so as to admit females as well as males to be members of vestries, and also members of congregations for the election of lay representatives of the synod. He referred to the fact that women comprise the large part of the congregation, and that they are the main contributors and should not be treated as minors or wards. He mentioned the rule that exists now in

municipal matters. Women, he said, were always on the side of truth and right and justice, and their right to vote had been accorded them in the Diocese of Ontario, Niagara, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. He also believed that it would be putting them at the franchise to women, even though they were not demanding it.

Mr. V. Cronyn seconded. He felt that women were as much members of the church as men, and were just as intellectual, well-educated, and more religious. They should be given equal rights with men at church meetings. Revs. P. M. Baldwin, J. Downie, W. Stout, Mr. T. H. Luscombe and Mr. J. Higginbotham were inclined to favor the motion, although the latter considered that married women whose husbands were entitled to vote should be prohibited.

Rev. G. C. Mackenzie spoke strongly in favor of the motion.

It was combated by Mr. C. Jenkins and Rev. J. C. Farthing, both considering that as the synod was not held for religious, but for purely business purposes, the women should be debarred. The latter felt that the previous speakers had talked around the subject without touching it. He had no desire to stop the work of women, but wanted it to be women's work and not men's work. He did not believe the statement that women are more religious than men, and reminded the synod that vestries do not deal with religious matters, but only with business. He admitted there was force in the argument that if women pay to support the church they ought to have a voice, but felt they should consider the consequences of admitting them to vestries. He did not favor taking women out of their sphere.

Adjourned.

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