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## HE MAY WAIT A MONTH

### Lord Roberts in no Hurry to Commence his Advance on Pretoria.

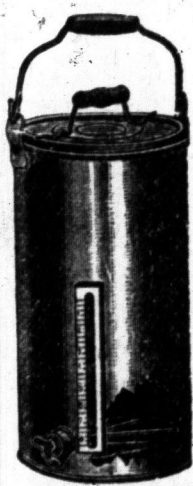
London, March 28.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Tuesday, March 27, says it is improbable that the advance from Bloemfontein will be made for another month. Gen. Clements is advancing to Bloemfontein in four columns. When Lord Roberts begins the march northward Gen. Gatacre will be left in charge of Bloemfontein. The Colonial Government has ordered the Cape Volunteers to withdraw south of the Orange River for fear of accentuating racial feeling.

The Boers are having a little good luck, and are showing some boldness again, as a raiding party estimated at 400 is believed by the British forces at Warrenton to have crossed the Kimberley-Bloemfontein wagon road Monday and to have headed for Jacobabad with the intention of cutting the railway ten miles west.

**OLIVIER'S GREAT FEAT.**  
Commandant Olivier appears to have gotten his 5,000 men and 25 miles of wagons into rugged country, where he can make an easy rear guard defence. Charles Williams, the military expert, says: "If this column gets

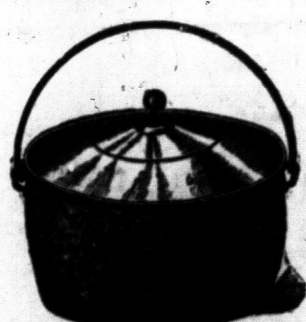
through substantially, Commandant Olivier will have carried out the great feat of the war, seeing that he ran every chance of being ground between the upper millstone of Lord Roberts' army and the whither millstone of the broken Basuto frontier. He will have done it within 50 miles or so of Lord Roberts' main strength. Certainly it looked for a week as though Lord Roberts held Olivier in the hollow of his hand. If Olivier gets through to Kroonstad with even 3,000 men it will be an important addition to the Boer gathering there. His escape is attributed in part to the worn-out condition of the British cavalry horses. Lord Roberts' transport appears to have been fully dislocated by the loss at Riet River, before Cronje's surrender, of the wagon train, and in addition to this the army with which he purposes to advance toward Pretoria is nearly double that of the earlier rapid movements. Ten thousand transports, cavalry and gun animals are due to arrive at Cape Town during this and next week.

It is given out at Cape Town that Lord Roberts' advance may be delayed for months. Although such statements should be received with reserve, it seems positive that he intends to go to Cape Town to meet Lady Roberts, who is due to arrive there in ten days.



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## MAJUBA HILL AVENGED.

### How the Canadians did it in the Early Morning Darkness.

London, March 28.—An account of Cronje's surrender at Paardeberg is furnished the Times by its correspondent, who writes on March 28 from that place, made famous by two severe engagements in which the Canadians participated in Lord Roberts' advance to Bloemfontein.

The correspondent tells how the insistence of the Canadians broke down the reluctance of Lord Roberts to order the attack, and pays a glowing tribute to the pluck, discipline and courage of the Canadian troops.

Brigadier-General MacDonald, the correspondent says, sent from his bed a note to Lord Roberts, reminding him that Tuesday was the anniversary of the Majuba Hill disaster to Sir Henry Colville. He also submitted a suggestion for an attack. Lord Roberts demurred. It seemed likely to cost too heavily.

But the insistence of Canada brought down the reluctance. The men of the oldest colony were sent in the small hours to redeem the blot on the name of the mother country. In dead silence, covered by darkness only faintly illuminated by the moist rim of the dying moon, with the old moon in her lap, three companies of the Canadians moved on over the bush strewn ground. For 400 yards the noiseless advance continued. When within eighty yards of the Boer trenches the tramping of scrub betrayed the movement.

Instantly the outer trench of the Boers burst into fire, which was kept up almost without intermission from five minutes to three to ten minutes past three. Under this fire, the courage and discipline of the Canadians was amply proved. Flinging themselves on the ground they kept an incessant fire on the trenches, guided only by the flash of the enemy's rifles. The Boers admit they quickly reduced them to the necessity of lifting their rifles over their heads to the edge of the earth-work, pulling the triggers at random. Behind this line, the engineers, careless of danger, dug a trench from the inner edge of the bank to the crest, and then for sixty yards cut through the shrub. The Canadians retired three yards to this protection, and waited for dawn, confident in the new position which they had entered. They were protected by the angle of the Boer position, which commanded

alike the rifle pits on the banks and trefoil-shaped embrasures on the north.

Cronje saw that matters were desperate, and many Boers threw up their hands and dashed unarmed across the intervening space. Others waved white flags and exposed themselves carelessly on the entrenchments.

Not a shot was fired. Col. Otter and Major Kincaid held a hasty consultation, which was disturbed by the sight of Colville, general of the ninth division, quietly riding down within 500 yards of the northern Boer trenches to bring news of the surrender of Gen. Cronje.

The three Canadian companies were foremost in the fight, of which the company under Major Pelletier suffered the most.

#### WAR NOTES.

About 20,000 Free Staters are said to be guarding the nine Drakenberg passes.

General Botha denies the reports that Transvaal women were wounded in the Tugela trenches.

Sunday, March 11, was observed as a truce, at Mafeking, the British troops sat on the parapets conversing with the Boers, and amicable relations were maintained until dark.

General Buller has sent the Boers a list of their wounded, saying that he buried sixty men. Gen. Botha says this is impossible, as his rolls do not show any such loss.

A Ladysmith special says:—Boer patrols endeavored to trap a party of the Thirteenth Hussars on March 25 at Varschkamp. A hot chase ensued. Several Boers were wounded.

The same despatch says a printed document has been found giving the Boer losses at Spion Kop at over 2,500, but this can scarcely be credited.

Sickness among the Boer prisoners on the transports is increasing. Three deaths occurred on March 26. The bodies were buried by the British, with the Transvaal flag on the coffin. The leading Dutch of Simonstown attended the funeral. Typhoid alone claims one hundred victims among the prisoners, and the population of Simonstown fear an epidemic.

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