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## .....Pretty Summer..... Furnishings

A few hints from our Curtain and Carpet Departments that you may turn to profitable account.

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India Lawns, fine sheer quality, 40 in. wide, at 25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and ..... 65¢  
Organdie Muslins, 66 in. wide, fine sheer quality, in white, black, sky and pink, extra value at per yd. .... 40¢

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## WIRES CUT

### And 21 Miles of Railway Torn up

#### BETWEEN LORD ROBERTS AND HIS BASE OF SUPPLIES—NO ALARM FELT IN BRITAIN ABOUT THE SITUATION, HOWEVER.

London, Monday, June 11, 3.30 a. m.—The Boers have torn up 21 miles of Lord Roberts' vital line of railway between America, Siding and Roodeval. It is a bold raid and vexatious, but it does not disquiet the military authorities as yet, for they expect Gen. Kelly-Kenny to drive off the marauders and to reopen the line. The rapidity of the advance of Lord Roberts cannot have permitted him to accumulate very large reserves of stores. Therefore an interruption of the railway, even for a week, must embarrass the army, and may bring the forward operations to a standstill. Nothing has been heard from Lord Roberts for three days owing to his communications being cut at Roodeval Station. This raid on the railway, the strenuous opposition to Gen. Rundle and the mobile escape of Commandant-General Botha's division, forced the war office observers to the reluctant conclusion that the war is not yet over, although even the occasional civilian Boer sympathizer cannot see how the Boers will be able to do anything to change the result.

Gen. Rundle and Gen. Brabant's divisions are still at Hammonton, in the Ficksburg district. The latest intelligence from their headquarters is that the Boers are determined to fight to the bitter end. They are concentrating 4,000 men around Bethlehem. The country between them and Gen. Rundle is mountainous and resembles Northern Natal in being extremely difficult for military operations. Gen. Rundle's present care is to prevent the Boers getting past him southward. Maj. Wood, of Rundle's staff, rode to a Boer outpost on June 8 and announced that Pretoria had been occupied by the British. How the Boers received this news is not recorded. A Boer force of 600 men have surrendered to Gen. Rundle.

Gen. Hunter's advance has occupied Ventersdorp, one hundred miles southwest of Pretoria. This took place on June 7. Gen. Plumer's column is on the Elands river, northwest of Pretoria. The British are sending detachments right and left to accept the surrender of commandos, horses, cattle, and forage, and to overawe the sparsely settled country. Thus far only one small commando has been heard of, a commando at Tail Basch. Gen. Hunter's immediate objective is Potchefstroom. This town and Rustenburg are the largest towns west of Johannesburg. It is reported that Potchefstroom is ready to submit. Gen. Hunter has warned all burghers that if the telegraph is cut behind him he will send back and burn the houses near the line.

## OTTER IS PLEASED

That the Services of the Canadians are Appreciated.

He Writes Major Rankin an Interesting Letter—The Contribution to the Chatham Boys Acknowledged.

Major Rankin has received a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Otter, announcing that the money from the patriotic concert had been received and forwarded as directed. Major Rankin is an old military associate of Colonel Otter. When Otter was major of the Queen's Own, at Toronto, Major Rankin was right hand man in the first company one year at camp, and in the following year sergeant. High School Inspector Hodson and George Casey, M. P., were corporals at the same time. The letter from Lieut.-Colonel Otter reads as follows: Bloemfontein, May 8, '00.

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Dear Major Rankin,—I have your letter of March 30th enclosing a draft on the Bank of Montreal, London, for £20, 6s 10d, for distribution in equal proportions to Privates Gorrie, Wilson and Burrell, of B Company, Royal Canadian Regiment, being a contribution from citizens of Chatham to these soldiers, and beg to inform you that I have turned over the amount to Capt. Stuart, who will see that the money duly reaches them. I am delighted to hear that services of the regiment in this country have given satisfaction to our people at home, and accept the congratulations of yourself and the citizens of Chatham with unfeigned pleasure. The regiment has certainly done well, and though now pretty well tired out with our recent experiences, I trust it may be able to retain the confidence of our friends in Canada to the last. I recollect you quite well in the Queen's Own, and hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you before the year is out. Yours sincerely,  
W. D. OTTER, Lt.-Col.,  
Royal Canadian Reg.

## BOERS EVACUATE

Laing's Nek and Gen. Buller Crosses into the Transvaal.

Enemy Wanted to Surrender Conditionally But This Was Refused.

London, June 11.—A belated despatch from Mount Prospect, via Newcastle, Natal, dated Thursday, June 7, throws light on the armistice agreed upon between the British and Boers recently. It appears that Gen. Buller met Gen. Christian Botha on June 2 at O'Neill's farm, between Umguela and Majuba, and summoned Botha to surrender. Gen. Botha said he was not empowered to accede to the demand.

Gen. Buller replied:—"Very well," and turned to go away, when Gen. Botha pressed him to make a proposal.

Gen. Buller said he had no proposal to make, but pointed out that the Boers were surrounded, and referred to the uselessness of shedding unnecessary blood.

"What do you want us to do?" asked Gen. Botha, hesitatingly.

"Return to your farms, leave your big guns, and await Lord Roberts' decision," replied Gen. Buller.

"The federal commandant said he would refer the question to the burghers."

Gen. Buller then acceded to Gen. Botha's appeal for an armistice until day break on June 6, showing that the Boer reports of Gen. Buller having requested an armistice to have been incorrect.

The despatch adds that the federals are understood to have twenty-three guns in position, but it is doubtful if they can remove them. Their only line of retreat is in the direction of Lydenburg.

THE BOER RETREAT.

The War Office has received the following despatch from Sir Redvers Buller:—"Headquarters in Natal, June 10.—With reference to my telegram of June 8:—We halted yesterday to get our trains up the pass, which is very steep. I find the enemy were about 2,000 strong in a very carefully prepared position which they must have been very disheartened not to have held longer than they did. They have all retired about 20 miles to the northwest."

"I find our casualties were more than I first thought. They were:—One officer wounded and two men killed and thirteen wounded."

Gen. Buller is in Boer territory. Despatches of correspondents with him filed yesterday at sunset, describe the corpsas camping at Gansloel, close to the point where the frontiers of the Free State, the Transvaal and Natal meet. "The British marched eight miles yesterday," says a Reuter correspondent, "before encountering any opposition. The Boers, who had one gun, withdrew under heavy ordnance fire to a ridge just ahead of the camp. This long range, running skirmish will doubtless be renewed this morning. Gen. Buller is expected to make rapid progress now, and to throw the weight of 20,000 men into Lord Roberts' Transvaal combinations."

WAR NOTES.

Gen. Hunter's advance column occupied Ventersdorp to-day, the Boers quietly surrendering in small bodies. Considerable looting has been done. Gen. Mahon's column has rejoined Hunter.

The Dutch in Cape Colony appear to have split, a majority of the Afrikaners, being displaced by the unwillingness of Mr. Schreiner, the Cape Premier, to go the full length of the proposed opposition to the British.

SETON FIRE.

At 5.20 a. m. Sunday, Watchman Robt. Coyle sighted a blaze the building situated on the corner of Park Ave. and the Lake Erie track. When the firemen arrived they found the fire in four corners of the place and the flames hadn't met so the firemen came to the conclusion that the fire had been set. The flames were soon extinguished, the roof and back part of the building being burned off. The place was used by J. Burns for storing mares in. The loss will be covered easily by \$50.

SUNDAY AT THE EAU.

About 20 from Chatham went down to the Eau for Sunday. The sailing yacht, *Isler* from Cleveland, ran into the Eau yesterday with a party of 15 aboard. Judge Brown, of Cleveland, is residing at the Bungalow. The pirate crew of the *Beatrice* were out yesterday, getting their spurs in readiness to pursue their nefarious calling. A busy time was spent by these marauders in fixing their guns and painting their black flags. Commodore Fred. Guttridge says that Capt. Heath was never in better trim and able pirate Riddle, says that he expects a busy season.

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