

CONFIRMATION LACKING

Of the Report that General Botha Has Surrendered.

London Daily News Says That "Four Par- lers" Are Still in Progress—Report of the Surrender Generally Credited in England Yesterday.

PORT ELIZABETH, Cape Colony, Feb. 27.—A private message received here says Scheepers' laager, near Wil- lowmore, has been captured by the British. The main body of Boers was absent, but forty burghers and the whole of the supplies were taken.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—General Kitch- ener, telegraphing from Middleburg, under date of Feb. 27, says: "The following additional captures are reported by French up to Feb. 25: "Three hundred Boers surrendered; a nineteen pounder Krupp, one Howitzer, a Maxim, 20,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 154 rifles, 388 horses, 834 truck oxen, 5,600 cattle, 9,800 sheep and 287 wagons and carts. The Boers' casualties were four killed and five wounded."

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Gen. French's most recent success, combined with the other advantages gained by the British forces in South Africa, have created a most hopeful feeling in the war office here. Lord Raglan, under secretary for war, described it today as being "the thin end of the wedge," and this also is the opinion of the military critics, who reiterate that while the war was not expected to end with a sudden stroke, this constant capturing of men, guns, supplies and horses means that the operations will soon be reduced to a dacoit stage. General French is quite the hero of the hour on Pall Mall, though, of course, Gen. Kitchener's controlling hand is recognized under every circumstance. It is felt by Mr. Broderick and Lord Roberts that so long as the British forces are doing something to diminish the Boers' supply of men, mounts and ammunition, they are achieving the only possible objective at present in sight. It is not believed to be at all likely that Gen. Kitchener will grant any armistice as a preliminary to peace, or, if he does, he will not let the war office know of it until he learns the result. In fact, small armistices are placed on such an offer, for even if General Botha gave in, the war office is inclined to consider that his action would only affect the force under his immediate individual command, and that the same policy which is now being pursued would have to be continued against the other Boer forces operating in vicinities far removed from the Boer commander-in-chief.

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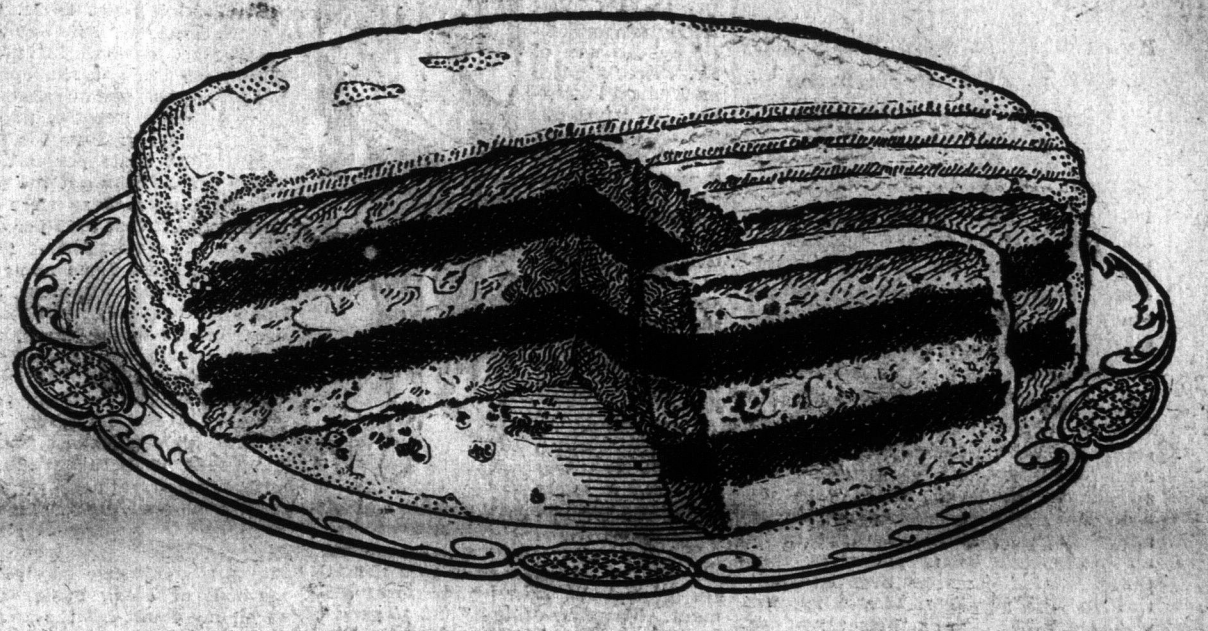
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A large advertisement for Robert J. Cox, Harness Manufacturer. It lists various harnesses, collars, and other equestrian equipment. The ad includes contact information for 11 Sydney St., near Golden Ball Cor.