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BRANDFORT OCCUPIED.

Sulletin from London Announces the Capture of the Boer Position.

Lord Roberts Has Fifty Thousand Men Between Thaba N'chu and Bloemfontein.

The Correspondents at Kimberley Have Been Forbidden to Communicate for Several Days-Boers in Natal Are Getting Restless. Soldar Dial as no

## REPORT FROM COL. OTTER.

OTTAWA, May 1.- In another report the river in a received from Col. Otter it is said that might drink. E. F. Pullen, formerly a bank clerk in Toronto, turned up at Bloemfontein on the 22nd of last month, having gone there at his own expense. He was as a special case attached to C company, and the department has approved of lian, brought him to the surface, and this.

Canada 1,039 strong. On the 23rd of shore. Bradley was unconscious, but last month the strength of the con-tingent was 751. There were sick in Hospital Sergeant Whitton succeeded hospital and wounded 206, and one of-feer and 33 men killed. ficer and 33 men killed.

the militia department this morning under date of March 10: "During the march, which begun on the 18th February and ended on the 13th inst., I cannot speak too highly of the conduct

Without tents or change of clothing for many days, engaged more or less with the enemy for two-thirds of the time upon half rations, subjected to a very hot sun, cold rights and several severe rain storms, the endurance, courage and good spirits of the battalion were more than tried, and it is with much pleasure I have to record its having proved itself fully equal to the strain. The battalion is now resting in conjunction with other parts of

the army, and though in bivouac is - Accept my us fire and destill again on full rations, to which I have been favored with funds at my F EDWARD. disposal to procure a few extra comforts in the way of food. I regret havernor General ing to report the sentence by the F. G.

ley of Ottawa had nidden inis horse to the river in order that the inimal The horse suddenly threw him and he sank into a deep hole. Bradley could not swim. Pri-vate Walters of Ottawa and a dozen others jumped into the water to rescue him. Private Firns, a West Austra-

Lieut. Morrison threw a rope to the The first Canadian contingent left pair, who were then pulled to the The following is taken from the repneumonia set in and he died the same

port of Lisut. Col. Otter received at night. The body was buried here with military honors. The fearful rains, almost impassable oads and threatened shortage of provisions and forage are characterizing the march. These hardships are begenerally of officers and men of the ginning to tell. We left nineteen men Royal Canadian Regiment. Taken al- in hospital at Carnarvon, and another ginning to tell. We left nineteen men together the murch was a very trying hospital has been established here Private Hopkins of D battery accidentally discharged his revolver, the bullet taking effect in his knee. The wound is not serious. Lieut. Col. Herchmer has taken a staff appointment at Cape Town, and Major Howe is now commanding the Canadian

> Rifles. DESPATCH FROM LORD ROBERTS. LONDON, May 1, 7.15 p. m.-The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Roberts: "BLOEMFONTEIN, May 1.-Ian

Hamilton marched yesterday in a northerly direction from Thaba N'chu I will tell you I find it difficult to understand either the principles of a religion which is apparently a mono-poly of the Burghers of the two States, or of the political manifestations of a

CANALDIANS AT NERTILEY. TORONTO, May 1.—(The Telegram's special cable from London says: The Canadians invalided home from South Africa and now in Netley hospital are all well with the exception of Pte. F. E. Weir of the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, who is confined to bed with enterio fever. All complain of the tardiaess on the part of the authori-ties at Ottawa in making arrange. tiles at Ottawa in making arrange-ments regarding their return either to Africa or Canada. They also complain that the doctors at Netley are mostly students, the best doctors having been sent to the front. In yesterlay's cable t should have been stated that Sergt. R. H. Ryan and Pite. Thos. E. Lyden were missing from Bloemfontein and

not Mateking, Basutoland. WAS NOT A ST. JOHN MAN. MONTREAL, May 2 .- The Star's special cable from London says: The war office gives it out that No. 7,833, Private J. W. Culver, was slightly wounded at Israel's Poort on April 25. The official roster of the first contingent gives No. 7,833 as Private J. W. Raymond of 62nd, St. John Fusiliers. Private J. W. Culver's parents reside at Brooklyn, N. Y. Culver at the

time of joining the contingent was a clerk at the Ohateau Frontanac, Que not in the power of the present force bec. When volunteers were asked for to interfere with them or with their at Quebec, Culver volunteered and was accepted. However, as he was an American citizen and did not wish his parents to know of his intended parture, he gave his name as J. W. LONDON, May 2.-Lord Roberts has Raymond, 62nd Fusiliers, St. John, N. telegraphed to the war office from B., Raymond being his mother's Bloemfont in, under today's date, that malden name. While the contingent, news had been received from Col. was preparing for departure, Culver's

battle of Paardeberg, Culver or Ray- LARGE FORCE HAS LEFT BLOEMmond, as he was known by some, employed as ammunition carrier and had several narrow escapes.

TWO MORE CANADIANS GONE. LONDON, May 2 .- The war office teries of artillery, all in winter cloth-

en notified that Private H.

vernment which seems to have re-

MORE BOERS ARRIVE AT ST. HELENA. JAMESTOWN, St. Helena, May 1.-The British auxiliary transport Bavar-ian bas arrived here from Cape Town with 1,099 Boer prisoners. All are in excellent health. They will be landed as quickly as possible, although the wharves are blocked with stores ow-ing to the insufficient transport in-land. CANADIANS AT NETLEY. TORONTO, May 1.- The Telegram's special cable from London says: The

and that will be her compensation for the many disappointments she has suffered hitherto. You may make it quite clear that I have no sympathy whatever with the Boers, and that I will give no support to the attempts they are making to secure the counte-nance or co-operation of other countries.'

BOERS WILLING TO RETREAT. LONDON, May 3 .- The Morning Post has the following despatch from Win-ston Churchill, dated Thaba N'chu, April 29:

circumstances related in my last telegram, his own mess cart and the bri-gade water carts fell into the hands

of the enemy, and his rear guard was heavily fired on. This retreat compromised Gen. Hamilton, who, therefore, collected his forces and fell back warily into Thaba N'chu after sharply checking the advancing enemy, with musketry and artillery fire. "Although much ammunition was

expended on both sides, the losses were insignificant, the fighting being at great range. The result is that

Wagons.' ALL WELL AT MAFEKING.

Baden-Powell, the British commander parents in Brooklyn thought it convert at Mafeking, saying all was well there, nient to take a trip to Quebec to sar. Prise their son, but arrived two hours Powell was dated April 20. after the Sardinjan salled. At the

FONTEIN.

BLOEMFONTEIN, May 1.- Early this morning Gen, Pole-Carew's division, composed of the Guards and Gen. Stevenson's brigades, with several bat-

ligent, well educated. Three hundred heads of same and soaped families. Shall we let all these beautiful men go back to their own place and never lift. a finger to stay them?"

WOUNDED CANADIAN TALKS.

MONTREAL, May 3.—The Star's London correspondent cables: Captain J. E. Peltler of Montreal, and not Major Pelletier as reported, is a French-Canadian officer invalided home, now residing as a private guest in a house in the West End suffering from sunstroke and wounds. His left leg, neck and right leg are temporar-ily paralyzed, yet he talks bravely of going back to the front. His doctor hopes he may be able to leave and recruit his health at Brighton in a

week or so. Capt. Feltier confirms the state-Capt. Feltier confirms the state-ment that five or six Canadians were killed or wounded at Paurdeburg by accidental bayoneting by the Gordons. As the Canadians fell back on the trenches the Gordons mistook them in the half light for Boers. Capt. Peltier advises that the Gordons are not for a moment to be blamed. He expresses the heartiest appreciation of

his kind treatment here. Cen. Smith-Dorrien's command is Cen. Smith-Dorrien's command is highly praised by a captain in the Leinsters, also invalided. He says he of a decidedly difficult nature. There saw much of the Canadians and other colonials. The soldierly qualities of the Canadians excited universal admiration.

ONLY A FEW ALLOWED TO RE-MAIN.

PRETORIA, May 1 .- The total number of British subjects allowed to remain here and in the gold fields district, under President Kruger's proclamaticn, is 121. Of this number 62

are men and 59 women. This number. does not include the staffs of the water and lighting companies.

> LONDON, May 3 .- The Standard and Diggers' News says that Thomas Richards, an American, has been arrested as a suspect in connection with the Begbie factory explosion at Johannesburg. He was arraigned yesterday, charged with murder, and remanded until today. The accused man, it was added, was not defended. The paper also says that an excavo. tion has been made where the explosion was most violent, and that as no trace of a tunnel was found, other excavations will be made. -

PRETORIA, May 2.-Mr. Begbie, jr., one of the proprietors of the engineering works at Johannesburg. which were recently blown up, has been remanded to jail on a charge of murder. Bail would not be accepted. Besides Begbie, an American has also landers were surrounded by 259 Boers,

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pointed out in these despatches, to

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tually repeat the Paardeberg affair.

compel the British to proceed, with Observens at heado fontsin seem to think that the Boers are preparing to evacuate Brandfort and Ladybrand. The Boers still holdand Ladybrand. The Boers still hold-ing Thaba N'Chu district are estima-ted at 4,000. They have among their guns a 40 pounder. One correspon-dent, wiring from Bloemfontein Wed-nesday, said the British hope to cut off the whole commando. "The correspondents at Kimberley have been forbidden to communicate for saveral days the deduction being

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have been forbriden to communicate for several days, the deduction being that a forward movement is under way there. The Boers in Natal are restless. Two hundred crossed Sun-days River Wednesday and tried to en-gage the British outposts.

THE GENERAL ADVANCE.

LONDON, May 4 .- The Bloemfontein

correspondent of the Standard, tele-graphing May 2, says: "I have just ridden hither from Thaba N'chu, along the line of our advance east of Bloemfontein. The distance is fully forty miles, and yet almost every point of concentration is contested by the enemy,

"Gen. Rundle, with the Eighth Division, is posted on our right flank, with the Boers have posted a number of guns of superior weight and range to our own. However, they show no disposition to do more than to harrass our advance.

"Further to the west, Gen. Ian Ham-ilton, with his division of mounted infantry, is pressing northward, oncountering only a desultory fire. The Highland Brigade, from Val Krantz, has been engaged, while Gen. Tucker, commanding the Seventh Division, has moved eastward from Karee Siding, and has returned south, followed by the Boers. "Nevertheless the cavalry, owing to

the greater numbers of the enemy, have teen prevented from completing the movement that was intended to encircle the Boers on the march to Brandfort; and the enemy are now prepared to offer stubborn opposition on an entrenched hill to the southeast of Kroonstad.

"Gen. Tucker's attempt to advance on Brandfort showed the enemy to be in considerable strength. The Colonial Cavalry were engaged, and they lost twenty horses while under fire from pompoms. The Boers, however, were driven from their position."

AFRAID OF THE BAYONET.

LONDON, May 4 .- The Daily News has the following from Thaba N'chu, dated Wednesday:

"In yesterday's flanking movement Captain Towse and fifty Gordon High-

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he owners. ANSDOWNE. Am deepl great, considering the lack of food for the previous three weeks, yet, owing to the constant warning the men had received, the offence cannot from a military point of view be palliated. In recording the action of the battalion on the 27th ultimo I find that a very important event was omitted by me, viz., the personal inspection by the F. M. C. in G., Lord Roberts, at his own request on the afternoon of that day. The field marshal in addressing the battalion expressed his and Schuskraal, a row of kopies, withgreat satisfaction with its conduct on the 18th and 27th inst., his pleasure in having them under his command, and his belief that the surrender of General Cronie and his forces had been accelerated by its action of the morning. By the parade state it will be seen that the strength of the battalion

is very much reduced through the large number of the sick and the wounded. These, however, are doing well so far as I am able to learn, but my reports for the past month have in that direction necessarily been most meagre."

WITH THE SECOND CONTINGENT. TORONTO, May 1.-The Globe today publishes the following special cable from its correspondent with the second contingent:

VAN WYKS VLEI, Cape Colony, April 14, via London, April 30.-The first death in the second Canadian contingent occurred today. Private Brad- Victoria Cross."

wth a body of mounted infantry and Smith Dorrien's brigade of Clements' C. M. on the 14th inst. to 56 days' field mprisonment of a soldier for stealing division. At Hautney he found himself opposed by a strong force, coma fowl, the property of an inhiabitant. The orders on the subject of looting manded by Gen. Botha in person, Reinforcements reached this force dur- 'The death of Shoesmith MoMillan, of were most stringent and definite, and ing the day, and I directed French to while no doubt the provocation was strengthen him during the night from Thaba N'chu. This he was able to do as the number of Boers in the neighborhood of Thaba N'chu has consider ably decreased. In addition to these troops Hamilton should be reinforced during the day by Broadwood's cav alry and Bruce Hamilton's infantry. Hamilton mentioned that his casual tles yesterday were about thirty.

"Maxwell's brigade of seventh divi sion yesterday occupied "Viaksonter's out meeting with opposition. But the mounted infantry were engaged for some hours."

AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS. LONDON. May 1.-A letter from Sergt. Parker, who is believed to be one of those just decorated with the Victoria Cross, describing the Sannas Post disaster, is published today. He says:

"In galloping from the Spruit, my gun was overturned and every horse was shot. I got up with No. 1 gun. and we remained three hours under

the most terrible fire. In five minutes I had lost two complete detachments, and only Gunner Lodge and myself were left to work the two guns, he at one and I at the other. We remained at the guns, loading, laying and firing by ourselves, and brought both guns out of action by ourselves We have been recommended for the

Barr, of 21st Essex Fusiliers, died at Naauwport, Cape Colony, from entering sion in market place. fever. He belonged to "B" company, Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry. the Canadian Mounted Rifles, at Bloemfontein, is also confirmed.

CANADIANS IN IT.

THABA N'CHU, May 1 (afternoon). -General Hamilton's division was en gaged yesterday and today in forcing a passage northward. At Houtney the Boer front held a line of hills commanding the sides of the nek. The Canadians and Gordons attacked the hill to the left, and the Shropshires and Marshall's Horse, supported by a battery, also made an attack on the enemy, who eventually fled, leaving many wounded, and the passage was cleared. The Boers on the mountain are now shelling the outlying camp,

necessitating removal to a safer place. The Boers have three guns on the hill to the eastward of this place outside the range of the British artillery. The Boer shelling is not doing any damage. The enemy retain their positions and the British are not attempting to dislodge them. Gen. Hamilton. by reaching Houtney after a full day's fighting, secured the Thaoa N'chu-Bloemfontein road.

TWO BOER LETTERS.

LONDON, May 3 .- The Morning Post's correspondent at Bloemfontein in a despatch dated May 1, says that two letters of considerable interes have fallen into the hands of the British. The first letter was written by President Steyn to Commandant Gen Louis Botha, complaining that a sufficient number of troops had not been left to protect Kroonstad, the seat of the government of the Orange Free State, and that the commandos supposed to be protecting that place were ecoupled in looting the grain districts thus causing intense suffering. The letter reports that the British have 50,000 men and are about to move for ward. It urges the withdrawal of a portion of the 10,000 Boer troops in Natal through Van Reenan's Pass, in

order that the struggle might be concentrated at Krconstad and a decisive blow struck against the British. President Steyn concludes by declining to hold himself responsible for the loyalty of the Free State Boers unless a guarantee was given of the Transvaal's in-Don't wait for things tention to protect the temporary capi-tal of the Free State. The second letter is a reply of Pre-

to spoil before ordersident Kruger to the Commander at Fourteen Streams. The president states that it is absolutely impossible ing one. It will soon to accede to the commandant's request to provide more troops, since every man at the disposal of the republic is required in the position he occupies. pay for itself by the President Kruger adds that great victories have 'recently crowned the federal arms, and that others are in immediate prospect which will put an

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**REFRICERATORS** 

Lord Roberts, with Lady Roberts and their daughter, reviewed the divibeen connected with the explosion. WAR SUMMARY. Later Lord Roberts, while reviewing Roberts's Horse, congratulated the LONDON, May 4 .- Operations invol-

men upon their brevery, spoke of the ving the British in ten days' hard gallantry of the colonial troops and expressed the hope that he might soon work, seven being occupied in fighting, have culminated in what Gen. Robreview them in Pretoria. erts describes as "considerable success." There is every probability that BRANDFORT OCCUPIED.

LONDON, May 4 .- It is announced appointment, all the indications are that the British have captured Brandthat the intention was, as already fort.

ADDITIONAL CANADIAN CASUAL-TIES.

OTTAWA, May 3.-A cable was received this morning at the militia department from Lieut. Col. Otter, commanding the first Canadian contingent, giving the following casualty list: Killed in action on the 30th April or

1st May: No. 7,468, Private Henry Cotton, 43rd Battalicn Ottawa and Carleton Rifles. Wounded in action on same date: Lieut. J. M. Ross, 22nd Oxford Rifles. No. 7,955, Private John Lutz, 74th Battalion, Sussex, N. B. No. 7,952, Private Joseph Letson, 62nd St. John Fusiliers.

No. 7.486. Private P. R. Foster, Gov ernor General's Foot Guards, Ottawa. No. 7,204, Private R. Irvine, 19th St. Catherines Battalion. No. 7,234, Private C. K. Rorison, 21st

Essex Fusiliers. No. 8,176, Private A. E. Zong, 66th Battalion, Halifax, died from enteric fever on the 1st inst. Lord Minto has received the follow ing from Sir A. Milner, Cape Town: Sheesmith J. McMillan, one of the artificers sent by the Canadian government at the war office's request, died at Bloemfontein of enteric fever. (Joseph Letson, aged 23, joined the first contingent at St. John. He boarded at Elliot's hotel. Germain street. He came here from Chatham, where the north. Nothing authentic is his mother resides, and gave up a job known of the Boer losses in the recent at the Mispec pulp mill to go to the operations. A report from Kimberley front.) states that there are considerable Boer movements at Fourteen Streams BRUCE MACFARLANE'S WOUND. and other points across the Vaal Riv-Private John H. Wilson of Keswick, er. Little is known regarding them,

member of the first Canadian conbut it is believed that the Boers are tingent, writes to a friend in St. moving northwest. If this is so, it is Mary's from Bloemfontein, under date probably with the view of opposing of March 21st: "I don't suppose you Gen. Hunter's advance in the direc have heard of Bruce MacFarlane tion of Mafeking. shooting himself. It was the first day There is no news of any movement after Paardeberg, and we started out in Natal. The British have not adwith the prospect of a fight. We had vanced. The Boers are reported to be advanced to within a mile of the kopje quitting the passes in the Biggarsberg

on which the Boers had taken up their position. Our big guns had been shellange on account of the cold, and camping at the foot of the range, their ing them from a piece of rising ground on our right, and everything was looking like a hard fight. We were all waiting for the order to advance when

we heard a shot from the direction of our company, and afterwards the word came down the line that Bruce had accidentally shot himself in the foot?' end speedily to the British intention to advance from Warrenton. GOOD MEN AND TRUE.

ON THE BRITISE SIDE.

LONDON, May 2 .- "I am entirely on the British side in this war in South Africa." said the King of Sweden and Norway, now on a visit to this country, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press today. "You may make it quite clear that I have no sympathy with the Boers, and

principal laager being at Hlatikulu 'Mountain, sixteen miles north of Elandslaagte.

division is moving eastward from Kanee Siding. The divisions of Gen. yard Kipling in todry's London Daily French and Gen. Rundle are in and Mail, referring to the desirability of near Thaba N'Chu. Thus Lord Robcolonials settling in South Africa and erts has 50,009 men operating clear of the lack of inducements offered by the the railway along a front of forty home government, says: "Among the miles. He has been advancing slow with various hospitals lie three hundred some success, but nothing decisive. Yet Canadians of the very stamp and breed at all points of concentration the we require, young, sound, clean, intel. Boers appear in force sufficient to Advertise in the Semi-Weekly Sun

been 'arrested on suspicion of having who demanded their surrender. Captain Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. With a wild cheer the Gordons rushed at the enemy and swept them away with great slaughter. Captain Towse was blinded in both eyes by the enemy's fire, and throughout behaved most heroically."

JURY DISAGREED.

Could Not Come to a Decision After Three Hours Deliberation in the Nick-

erson Case.

State, sapture their convoys and vir-tually repeat the Paardeberg affair. These hopes have been defeated, and parently by Commandant General Botha's skilful directions, and the Boers have withfur mer in good order, driving enormous herds of cattle and sheep, with them. The burghers pro-bably did not expect to hold the east-err part of the Free State with a pow-erful enemy occurpting the railways and threatening their flank, but it may be assumed that they attained to the south after the British occupa-tion of Bloemfontein, and that they with valuable food supplies. The Bri-tish, on the other hand, claim to have cleared the southastern corner of the Boers will make they rate prepared to make a stubborn opposition on an en-trenched hill southeast of Kroonstad, which town they will probably aban-don as soon as their stores are north factor of the situation is their strength in the Ladybrand district. There are runcorts in Bloemfontein that they are tructed that they are prepared to make a stubborn opposition on an en-trenched hill southeast of Kroonstad, which town they will probably aban-don as soon as their stores are north factor of the situation is their strength in the Ladybrand district. There are runcorts in Bloemfontein that they are runced the southeast of Kroonstad, hown of the Boer losses in the recent in the morth. Nothing authentic fa hown of the Boer losses in the recent the morth. Nothing authentic fa DORCHESTER, May 2 .- On the reopening

READY FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.

Twenty-first Essex Fusiliers Have Received Orders to be Ready to Take the Field at an Hour's Notice.

WINDSOR, Ont., May 2 .- Officers and men of 21st Essex Fusiliers have been notified by Major Bartlett to make all necessary preparations to take the field at an hour's notice. The necessary tooks with which to throw up fortifications are included in the articles with which the men will have to provide themselves. The quartermaster has been ordered to secure stores for the battalion, and have the same in readiness to follow the men whenever called on.

## FOUR ITALIANS KILLED.

WINNIPEG, May'2.-A Port Arthur de-spatch says four Italians were blown to pleces by dynamite yesterday while working on the new Untario and Lainy River rail-

DUBLIN FENIAN CONSPIRATORS.

TORONTO, May 2.—The crown attorney of Welland has received conclusive evidence identifying Walsh and Nolan, the casal dynamiters. They belong to a gang of Dub-lin Fenian conspirators. Nolan was tried for murder some years ago in Dublin.



