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A BIG SUCCESS!

Lord Roberts Advanced to the Vet River Saturday, Which Was Successfully Crossed.

General Hutton's Mounted Infantry Turned the Enemy's Right, and Crossed Under a Heavy Fire.

General Hamilton Has Occupied Winburg, and Cut Off the Boers Near Thaba N'chu from Their Main Force—Other Successes Near Warrenton—I. N. Ford's Cable Letter.

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LIST OF INVALIDED CANADIANS.

OTTAWA, May 4,-Following is a table, prepared by the chief staff officer, of the men of the special service corps in Africa, who have been invalided from Africa to

ć	Rank, Name and Former Corps. Disease. Hospital Sent to.
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	Private J. Cairns, 2nd Field Battery
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	Private W. D. Cox, R. C. R. I,
	Private W. Ferguson, 74th BattalionInflammation extremitiesNetley.
	Private J. W. Hartnett, 93rd Battalion
	Private F. A. Kirkpatrick, 3rd Reg't. C. A., Debility
	Private A. Lockwood, 66th Battalion
	Private F. MacDonald, R. C. R. L
	Private J. McLeod, 71st Battalion
	Private J. A. Mitchell, 48th Battalion
	Private F. B. Strong,
	Private F. Taylor, 63rd Battallon,Debility
	Private F. E. Weir, 2nd Battalion

THE WAR OFFICE AND PARLIA- the government intended to leave him MENT.

LONDON, May 4.-The leader in the house of commons, A. J. Balfour, replying to questions regarding the as no other despatches and treat them house of commons, A. J. Balfour, retreatment of British prisoners at Pre- ed in the history of the last hundred toria, said her majesty's government years. The war office, he asserted, had was considering the advisability of acted entirely in accordance with the Hay, who has charge of British in-

Later the house went into committee of supply on the war office vote. Walter Runciman, liberal, representing Oliham, started the debate on the publication of the Spien Kop despatches. He declared the government had disregarded every consideration except publicity, and asserted that the responsibility for the publication rest-japplauded for saying he would stick to deliberately attempted to throw the he thought no one would know what responsibility on the commander-in- he had written?"

The public, he asserted, had expected the recall of the censured commanders. as in the case of General Gatacre, instead of which Gen. Warren had been sent to administer a large territory not be overlooked, adding that, while while Gen. Buller retained his com-

Mr. Wyndham, in reply, quoted the sibility, it had been confirmed in so Duke of Wellington as precedent for doing by the opinion of Lord Roberts. the publication of the despatches. In so doing he said he resented the grave that the right course was to publish insinuation that the secretary of state what it had published and no more. for war was guilty of anything dis- He was persuaded that both Gen. nonorable in requesting Gen. Buller to Buller and Lord Roberts had sent the rewrite his despatch. He added that despatches home for publication. Did the Marquis of Lansdowne (the war secretary) was above the suspicion of a commander by a despatch showing being guilty of such conduct.

Continuing, Mr. Wyndham said he to have succeeded or by deciding five was prepared to discuss the question points in his favor while one point was not of the honor or rectitude of the or 50,000 men in doubt regarding what

the despatches had already evaporated, including the belief that Lord Rob-erts and Gen. Buller had criticised Gen. Methuen's operations, and that

H. H. Asquith, liberal, and others trenchantly animadverted on the al- three bodies of mounted troops, with leged untenable position of the gov- the Household Cavalry well in front. ernment, confidence in which, they asserted, had been so grievously

John Gordon Swift MacNeill, Irish nationalist, declared the only reason for withholding criticism of Lord Methuen was because he had been ordered to save Cecil Rhodes at oll

Henry Labouchere, advanced liberal, declared the government was charged with deliberately undertaking to "cook despatches for presentation to the British public," adding:
"All honor to Buller, who refused to
be a party to deceiving the public."

Mr. Balfour said Mr. Labouchere had made it a question of the honor or dishonor of a great public servant. He added that his speech was the culmination of a series of attacks of per- ably turn up in the centre of Roberts's sons who had discovered the meanest and basest motives in the government's action. The government, he continued, were accused of favoring one general at the expense of another. It was said they meant to prepare the public for the dismissal of Gen. Buller. Such attacks were not worthy of the opponents of the government, which, by publishing the des- of mounted troops. patches, simply followed precedent. through Washington and through the U. S. consul at Pretoria, Adelbert S. Hay who has characters and the subject the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their than the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in the p commanders, but Mr. Wyndham said no further despatches were to be pub-

that was not the view of the government nor the view of Gen. Buller, who accusations hurled at the secretary of John Dillen, Irish nationalist, interrupted, saying he had never asserted be made in the house of commons.

Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, the liberal leader in the house, said-all Mr. Balfour could do was to appeal to mere party fidelity. The government, he as-"But the gallant general has been serted, had no precedent for its aced entirely with politicians, although what he had written, and would he tion. He also claimed that its defence in this case the secretary for war had have made a great show of candor if was utterly insufficient, and that the epresition would now record its vote in condemnation of the conduct of the This remark was greeted with cries government.

Mr. Runciman's motion to reduce th Mr. Wyndham then said he thought war office vote by £200 was rejected Gen. Buller had merely been unlucky and that Gen. Warren's services should

SPION KOP DESPATCHES.

LONDON, May 4.-In the house of lords today the Earl of Portsmouth, liberal unionist, called attention to the publication of the Spion Kop despatches, which he said had aroused a depth and strength of feeling difficult to exaggerate.

The secretary of state for war, the the house suppose harm was done to the publication of the despatches, said it was the only course open to the government.

Regarding Spion Kop, the secretary of the judgment and the discretion but criticised? Was it fair to leave 40,000 published nothing, but the battle cost the excitement at Johannesburg over been withheld the reputations of the obscure causes had made all their generals would have been damaged heroism unavailing? Because Gen. Warren failed in a large, independent more than by their publication: command did that prove that he was

The secretary of state for war did not desire to divest himself of any re-"With regard to Gen. Buller, to at- sponsibility, but if he had published the criticisms had been suppressed, as tempt to apologize for him would be the despatches without consulting Lord supposed, by favoritism. The only a great insult to a great man, who point at issue was why the criticisms had deserved well of his country, and great discourtesy and disloyalty to that the Boers are losing courage. of Gen. Buller had been published if his troops would be glad to know his him. Lord Roberts showed conclusively that he had not withdrawn his confidence in Gen. Buller by leaving the latter at the head of the army entrusted with the most difficult opera-

> Lord Kimberley, the liberal leader, declared the publication unjustified, and Lord Rosebery asked if it were true that as a consequence of the publication Gen. Buller had tendered his resignation, which was refused. Lord Lansdowne replied that the war office had no knowledge of such

Lord Rosebery declared Gen. Buller had been placed in a cruel position, pointing out that after the delirious joy of the public at the relief of Ladysmith, the war office had set to work to publish everything damaging, critical and censorious upon Gen. Buller, in order to satisfy public curiosity, of which no cutward signs existed, and they were now compelled to wash their dirty linen in public. The government, he further asserted, had impaired Gen. Buller's authority and had by Gen. Hamilton.

degraded his position. After a brief reply from the Duke dropped.

BOER PRISONERS FOR CEYLON. COLOMBO, Ceylon, May 4.—It is expected that a batch of Boer prisoners will be sent here. The imperial government has approached the Ceylon authorities on the subject and has asked them to suggest a good site for

WHAT THE BOERS WILL DO. LONDON, May 5.—The Daily Ex-

press publishes an interview with Abraham Fischer of the Boer peace commission, given one of its representatives at Beulogne-Sur-Mer before the Maasdam sailed for the United States. Mr. Fischer said: "We will gladly consent to submit all questions of guarantees and indemnity to the decision of any impartial tribunal decision of any impartial tribunal. Grant us that, and we would lay down our arms tomorrow."

LONDON, May 6.- Lond Roberts's

edvance is continued steadily with a front forty miles wide. Lord Roberts himself reached the Vet River with Pole-Carsw's division on Saturday ight. The Boers were in considerable orce on the northern bank, but their position was turned by Hutton's Mounted Infantry after three hours' callantry has received official recogni-Two additional brigades are vell abreast of Pole-Carew's division, erts has virtually four brigades and a strong mounted force on the extreme left of his lines, and is probably headtng for Smaldeel station on the railway. Gen. Hamilton on the rail-way. Gen. Hamilton on the extreme right was in action on Friday and succeeded in preventing the junction of two Boer forces. The chief feature of the engagement was a charge by

> THE BOERS WERE ROUTED and their losses were severe. This is one of the few instances during the campaign of a successful onset by cavalry in the old-fashioned tactics. MacDonald's Highland Brigade also did brilliant work under cover of the naval guns, and the Black Watch retrieved its reputation, which was clouded at Magersfontein without its thaving a chance to show its mettle. Gen. Hamilton's victory was complete,

> and the troops under him resumed the advance on Saturday toward Little Vet, aiming, apparently, to get astride of the road which leads from Winburg to Ladybrand. Gen. French is not mentioned in the

> Young men are now playing a great pant in the difficult operations. French, Hamilton and Pole-Carew had hardly been heard of before this campaign,

official despatches, but he will prob-

but they are now leading the way to Pretoria. A remarkable feature of the operations now in progress is the use made

CAVALRY AND MOUNTED IN-

are now found at every turn, forcing the passage of rivers, flanking Boer, positions and even charging at full tilt. The magnitude of the mounted state for war, and said he thought it force with Gen. Roberts surprises evshocking that such accusations should ery military writer and it is not strange that Lord Roberts halted a good many weeks at Bloemfontein when he had such an immense force to put in the saddle.

The northward advance has only partly cleared the eastern flank. Thaba N'Chu there were two reconnaissances on Saturday by Rundle's mounted force, but the Boers still remain on the kopjes east of the town, although in greatly reduced force. Gen. Brabant is still in the south, and Chermside's beadquarters are still reported to be a Dewet's Dorp.

Gen. Hunter's advance from Vaal River has been opposed by the Boers and Gen. Barton's brigade was heavily engaged on Saturday. A turning movement had evidently been anticipated and the Boers were strongly kopjes. Gen. Barton's brigade made a SERIES OF GALLANT ATTACKS

and carried one hill after another. Marquis of Lansdowne, in defending The strength of Gen. Hunter's force is not accurately known, but can hardly be less than 10,000.

Fleet street at midnight had several sensational stories about the exhuma- desultory firing. It is marvelous that claimed the government might have tion of British dead at Spytfontein, 1,600 casualties, and if the papers had the recent explosion, and the inquest on young Cronje at Cape Town, but there were few details.

With Barton and Hamilton's battles and Pole-Carew's passage of the Vet, the campaign has been opened with renewed vigor all along the line except in Natal, and while the British troops They are heavily outnumbered but are fighting well.

From mere than one source it is reported that Lord Roberts does not an ticipate any serious opposition south tions, which were successfully carried of the Vaal River. The Standard's telegram says the Free Staters are TIRED OF THE WAR

and are alarmed for their property, and the Transvaalers recognize the impossibility of continuing the struggle in the southern republic. This impression is to a certain extent borne out by reports from Lourenzo Marquez to the effect that Gen. Botha considers the Free Staters to be completely demoralized. According to a telegram from Copenhagen, Kruger himself takes a gloomy view of the republican prospects. Two months ago the Transvaal president appeared to Norwegian officers who paid him a visit, to be very old and broken and to recognize the futility of the Boer opposition.

No confirmation has yet been received of the report from Bloemfontein that Winburg has been occupied

The Express correspondent, with it was possible to make a detour. Gen. Hunter, in his account of the operations of the Mafeking relief was in action on Friday. This is interesting, as it suggested that Ger. Hart is assisting Gen. Hunter. The last time that the commander of the Irish brigade was heard of was in conjunction with Gen. Brabant, in the ad vance from the south for the relief of FIGHTING NEAR THABA N'CHU.

LORD ROBERTS'S DESPATCH TO THE WAR OFFICE.

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spatch from Lord Roberts, dated Vet River, Saturday, May 5, 7.15 p. m.: "I marched here today with Polethe same distance to our right.

"The enemy was in considerable strength on the opposite bank of the river. Our guns engaged theirs for able to force a passage of the river, but shortly before dusk, the mounted infantry, under Gen. Hutton, turned the enemy's right and, in a very dashing manner, pushed across the river under heavy shell and musketry fire. "We are now bivouacking for the night within three miles of Vet River. Our casualties, I hope, are not num-

"Hamilton was in action yesterday and succeeded in preventing a junction of two Boer forces by a well executed movement by some of the Household Cavalry, the Twelfth Lan-cers and Kitchener's Horse, who charged a body of the enemy and inflicted serious loss. The enemy fled, leaving their dead on the field and their wounded to be attended by our doctors.

"MacDonald's Highland Brigade dislodged the enemy on the right flank under cover of the naval guns, in which operation the Black Watch distinguished themselves and were very

"Hamilton was advancing this mornng to a difficult drift over the Kleinevet, or Little Vet River.

"Hunter reports that Barton's Brigade was heavily engaged this mornng two miles north of Roidan.

"The enemy's position was four miles long and strongly held. He states that our men marched magnificently and carried ridge after ridge in grand style. "Casualties in this force in Hamil-

ton's and Hunter's will be reported as soon as possible. "Capt. Miller, who was taken pris-

to Rundle's camp by the enemy with a severe wound in the abdomen. "Brabant reports that one sergeant and three men were captured on May

2, while on patrol, and that one of them, who had been brutally illtreated and left for dead by the Boers, was found the following day. "Lieut. Lilley, Victoria Mounted Brandford dangerously wounded, and has been carefully attended by the Netherlands' ambulance corps."

GEN. HUTTON'S GOOD WORK.

VET RIVER, Sunday, May 6.-Yesencountered the Boers holding Vet range. An artillery duel ensued. Gen. Pole-Carew started at daybreak yesterday on a 19 mile march. He entrenched for four miles on a line of first came into contact with Boers

holding the river at 1 o'clock, p. m. The British soon had two batteries in action, and later they added two naval nine-pounders, two 4.7 and 5 inch siege The Boers fired with great accuracy,

and the ducl continued unabated until sunset: and even later there was nobody on the British side was injur-

Gen. Hutten started early to find the drift on the west. When this was discovered it proved to be strongly held and protected by two guns. The British speedily engaged the Beers, who enfiladed the dismounted firing line with a Maxim, but Gen. Huttou pushed forward his own pom pom and galleave the river bed.

The encounter was terribly hot. Later the whole British force crossed the river, threatening the Boer right. HAMILTON AT WINBURG.

VET RIVER, May 6.—The Boers time news of Gen. Hamilton's occupa- retired the same day from positions tion of Winburg.

twenty-six Australians, who had crept there is nothing to retard Lord Robthemselves rear a kopje occupied by the Boers. After firing, they fixed bayonets and charged, capturing the week ago, and unless there is an eastinitiative.

Thus night fell. Early this mooning be massed at Kroonstad. it was discovered that the whole Boer force had fled. Gen. Hutton, during the night, got two squadrons to blow up the line

near Smaldeel. The British discovered yesterday at every hundred yards along the rail- are beginning to come in. Hamilton's way, concealed small packets of high management of the troops was excelexplosive. The Boers had destroyed three bridges over Spruits between here and Brandfort, but in every case

The Boers appear to be fighting with much less spirit. It is reported that fell back so rapidly that they could column, states that the Irish brigade they are commanded by Gen. Lucas not carry off two guns, which the

Meyer. The bridge over the Vet River is

Gen. Rundle, who has been pursuing the Boers with the Seventeenth Bri- make way for the passage of a porgade, two batteries and contingents of the Yeomanry and Mounted Infantry, LONDON, May 6, 3 p. m.-The war! succeeded in reaching them with his

WARRENTON, Sunday, May 6.-Yesterday Gen. Barton drove from 2,000 to 3,000 Boers from hilly positions at Rollan, where they awaited them. They retreated after stiff fighting, leaving a number of dead on the field. The British casualties were slight. Gen. Barton is still pursuing. Windsorton and Klipdam have been evacuated.

Gen. Paget's brigade is attacking the Boer position at Warrenton.
WARRENTON, Sunday, May 6.— The engagement yesterday was severe and lasted from in the morning until four in the afternoon. More than once the British infantry were obliged to engage the Boers at close quarter, and the Boers only retired when their retreat was nearly out off.

The British losses were five killed and 25 wounded, mostly Welsh Fusiliers. The British took a batch of prisoners, including the Swedish ambulance, which they allowed to return. The Boers, in their hurried retreat, left thirteen dead.

Today Gen. Paget made a strong demonstration against the Boer position east of the bridge, thereby preventing Boer reinforcements going to assist in checking Gen. Barton's ad-

GEN. BOTHA DISHEARTENED. LONDON, May 7.-The Lourenze Marquez correspondent of the Times. telegraphing Sunday, says:

"Gen. Botha has been to the Free State to rouse the burghers, but has returned disheartened and disgusted. From an unimpeachable source I learn that he has openly stated to friends that the Free Staters are so completely demoralized that it is hopeless to expect anything from them."

HABBI HERTZ HAS NO LOVE FOR THE BOERS.

NEW YORK, May 6.-Rev. Dr. Jos. H. Hertz, who was rabbi of the Mitwaterarand Hebrew congregation of Johannesburg, until last December. when he was expelled from the Transvaal by President Kruger, arrived here by the steamer Etruris, today. "I went to the Transvaal a strong Rifles, reported missing, was found at pro-Boer," said he. "But an insight into the Transvaal methods and an acquaintance with the leading afficials within the Transvaal and the Free State, as well as my personal experience while trying to remove obnoxious religious disabilities under which the terday the British, after a long march, Cathelics and the Jews suffer, gradu-

ally compelled me to see that the River, with six guns, two being of long Transvaal is not a republic, but rather an oligarchy, mis-governed on strictly mediaeval principles." (Special Cable to the New York Trib-LONDON, May 7.-The onrush of

Lord Roberts' army continues. The left wing advanced Sanday from Vet to Smalldeep without meeting with any resistance. The Boers had retreated towards Kroonstad, their mean guard being ten miles away. They blad left behind a large quantity of forage and railway naterial, and the British had also captured a Maxim gun and 25 prisoners. Gen. Roberts lays stress upon the gallantry of the Canadian and other colonial troops in rushing the passage of the Vet under a hot spell of musketry fire, and the special correspondents supply details which serve to prove that there is honorable emulation among them, and that it is hard to hold any of them loping Maxim and forced the Boers to back. The Queenslanders are conspicuous for bravery. Smalldeep is about one-fifth of the distance between Bloemfontein and Pretoria, and Kroonstad is another fifth. As Winburg is reported unofficially to have been occupied on Sunday by the right' wing under Gen. Hamilton after a sharp must have received about the same fight and hot pursuit, and as the Boers tion of Winburg.

About sunset a detachment of division free to march northward, unseen toward the river bed, found ert's advance. His two wings are closer together than they were when the northward advance was begun a kopje. All was done on their own ward diversion to Senekal, both columns can head for Sand River and

to Winburg was conducted with great spirit, and he had hard fighting on the way. Details of the cavalry charge and the work of the Highland brigade lent, and the finest qualities of the British cavalry and infantry were brought out. His pursuit of the enemy after the battle is reported to have been sharp and harrassing. The Boers British captured.

Lord Roberts has not reported officompletely destroyed. Gen. Hutton cially upon the movements of the captured a Maxim and took twelve right wing since Friday, but desprisoners. Winburg come from his camp.

There has been a theory among millitary men that Lord Roberts, would send a strong column through Senekal and Bethlehem to Harrismith and

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