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OCCUPATION OF BRANDFORT

Lord Roberts Reports that the Town Has Been Occupied Without Much Opposition.

POSITION IS AN IMPORTANT ONE

Seizure May Be the Means of Co-Operation With Gen. Buller-Boers Are Retreating in a Northeasterly Direction--Three Canadians Missing.

(Associated Press.) London, May 4.-News of the occupaion of Brandfort was issued by the war office at 10 o'clock this morning, thus onfirming the dispatch received by the Associated Press.

It is generally considered the most imortant communication received from the ont since the capture of Gen. Cronje nd the relief of Ladysmith. The fact that the position gives the

one of the main roads leading to he Drakenberg passes, which possibly may be the means of co-operation with deneral Buller later on, provides an adbase of supplies, and at the same

Menaces the Boers southeast of Bloemfontein, is obusly the reason of the importance atached by all hands to the intelligence. The Boer army at Brandfort was comnanded by Gen. Delarey. It is presumly retiring on Winburg. Brandfort is 35 miles nearer the

ansvaal capital, and is now Lord Robrts's headquarters. What particularly gratifies the British ic is the evidence that the army of ord Roberts in the Orange Free State as recovered its mobility and is again pable of undertaking the general ad-

ot there, if Lord Roberts Succeeds in Capturing Winburg, us interposing between the main Fedal army and the Boer forces in the ighborhood of Thaba Nchu and Houek, in which case the latter would be ed to move far to the eastward and eir mobility would probably enable m to reach the Bethlehem and Harmith line of safety.

The only opposition which the Britmet with at Brandfort seems to have from the Irish-American comman-

The central British army is now in line th the extreme left at Boshof under ord Methuen, and the extreme right at dslaagte, under Gen. Buller, so that e moving of these wings in co-operaon with the main army may shortly be

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

London, May 4.-Lord Roberts reports the war office as follows, under the late of Brandfort, May 3rd: "We occupied Brandfort to-day with-

out much opposition, and without, I ope, many casualties. The first brigade and mounted infan-

ry covered the left flank of the four- a Boer command. ath brigade of the seventh division, and the right flank was supported by the 5th brigade. "Pole-Carew's division advanced di-

tly on Brandfort. "The Boer army, which was under

mmand of Delarey, retired in a northasterly direction.

BOER RETREAT

Thaba Nchu, May 3.—The Boers have acuated Thaba Nchu hill and are beeved to be still trekking, though one un has shelled the camp indiscrimun-

Scouts report that some of the Boers tired towards Wepener. They believe the Boers evacuated the ition during the night, trekking to the rthward in three directions. Gen. French left to-day. Gen. Rundle command here.

is expected that Gen. Brabant will ect a junction at any moment.

CANADIANS MISSING.

atwa, May 4.—The militia departto-day received a cable from Sir Milner dated Capetown, May

It says: 5, Pte. H. Barr, Royal Canadian nt, died of enteric fever on April Bloemfontein, and 2551, Gun-Picot, D battery, Canadian artilied of enteric fever at De Aar to-

(Signed) Milner." officer commanding the first Canontingent reports from Bloemfondeath on the 2nd inst. of No. Pte. B. Liston, 90th Winnipeg

retary, was above suspicion of being Winburg, the country is rough and guilty of such conduct. Continging, Mr. Wyndham said he was prepared to discuss the question of the judgment and the discretion, but not of the honor or rectitude of the Marquis of Lansdowne. Many misconceptions in regard to the dispatches had already

Had Been Suppressed,

evaporated, including the belief that

Lord Roberts and Gen. Buller had crit-

icised Gen. Methuen's operations and

as supposed, by favoritism. The only point at issue was why the criticism of Gen. Buller had been published, if the government intended to leave him in command. Mr. Wyndham contended it was impossible to isolate the Spion Kop disclosures and treat them as no other dispatches had been treated in the history of the last hundred years. The war office, he asserted, had acted entirely in accordance with the Queen's Regulations. It was said that publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their commander, but Mr. Wyndham said that was not the view of the government nor the view of Gen. Buller, who was in the best position to

At this point, Mr. John Dillon, Irish Nationalist member for East Mayo, interrupted, saying he had never asserted that he wanted the dispatches published. Mr. Wyndham continued: gallant General had been applauded for saying he would

Stick to What He Had Written,

and would have made a great show of greeted with cries of "Oh! Oh!" Mr. Wyndham then said he thought

Gen. Buller had merely been unlucky and that Gen. Warren's services should not be overlooked, adding that while in publishing the dispatches the government had acted on its own responsibilifr, it had been confirmed in so doing by Warrenton, Cape Colony, May 4 .- A the opinion of Lord Roberts. The case nce so long retarded. It is hardly ex- British six-inch wire gun opened unex- for the government was that the right ted the Boers will make much of a pectedly on the Boer laager yesterday course was to publish what it had pub-I south of Kroonstadt and possibly at a distance of seven and a half miles, lished and no more. He was persuaded throwing hundred pound shells with that both Gen, Buller and Lord Roberts wonderful accuracy and causing a hasty had sent the dispatches home for publication. Did the House suppose harm was done to a commander by a dispatch day at all points by Howitzer and field showing his scheme was a good one and guns, supported by two companies of the ought to have succeeded, or by deciding Munster Regiment, the Boers being five points in his favor while one point was criticised? Was it fair to leave 40,000 or 50,000 men in doubt regarding what causes had made their heroism unavailing? Because Gen. Warren failed in a large independent command did not prove that he was unfitted for other work. With regard to Gen. Buller, "to attempt to apologize for him would be a great insult to so great a man, who had deserved well of his country and his troops would be glad to know his strategy was praised by Lord Roberts." Mr. H. Asquith, Liberal, and others

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Alleged Untenable Position

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Mr. Balfour, government leader, said

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at the expense of another. It was said

they meant to prepare the public for

the dismissal of Gen. Buller. Such at-

tacks were not worthy of the opponents

of the government, which by publishing

he continued, was accused of

of the government

Brabant's Camp, May 1 (by runner to Mafeteng) .- Brabant's division now occupies a strong position on a range of hills on the Ladybrand road, about 20 miles from Wepener.

retreat of the burghers.

put out of action.

(or Raymond), 62nd St. John Fusiliers,

Canadian Mounted Riffes, 1st battalion,

"The following have been reported

missing since April 23rd: 410, Sgt. R. H.

Ryan, reserve officer; 263, Corporal T. E.

Linden, Royal Canadian Dragoons; 276,

Pte. P. Hyry, Royal Canadian Dra-

Toronto, May 4.-An Evening Tele-

gram cable says Driver Knight, of the

mounted police, was slightly wounded in

the battle at Jacobrust in which Cotton,

of Ottawa, was reported killed in yes

BURGHERS CAPTURED.

Aliwal North, May 4.—Smithfield was occupied yesterday by Gen. Hart's brigade. Out of the 150 Boers in the town,

25 were captured and the rest decamp-

Ladybrand was recently full of Boer

vounded, who have now been removed

The bombardment was continued to:

driven from shelter and their guns being

BRABANT'S POSITION.

ENEMY'S LAAGER.

slightly wounded in action.

The troops are confronted by a large force of Boers, who recently occupied Wepener, and who have now been located in the mountain known in the Free State as Zwartlapberg.

This morning the Borderers' Horse, under Col. Maxwell, came in contact with the Boer outposts, but returned to camp after locating the enemy.

Later a group of 500 Boers was discovered marching past the Boer position, but the British were unable to tell whether they were friend or enemy until they had disappeared in a hollow a few miles away, when they proved to be

SPION KOP DISPATCHES. Debate in the Imperial House of Commons.

London, May 4.-The' House went into committee of supply to-day on the war office vote, and Mr. Walter Runcieman, Liberal, started the debate on the publication of the Spion Kop dispatches. He declared the government had disregarded every consideration except publicity, and asserted that the responsibility for the publication rested entirely with politicians, "although in this case the secretary of war had deliberately attempted to throw the responsibility on the commander-in-chief." The public, Mr. Runcieman asserted, had expected the recall of the censured commanders, as in the case of General Gatacre, in- the dispatches simply followed precestead of which Gen. Warren had been dent. Was the government to undersent to administer a large territory,

while Gen. Buller retained his command. patch. He added that the Marquis of assembly of gentlemen. Lansdowne, the war secretary, was

116 votes.

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had deliberately attempted to throw the dently losing no time in following up the responsibility on the commander-in- substantial advantage gained by the occhief." The public, Mr. Runcieman as- cupation of Brandfort, and his whole serted, had expected the recall of the force is apparently moving on Winburg. censured commanders, as in the case of | The place mentioned in Lord Roberts's General Gatacre, instead of which Gen. dispatches to the war office this morning

Warren had been sent to administer a as "Nealwelkot" cannot be found on the large territory, while Gen. Buller retain- maps, and it is likely that it is a cable error, for near Vet Kop, in which case In reply Mr. Wyndham said he re- Gen. Ian Hamilton seems to be midway sented the grave insinuation that the between Houtenek and Winburg, and secretary of war was guilty of anything has thus got between Winburg and Gen. dishonorable in requesting Gen. Buller Olivier's command from Wepener, which to rewrite his dispatch. He added that is occupying Thaba Patchoa. the Marquis of Lansdowne, the war sec- | Between Thaba Nchu, Ladybrand and

Suited for the Boer Tactics,

so the British are liable to be considerably harassed before they capture the stronghold.

Experts differ as to whether Lord Roberts is bound towards Kroonstadt or Bethlehem. The latter place is the terminus of the line joining with the Natal railroad at Van Reenan's Pass, and the capture of that place would probably compel the Boers to leave the Drakenberg range and thus open the way for Gen. Buller's advance.

The British have to repair the bridge over the Vet before the railroad between Brandfort and Winburg is available.

ENGAGED THE ENEMY.

London, May 5 .- Lord Roberts reports to the war office under the date of Brandfort 4th, as follows: "Hamilton advances to-day to Neal-

"He was engaged with the enemy throughout the march. He speaks in praise of the behaviour of the troops, especially Broadwood's brigade of cavalry and mounted infantry."

ALLEGED PLOT.

Capetown, May 5.-The South African News, in recording the fact that the policeman who was guarding Premier Schreiner's house has been shot, adds candor if he thought no one would know that the policeman was smoking a cigar what he had written." This remark was at the time and asserts that the bullet was evidently intended for the Premier who is an inveterate smoker.

The South African papers are making a sensation out of the affair, declaring an anti-Dutch plot is on foot.

ADVANCE TO PRETORIA. Mounted Infantry Proceeding to Vet River-Passage of the Vaal.

evening posted the following bulletin from Lord Roberts, dated Brandfort, Friday, May 4th: "The mounted infantry have gone on will reach there to-morrow. The rail-

London, May 4.—The war office this

to the Vet river; the rest of the force way has been renaired to Brandfort "Hunter reports very satisfactory news, that the passage of the Vaal has been carried at Windsorton without op-

The Gazette this evening contains French's report of the disaster to the Suffolk Regiment in the Colesberg district January 5, which he attributes entirely to the fact that a majority of the four companies of the regiment engaged were seized with panic and retired. He pays a high tribute to the officers of the regiment and the men who remained with them.

WRECKED IN ST. LAWRENCE. British Steamer Runs Ashore-Fate of the Crew Unknown.

they asserted had been so grievously (Associated Press.) Mr. John MacNeill, Irish Nationalist, St. John. Nfld., May 4.-The British declared the only reason for withholding criticism of Lord Methuen was because steamer Montpelier, of the Elder-Demphe had been ordered to save Mr. Cecil ster line of Liverpool, from Cardiff April 7th and Las Palmas April 20th for Mr. Labouchere, Advanced Liberal, Montreal, while bound up the St. Lawdeclared the government was charged with deliberately undertaking to "cook

rence, went ashore last night in a dense fog at Duck Island, three miles from dispatches for presentation to the Brit-Cape Ray at the entrance to Cabot ish public," adding: "All honor to Bulstrait. ler, who refused to be a party to deceiv-Nothing has been heard of the crew.

The ship is probably a total loss. Later-The Monpelier struck at nine Mr. Labouchere had-made it a question o'clock last night and beat out her bow and bottom on the rocks. She is break lic servant. He added that his speech ing to pieces to-day. Her crew landed to-day from the steamer's boats, in tacks of persons who had discovered which they spent the night lying off the the meanest and basest motives in the coast waiting for daylight. The crew government's action. The government, had many narrow escapes while launching the boats in the darkness.

KILLED DOGS FOR FOOD

Terrible Sufferings of Miners on the Way to Cape Nome. (Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, May 4.-John McGill, now at

Dawson, sends the following to his mothstand as a result of to-day's criticisms that no further dispatches were to be er in this city: There are at least two Mr. Wyndham, in reply, quoted the published? He repudiated most earnest- men now living at Nome who knew how Duke of Wellington as a precedent for ly the accusations hurled at the seretary dead dogs taste, and that, too, without the publication of the dispatches. In of state for war and said he thought it pepper or salt to season it and make it ing 15 minutes afterwards. so doing he said he resented the grave shocking that such accusations should be a little more palatable. These men are insinuation that the secretary of war made in the House of Commons, claim- J. Rice, who owns the two-story buildwas guilty of anything dishonorable in ing that no worse or more scandalously ing opposite the steamer John Reilly, on requesting Gen. Buller to rewrite his dis- unjust accusations could be made in any Snake river, and Walter Pilgrim, manager of the Eldorado saloon. Last year Mr. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Rice was in the Kotzebue country, and above suspicion of being guilty of such Liberal leader, said all Mr. Balfour was one of a number who started in Apcoculd do was to appeal to mere party | ril on an 800 mile journey to Nome. In Mr. Runcieman's motion to reduce fidelity. The government, he asserted, all there were seventeen men in the party the war office vote was rejected 215 to had no precedent for its action and had or on the trail. The journey was a hard departed from the immemorable prac- and difficult one, and so much time was tice of the army. He also claimed that | consumed on the trip that the men found London, May 4.-Mr. Runcieman's its defence was utterly insufficient and their provisions getting low. When they motion to reduce the war office vote led that the opposition would now record struck the Fish River district they were its vote of condemnation of the conduct | in a sore plight. One day one of the dogs was killed and eaten by the famish-A vote on Mr. Runcieman's motion to ed men. Twelve dogs were thus eaten had disregarded every considera- reduce the war office vote, in censure on | and the lives of the men were saved.'

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ALLEGED LOTTERY.

Action by the United States Post Office

Buffalo, May 4.-A special to the Express from Washington says: "The Post Office Department issued a fraud order on December 16th last against the National Society of Sculpture, and Timothy Archambault, of Quebec, Canada, for using the United States mails in conducting an alleged lottery. Pierre Longtin, also of Quebec, it is said then took up the scheme where the others left off, using their letter heads and literature. A fraud order was issued against him under date

of April 17th. "It now appears that A. W. Blouin of Montreal, is conducting the fraud, claiming to have been elected recently a director of the National Society of Sculpture which has its head office in Quebec. This is the third shift of base, d the department has kept pace with it by issuing a fraud order against Blouin. The likeli hood is that Archambault, Longtin and Blouin are the same person. In each case all exchange offices with Canada were notified and word sent to each of the 75,-000 offices in this country. The department is determined to prevent the introduction of lotteries from other countries, and will continue operating against the 'National Society of Sculpture' as long as the fraud is perpetrated."

Dominion **Finances**

Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of Ten Months of the Fiscal Year.

Expenses Will Be Met and No Addition Made to Public

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, May 5.-The statement of revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for ten months of the fiscal year,

ended June 30th last, appears in today's Canada Gazette. The revenue for this period was \$40,-880,220, an increase of \$3,647,000 over the same period of last year. There was \$810,000, which left a betterment of consolidated

fund when compared with last year. There 096,347, but a number of accounts are left over to the last of the fiscal year. However, Mr. Fielding's prediction of will be sufficient revenue to meet all expenditures without adding one dollar to the public debt. This has only been ac- as the gorgeous banquet proceeded. complished twice since Confederation

The capital account for ten months was \$6,717,153, or \$628,000 less than for the same period of last year. The revenue for the month was over \$100,000 less than for April, 1899, due to

a decrease in excise and miscellaneous. CANADIAN BRIEFS.

(Associated Press.) London, May 5.-Stephen Turrill, the of this city, is dead, aged 58 years

14,000,000 lemons from Mediterranean speeches. Colborne, May 5.-Nathaniel Gaffield.

township, is dead, aged 78. Yarmouth, N. S., May 5.-Writs for a Salisbury. bye-election for the local legislature to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Law, have been issued. Nomelections on May 22nd.

that there had been no evidence, either eigns. medical or otherwise, to show the cause

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, May 5.-While handling a revolver this morning, Alex. Sabiston, head of the firm of the Sabiston Lithographing & Engraving Co., accidentally shot himself in the temple, death result-

AMERICAN TERRITORY. Porto Rico Subject to the Constitution of the United States.

(Associated Press.) St. Paul, Minn., May 4-United States

District Judge Lochren, in this city, has decided that the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and act of congress.

citizen, he was entitled to a trial by jury. | scarcely discuss it.

By Gable From London

Fashionable Attendance at Newmarket Races--Prince's Victory a Popular One.

National Bazaar to Be Held This Month in Aid of Army Charities.

Japanese Prince Visiting the Metropolis-Inspects Gun . Works.

(Associated Press.) London, May 5.-This has been a week of dinners and speeches. Now that the Royalties and their suites have trooped

back across the Irish channel, semi-political and private dinners have made the nights of the metropolis gay, while the racing at Newmarket scarcely ever before drew a more fashionable attendance. The victory of the Prince of Wales, whose horse, Diamond Jubilee, won the 2,000 Guineas Stakes, added to the enthusiasm, and the great race course became the promenade for the

Aristocratic Personages

in the country, who chatted, betted, lunched and cheered just as heartily as though there was no death struggle being waged in the plains of Africa. Among these at Newmarket were the Prince of Wales, the King of Sweden, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lord and Lady Howe, Lord and Lady Rothschild and all the leading members of the nobility. The Queen's birthday, May 24th, in addition to being marked by unusual public rejoicing, will be made the occasion for a great national bazaar for

army charities, and will be patronized

by all the members of the royal fam-

Of the recent dinners None Were More Striking an increase in ordinary expenditures of than the banquet given at the Hotel Cecil Monday evening last by the British troops in South Africa, and of the Auswas for ten months an expenditure of tralian federation delegates, when the \$28,793,000, leaving a surplus of \$12,- Prince of Wales made his first public appearance after the attempt to assassinate him. As he rose to reply to a toast he received a tremendous ovaa surplus of \$7,500,000 at the close of tion. He was unusually pale, and the the fiscal year will be realized, and there nervous tone in which he said "We're all in the hands of God" betrayed the intense emotion he was undergoing, but

Great Britain's future king

Regained That Geniality for which he is distinguished and mirth. ful laughter prevailed at the royal table. His Royal Highness also on the occasion inaugurated a custom which may become popular at large public dinners. where the guests are so numerous that they can scarcely recognize each other. With his coffee and cigars, the Prince's special attendant brought him a huge well-known market gardener and florist pair of field glasses, with which he carefully scrutinized the long tables and the Montreal, May 5.—Steamer Jacona, of galaxy of bejewelled women who filled the Thomson line, has arrived here with the balconies in order to hear the

Prince Katohite, of Japan, who is here, is combining an inspection of rapid a pioneer and one of the most respected fire and other gun works and various and prosperous farmers of Cramahe military researches, with visits to the Queen, the Prince of Wales and Lord

is a cousin of the Emperor of Japan, inations take place on May 5th, and the who adopted him. He is now an active colonel in the Japanese army, having re-Petrolea, May 5.-A heavy fall of ceived his education in France. The snow occurred here yesterday afternoon. Prince leaves London on May 8th and Collingwood, May 5.—The jury in the will visit the principal European courts, Weldon tragedy has brought in a verdict apparently with the semi-official purpose that Amelia Weldon came to her death of strengthening the cordiality between by some cause unknown to them, and the Mikado and the European sover-

The decision of the Archbishop of of death. They also gave it as their Canterbury and York made public on opinion that the circumstances in con- May 1st, on the subject of the reservanection with the case were very mys- tion of the sacrament, in which they terious. The Weldons, father and son, said they were obliged to decide that were immediately released from custody. the Church of England did not allow reservation in any form and those believing it ought to be permitted while justified in endeavoring to get the law altered were not justified in preparing reservation until the law was changed. has created speculation among the laity and clergy regarding the outcome. The extreme ritualists have always demurred

Against Civil Authorities

but they are now under the ban of the highest Episcopal court, which they swear to obey when ordained, yet it does' not appear they are more willing to give up their practices than before. As the Daily Graphic, which is a churchman's paper, says: "It needs no gift of prophecy to foretell that the Church of England cannot continue as an organ-Spain made Porto Rico American ter- ized body if any large section of the ritory and subject to the constitution of clergy follow the advice of the extreme the United States without any further ritualists. If the high church clergy claim to be a law unto themselves, they The decision was given in the case of must either leave the church or shatter Raphael Ortis, a Porto Rican, who is it." Many churchmen and Conservaseeking release from the state prison at live papers not engaged in the contro-Stillwater on the ground that his trial versy, are considering the question of for murder by military court was un- dis-establishment, a remedy hitherto so lawful, because as an American repugnant to them that they would

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