French's Cavalry and Hamilton's Mounted the alarm and frightened the Boers are lined all the hills on attack by British troops advancing by Infantry Trying to Intercept Boer Retreat.

Believed that the Burghers Will Make a Stand at Thaba N'chu.

Report that Methuen Has Withdrawn from Bshof Not Believed-Artillery Duel Near Warrenton - Mafeking's Distress-Trouble in the Cape Cabinet.

SITUATION AT MAFEKING. LONDON, April 25 .- Lady Sarah

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Willson, in a despatch to the Daily Mail. from Mafeking, dated April 8th, says : "Our bread is now made entirely of oats and is full of husks. This causes much illness.

"The news of the check of the re-Neving column is a terrible disap-pointment. Last Briday 33 natives is-sued forth to recover some cattle which had been looted by the Boers. They were beirayed by unfriendly pa-tives to the Boars, who surrounded them while they were sleeping, and shot them all but one, giving no quarter. One escaped to tell the tale. "The natives are now mad for revenge, and it will be very difficult 'to control them.

"The bombasdment continues. Our casualties to combatants up to the end of March aggregated 368 in killed and wounded."

and wounded." The Mafeking correspondent of the Times, telegraphing April 9th, gives a gloomy account of the depression, due to the probability of the slege lasting until the end of May.

DEATH OF FIVE CANADIANS FROM FEVER.

LONDON, April 24.- A statement issued by the war office shows that among the men who have died from enteric feyer at Bloemfontein are : Sargeant A. Beattle, C. Co., Toronto,

horse sickness ceased, and that the British would, therefore, not suffer much longer on this account. The death of Gen. De Villebois Mareuil was, in Capt. Leon's opinion, a

WEPENER RELIEVED.

Botha, the new commander-in-chief, he characterized as a "capable and daring general, upon whom the Boers could reckon considerably." When his opinion of the British

are absolutely worthless. Their incompetence surpasses all belief. The errors they have committed are enornous and incomprehensible."

MORE BOERS FOR ST. HELENA. CAFE TOWN, April 24 .- The transport Bavarian will sail for St. Helena omorrow with 1,050 Boer prisoners.

CLOTHES AND TOBACCO FOR

CAPE TOWN, April 24 .- The av thorities have already listed the names of 12,000 alleged rebels in Cape

A consignment of thousands boots, shirts, clothes and packages of tobacco will be despatched from here temorrow to the United States consul at Fretoria, Adelbert S. Hay, for distribution among the British soldiers held as prisoners by the Boers.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1900.

some mysterious route. "The Irish-American brigade, chiefly so-called 'ambulance men,' left Pre-toria Sunday under Col. Blake, after being addressed by President Kruger, to which the men responded with an

American college cheer. "The Boers assert that Lord Roberts is waiting for 20,000 horses. No sec-ous fighting is expected until the end of May."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, says: "Yesterday the Boers formed a new laager near Windsorton. The force there consists of Prieska, Campbell and Griqueines rebels about 500

LONDON, April 26.—The Times has the following from a special corres-pondent, dated Mafeking, Basutoland, April 95. LONDON TIMES SPECIALS April 25:

"I rode from Jammersburg here, skirting Weyener, and met Gen. Bra-bant's advance guard four miles south of Weyener. They report three successful fights, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, with twenty-two casualties. Durned a "The slege was raised and 5,060 of prisoner. the enemy retircd along the Lady. brand road within our sight and un-pursued. Col. Dalgety's casualties are 33 killed and 132 wounded. A despatch to the Times from

Dewets Dorp late Wednesday says Gen. Rundle arrived there that norning. The Lovrenzo Marquez correspond-

WINTER CLOTHING FOR OUR BOYS.

TORONT'), April 25.—If the imperial government does not clothe the Can-adian troops to withstand the winter in South Africa the work will be done by the Red Gross societs'. A couple of days ago Côl. Otter cabled he needed 125 pounds for winter clothing and comforts for the men under him. The bolt the ROMERLEY FROM

and the latter, having no cannon, was forced to return to camp. At the main positions a constant

cannonade was maintained, but there was little rifle fire. The British camp was observed at inset to be hastily packing up, and was subsequently removed behind the hills, the troops in the schanzes firing volley after volley to distract atten-

can be added to Gen. Roberts's Drief despatch. Israel's Poort, which he mentions, dors not appear on the mans, but it is assumed that it is be-tween Sannas Post and Thaba N'chu, and its abandonment seems to show that the Boers do not intend to de-fend thebe. N'shy outbout to The prise mers declared the British

shot through the head, legs and arms, ut continued at the guns, and Field three Engelbrecht was killed while bung up and giving orders. The so during the two days was three fend Thaba N'chu, although it is a strong natural fortress, There is during the two days was three and twelve wounded. The Brit-loss is unknown, but where their ink was driven back today : number of dead were left on the field. Nam Kelly-Kenny's left was beaten back yesterday and his right today.

UNISHED FOR TREACHERY.

, BUNISHED FOR TREACHER BLOEMFONTEIN, April 25.-Rich-ter farm, near Leeuw Kop, from which, while flying the white flag, the Canal ans were fired upon, has been Dachter is a Cana ans were fired upon, has been burned as a punishment. Richter is a

AN ARTILLERY DUEL. WARRENTON, Wednesday, April

25. The Boars, having become emthe trenches, and it became necesin their strength.

Monday night Col. Paget placed sev The Lourenzo Marquez correspond-ent of the Times, telegraphing Tues-day, says: "It is asserted that the Boers are collecting enormous quantities of pro-visions at depots in the Lydenburg district, with a view to a final stand in the mountains." Monday night Col, Paget placed sev-emal guns on the river bank under cover of the darkness, within 1,009 yands of the Boer trenches, across the river. The horses and cardiages were without yn beyond range; and at day-the Bottish opened a heavy bom-in the mountains. district, with a view to a minute of the second sec wich, it is believed; considerable loss. There were no casualties on the Bri were no casualties on the Bri-e. During the evening the

the Boers from a strong position at nas Post and Thaba N'chu. General

arated on two kopjes, with the Boer

WAR SUMMARY.

said regarding the prospect of inter-cepting the main body is that the

There is little doing at the other

centres. The tenth division under

Gen. Hunter, of which nothing has

been heard since it embarked at Dur-

ban, is, according to a Kimberley

correspondent, arriving there daily.

however, that Gen. Hunter is to co-

Paardeberg affair.

in between. "At sumrise on Wednesday the Boar guns commenced to hurl shell "apon the Jevoted Iritimeen, who, however, refused to surrender, but fought with the utmost flerceness for three hours. At ten o'clock, hewever, the British commanding officer saw that further resistance would only involve a use-less waste of life, as his military posi-tion was quite hopetess, and he there-fore holsted a white flag. "Twelve officers sorrowfully handed LONDON, April 27.-The widely extended operations in the eastern part of the Orange Free State continues, but they have not yet reached a point that enables an indication of their result. Indeed, there is again little that can be added to Gen. Roberts's brief

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fore holisted a white mag. "Twelve officers sorrowfully handed over their swords to Gen. Dewet, and 459 non-commissioned officers and men surrendered. All the misomers were forthwith sent to Thaba. N'Ohu, under escort, and Gen. Dewet continued his march toward Weppiner."

WILL HAVE A GOOD MFFECT. strong natural fortress. There is even less appearance now than for-merly of the Prilish succeeding in cut-fing off the retreating enemy, and its likely that Gen. Roberts will be com-pelled to be satisfied with having cleared his right fiank and secured his BLOEMFONTEIN, April 26.-Get de-Carew's forces are seven with of Deweindorp. They are whited at the failure to sucrem mmunications. Even this may latter, trusting to British leniency, had he only partially effected, as it is pro- played the game of pretending to sur bable that many of the Free State render and of taking every opport Boers in the course of the retreat will ity to fight. Wherever he found F return to their farms, apparently with peaceful intent, but will hide their arms for future use. All that can be horses:

BOER LOSSES SLIGHT.

pursuit is being pressed by General French with cavalry and Rundles' yeomanty towards. Ladybrard, and DEWETSDORP, O. F. S., April 25. DEWETSDORP, O. F. S., April 25, 5 p. m. Gen. Erench arrived yesterday, with a very strong cavalry force. This morning Gen, Handle moved around to the right from the south, and soon discovered that the Boer force had evacuated the place during the night. The British found three of their own wounded and six wounded Boers in the hospital. They had been well taken care of. The Boers losses are slight. that infantry supporting Col. Hamilton's mounted infantry have occupied without opposition, a mountain which, according to one statement, domin-ates the Ladybrand district. If the Boer columns which seem to be now directed by Commandant Gen. Boths escape, there will be considerable disappointment here, the public having slight set their hearts on a repetition of the

WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT .-

LONDON, April 26, midnight.-The war office publishes the following des-patch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 26:

"Gen. Ian Hamilton yesterday dro apparently portending a new and un-suspected movement. It is probable, the enemy off a strong position Israel's Poort by a well conceived to ing movement, which was admirubly carried out by Gen. Ridley, come mander of the Second Mounted Infan-try brigade, and Gen. Smith-Dorrien, commanding the 18th brigade. These operate with Gen. Methuen, who is making no headway, and who remained at Boshof on Thursday, where the Boers are opposing him. They have been seen nicar Frankfort, half way troops are today advancing toward between Boshof and Kimberley, and they still hold the Vaal River. Thaba N'Chu.

"Our losses were slight; only one yet eported-Major Marshall, Grahamstown Mounted Rifles, severe wound in the shoulder.'

Israel's Poort, which lies between San- DIVISION IN THE DUTCH MINIS-CAPE TOWN, April 26, 10.50 a. m.— There is a reasonable belief that there is a division in the Dutch ministry respecting the appointment of a tri-bunal to try the colonial tobels. Prime Minister Schreiner and Attorney General Soloman are in favor of the creation of such a tribunal, while the other members oppose it. The Ons Land and News have recently sharply criticised Mr. Schreiner and attacked Mr. Soloman for their refusal to agree to a postponement of the trial of the Sunnyside rebels.' Mr. Schreiner is also using his influence to prevent a meeting of the land congress, which the Ons Land, the Dutch organ, advocates. There is an active agitation among the members of the Bond to shelve Schreiner and Solomon. The party, however, will hardly be able to do without Schreiner, who is not a man to be cocreed. There are rumors that Schreiner and Soloman are in favor of annexation of the Boer republics. LONDON, April 27,-A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria says that the government inquiry into the Johannesburg explosion resulted. in the suspicion that it was a planned outrage. The explosion occurred in a house outside the works. Probably soo pounds of nitro glycerine exploded. The quantity of this explosive in Begbie's works did not exceed 200 jounds. The machinery in the factory was but: little damaged, and work will be resumed in a fortnight. The Daily Mail's Lorenzo Marquez correspondent says it is supposed Englishmen caused the explosion in Johannesburg. This suspicion is likely to hasten the expulsion of the English remaining in the Transvaal, It is feared that the Boers will make reprisals on the mines. <text> CANADIANS AT LEEUW KOP.

very great loss to the Boers. Louis

renerals was asked, he replied: "They

BRITISH PRISCNERS.

Colony and Natal.

DEFENDERS OF LACYYSMITH

large body of horses to the hills south Dewets Dorp. Gen. Dewet immedi-ately despatched Gen. Wessels with bree cannon to head off the British, sure, and eldest son of Lady Randolphs Churchili (formerly Miss Jennie Jerome of New York), for parliament, to succeed the Duke of Argylf, who, as the Marquis of Lorne, represented South Manehester in the house of commons until the recent death, of his father.

tion from the camp, which was seri-ously damaged by the Free State

numbered 25,000 men. Lieut. Losberg of the artillery was

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HAS ONLY ONE EYE.

PARIS. April 23.-Oaptain Leon. the French engiaeer, who had charge, of the Boer artillery and engineers, and who was shot in the head during the siege of Kimberley, arrived at Marscilles today. His head is still bandaged, and the sight of the left eye is

In the course of an interview he descnibed the Boers as "splendid artillerists." He said they never had more than from 36,000 to 40,000 men under arms, and of these they had lost only 6.000. of whom only 600 had been killed.

"In my opinion," said Capt. Leon. "unless the Boers win an important victory near Bloemfontein, they must be beaten in the end; and although Pretoria could withstand a long siege because it still possesses cannon and emplacements for those temporarily withdrawn. I believe the plan of the Boers is to take refuge in the mountalinous region to the north, which is imaccessible, rather. than to defend Pretoria at the risk of a heavy loss of life and the exposure of the population to the fire of the British.

"Even when Great Britain declares the Transvaal annexed, the Boers will never yield: and an army of 150.000 will be needed to occupy the country." Speaking with reference to the cli-

Quebec; G. Adams, B Co., London, BANQUETTEL. Ont.; Burphy (?) and Blight, C Co., PORTSMOUTH, Eng., April 24.-Toronto, all of whom belonged to the Captain Hedworth Lambion and the

naval brigade of her majesty's first class cruiser Powerful, after a march through the city today, were banquetted at the town hall this evening. The mayor's guests included Lieut, Gen.

Sir Geo. White, the defender of Ladysmith, and the Earls of Durham and North Brook. The line of march was gaily decorated with flags and crowded with troops and citizens. At the banquet the galleries were filled with ladies aand children. The choral societies participated in the ceremonics of welcome.

Captain Lambton responded to the tcast "The Naval Brigade." and Sir George White eulogized the services of the Blue Jackets at the relief of Ladysmith.

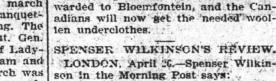
HIS LAST SHOT.

LONDON, April 25 .- A despatch from Buluwayo, dated April 17, says: ready.' "There were some gallant deeds dur-

ing Col. Plumers' recent fighting in his attempt to relieve Mafeking. Capt. Crewe was killed while trying to bring in Capt. Gates, whose horse had been shot. Trooper Lee, who had been wounded, said: 'Comrades, don't mind me; I'm done for. Give me a rifle till I have one more shot.' A rifle was handed to him and he fired one shot, after which he rolled over dead."

LONDON DAILY MAIL SPECIALS. LONDON, April 26 .- The Daily Mail has the following from Lourenzo Marquez, dated April 25:

"A daring attempt to destroy the mate of South Africa, Capt. Leon said bridge at Komatipoort Sunday night the season was now approaching when was frustrated by Kaffirs, who gave



"The British army deployed in the Free State may now be used for a converging attack on Thaba N'chu, unless the Boers are in a strong position and great numbers there, a mere concentric advance may well suffice

to compel their retreat. "Generals Brabant and Hart are more likely to pursue the Boers retreating in the direction of Ladybrand These possibilities are all based upon the assumption that the decisive al vance has now begun and that the army was not spread out until it was

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

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LONDON, April 25 .- The war office casualties prior to the occupation of Denny of the Thirteenth Hussars was killed and that a captain, two lieutenants and twenty-two men were wounded.

Captain Prothero, who was wounded at Karreefontein, has since died.

WEPENER RELIEVED.

LONDON, April 25 .- The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 25, 3.25 p. m.:

"The enemy retired from in front of Wepener last night, and this morning fled northeastward along the Lady brand road.

"Their number was between 4,000 and 5,000."

CAPE TOWN, Thursday, April 26 .-The relief of Col. Dalgety was accom plished by Gen. Brabant.

FROM BOER POINT OF VIEW.

April 21.-When Gen. Dewet's scouts announced Thursday evening that Gen. Kelly-Kenny's and Gen. Fundle's columns were advancing on Dewets Dorp, he ordered "Up saddle" and moved with the Ficksburg commando and Gens. Cronje, Olivier and Wessels to intercept their march. This was successful Friday morning. While the Eritish occupied the grassy hills at 'Taljard's farm and Dewet those immediately southwest of Dewets Dorp, facing the British, Cronje delaying occupying an important hill which the British took at noon. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning rifle firing com-menced briskly. The British had made trenches and had thrown up schanzes. At 11 o'clock the Free State cannon and Maxim guns opened fire, and the former constantly dropped shells into the British camp. Darkness stopped the fighting until eleven, when the Pethlehem men on the extreme right heard some British in their immedi-

ate vicinity and opened fire. Their commandant stepped out into the darkness and discovered a wounded man and fifteen British, who declared they had lost their way while searching for water. At daybreak thirteen

more British strayed into camp. In the morning the British started an outflanking movement, sending a

contorts for the men under him. The second s ets Dorp. S and t

> BRITISH PRISONERS AT KROON STADT.

KROONSTADT. April 24. via Lourenzo Marquez, April 25, 2.30 p. m.-Three prisoners belonging to the British Yeomanry were brought here to-Commandiant Prinsloo of the Orange Free State, who was arrested ecently on the charge of high treason

has been found guilty and sentenced The to nine months' imprisonment. leniency of the sentence is due to the convicted man's advanced age. The hard fighting at Dewet's Dorp con-

PRISONERS' QUARTERS UNFIT FOR HABITATION.

LONDON, April 25 .- Mr. Mitchell, the engineer of the Pretoria waterworks, who was expelled by the Transvanil covernment, has arrived at Dur

ban. He reports that the British prihas issued Lord Roberts' list of the soners' camp at Watervala is unfit for habitation. The accommodations con-Dewets Dorp, showing that Captain sist of a wall and a lean to roof with wooden uprignts. The majority of the prisoners are

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compelled to sleep in the open. No resident doctors at the camp have been provided, though there are 150 cases of fever. The water is black and muddy.

Pretoria sympathizes with the prison ers. Have given £3,000 to provide comforts for them.

DO NOT AGREE.

persistent rumors in circulation here of dissension in the Cape cabinet. It is said that W. P. Schreiner, the premier, and R. Solomon, attorney geueral, favor the annexation of the Transvaal and the Free State, that J. W. Sauer, commissioner of public

works, and Dr. T. Water, minister without portfolio, advocate the independence of the republics, and that J. X. Herriman, treasurer, is neutral.

J. Rose Innes, former leader of the opposition in the assembly, is frequently mentioned in connection with the formation of a coalition ministry. A very favorable impression was created here by the friendly tone adopted by the United States consul general, James G. Stowe. in his

speech at the banquet of the society of St. George the other evening. MAINE TO RETURN TO CAPE TOWN. LONDON, April 25.-The American hospi-tal ship Maine will return to Cape Town May. 1st.

ROBERTS WAS CONSULTED.

LONDON, April 25.—Speaking in London this evening, the president of the Board of Trade, Charles Thomson Ritchie, said it was a celusion to suppose that the Spion Kop despatches were published without the con-sent of Lord Roberts. He declared also that their publication did not necessitate a recall of Sir Redvers Buller.

OPINION OF AN ANGLICAN ARCH-BISHOP.

TO NOMINATE WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Hamilton has probably by this time arrived at Thaba N'chu, as he is using his utmost endeavors to cut off the Boers, who are retreating from Dew-A report comes that a small force of

LONDON, April 27, 5 a. m.-General

Ian Hamilton, on Wednesday, drove

British mounted infantry had a brush ten miles east of Karree Siding with a party of Boers who were trying th establish a connection between Brand fort and the Boer forces to the southward.

Otherwise there is no news beyond the official despatches of Lord Roberts, except belated details of recent operations.

AMERICAN SCOUTS SHOT. BOER CAMP, Brandfort, April 23 .--Some American scouts who were captured by the Boers have been shot.

BRITISH COLUMN REPULSED. BRANTFORT, Orange Free State, April 23 (Monday).—A British column in the direction of Bultfontein and Hoopstad has been beaten back THE JOHANNESBURG EXPLOSION through Boshof. The federals sustained two casualties, and the British had twelve men killed and a number wounded. Yesterday General Kelly-Kenny's artillery at Dewets Dorp indulged in a mild bombardment of Gen. Dewet's position, the firing last ing through the morning. The scarcity of water is supposed to be very pressing at Bloemfontein. A desperate attempt was made by a large British force in two columns, yesterday, to recapture the waterworks. Their right flank was beaten back, however; a party of fifty were CAPE TOWN, April 25 .- There are cut off and twelve men were killed. The Johannesburg command has captured a British scout. Some American scouts have been shot.

THE REDDERSBURG DISASTER.

LOURENCO MARQUEZ, Wednesday, April 25.-A correspondent of the Standard and Diggers' News with the Boer commander, Gen. Dewet, gives a full description of the British disaster at Reddersburg. He says:

"Five hundred Irish Rifles entered Dewetsdorp on April 1, under Capt, McWhinnie, and demanded the surrender of the town, which was readily given. Capt. McWhinnie was surprised to hear that a Boer force was approaching, and he retreated to Reddersburg.

"Gen. Dewet, fresh from his brilliant victory at Sannas Post, followed the retreat along a range of kopjes for hours. The two opposing forces went into camp on different sides of the range. Gen. Dewet knew all about the British positions and movements, but the Irish were quite unaware of the proximity of the Boers. They blundered again, as at Sannas Post, and the scouts were not alert.

"Before sunset on Tuesday Dewet had the British force in his power, after an engagement which lasted all the afternoon. The Irish made a most brilliant defence. During the after-BISHOP. CAPE TOWN' April 25.— The Anglican archbishop here has written a letter to Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner of South Africa, in which he expresses the conviction, in the absence of an official statement by the Church of England, that enduring peace cannot be secured while the South African republics retain their independence. Incom Dewet sent 800 Burghers to cut off their retreat, and then he moved forward a small force of Boers to the top of the kopies held by the British. The latter boldly attacked the Boers, and then Dewet's plan was suddenly developed. "The British soon found themselves

surrounded. They had, indeed, fallen into a beautiful trap, for they were commanded at every point by the Boer guns, while their force was sep-

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