

A CHANGE OF FRONT.

Boers in the Vicinity of Boshof Are Now Making Trouble.

British Subjects Given Forty-eight Hours in Which to Leave the Transvaal.

Additional Canadian Casualties—Boer Convoy Captured—Reported that Buller Sent His Resignation to Lord Roberts, Who Refused to Accept It.

COL OTTER WOUNDED. LONDON, April 27.—A despatch from Lord Roberts dated Bloemfontein, April 27, gives Gen. Ian Hamilton's report of the British casualties at Israel's Post April 25th. Among those slightly wounded is Col. W. D. Otter of Canada.

COL OTTER SHOT IN THE NECK. LONDON, April 30.—A special despatch from Thaba N'Chu, dated Thursday, describing the fight at Israel's Post, which is about seven miles west of Thaba N'Chu, says: "Three hundred Boers were strongly entrenched on two kopjes. The place of honor was given to the Canadians, who advanced very closely under Col. Otter. The Boers reserved their fire until the Canadians had reached the wire entanglements. Then they opened with a terrific hail of bullets.

The Canadians, however, had taken good cover, and were not greatly damaged. They were ably supported by the Grahameston Horse. Successive rushes brought them right up to the kopjes, when Col. Otter was struck twice, one bullet inflicting a nasty, but not dangerous, wound in the neck and the other tearing the badge from his shoulder. But he still cheered his men on until the kopjes were carried. The Boers bolted. The British losses were 20 in killed and wounded."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Thaba N'Chu, describing the same engagement, says: "The British artillery shelled the kopjes all day from three positions. The Boer positions were extremely well chosen, consisting of a long range of steep hills, with narrow passes between, commanding a vast extent of country. The mounted infantry made a wide turning movement, while the foot infantry advanced within two thousand yards, under good shelter.

"During the afternoon the battle became general and extended over a frontage of ten miles. The rifle, Maxim and artillery fire was deafening. At three o'clock the Canadians advanced in open order, but meeting with a terrific fire, they took shelter in a donga. When they finally captured the kopjes, the Boers were seen retreating north and east with wagons; and, subsequently, when the infantry made a dash, the rest of the enemy fired a few shots and cleared off."

"On occupying Thaba N'Chu we found the stores and hotels all looted by the Boers. The natives complain of having their horses and cattle stolen and of cruel treatment. The English residents were subjected to taunts and insults. I learn that yesterday Boer reinforcements from Brandfort came too late to assist their comrades. We found a holographic message from President Steyn to Gen. Botha, saying it was inadvisable to send more troops to Fourteen Streams, as the Federals were already too weak between Bloemfontein and Kroonstad, and because there were 50,000 British at Bloemfontein. The farmers around here have all been forced to rejoin the

There was an action at Black Mountain on the 25th instant. Killed, 3,074. Private J. Defoe, H. company, Royal Canadian Artillery, Halifax. Wounded, Lieut. Col. Otter, 7,454. Private R. Burns, Governor General's Foot Guards. Another wounded has not been identified.

Second Canadian Mounted Cavalry. MONTREAL, April 30.—E. Finn, the Herald's correspondent with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, cables: "A squadron of Canadian Mounted Cavalry, under Col. Williams, took part in the recent engagement at Leeuw Koop, and acquitted itself with the utmost credit throughout. Though a retirement was subsequently ordered, the men fought bravely and with the same dash and gallantry which made the first contingent famous. Lt. Von Straube had his horse killed under him, and four troopers had the same experience."

CRONJE WELL RECEIVED AT ST. HELENA. JAMES TOWN, St. Helena, April 30.—Gen. Cronje and his wife, accompanied by the general's private secretary, were permitted to attend religious service yesterday at Deadwood camp, after which they had their first ride around the country, an experience which seemed to give Gen. Cronje much pleasure.

BRITISH SUBJECTS MUST LEAVE THE TRANSVAAL. PRETORIA, April 30.—As a sequel to the Johannesburg explosion, the government has ordered British subjects, with a few exceptions, to leave the republic within 48 hours. Nearly 4,000 have been subscribed for the relief of the victims.

TWO CANADIANS REPORTED MISSING. TORONTO, April 30.—The Telegram's special cable from London says a despatch to the Morning Post, from Mafeking, in British Beaufort, southwest of Wepener, reports two Canadian members of the mounted rifles are missing. They are Sergt. R. Ryan, "B" squadron. He was on leave in England, but he is reported to have left the Transvaal at the outbreak of the war.

FRENCH OFFICER TAKEN PRISONER. CAPE TOWN, April 30.—A French officer, Comte Ducaigne, who is reported to be the successor of Col. Villiers, has arrived here a prisoner. He was captured in a skirmish in the Kimberley district.

IRON FOUNDRY EXPLOSION CASUALTIES. LONDON, May 1.—A despatch to the Daily News from Lourenco Marquez, says: "Sixty-five bodies have been exhumated from the ruins of the Begbie Iron Work at Johannesburg."

WAR SUMMARY. LONDON, May 1.—There is no official news from the Orange Free States, and no official news of later date than Sunday, when Gen. French has reported to be holding Thaba N'Chu and reconnoitering the hills to the east of that place. The Boers, according to one report, are in great strength in the neighborhood, while according to another they are moving safely northward, leaving only a rear guard without transport in the hills. The Daily News correspondent at Thaba N'Chu reports that the British have captured a Boer convoy, but he gives no details.

It is reported from Cape Town that Gen. Hunter, who is division commander, will start from that place in command of a strong column to relieve Mafeking. The operation, it is said, will probably be seconded by Gen. Methuen, but Gen. Hunter will be in chief control.

A despatch from Kimberley states that the Boers yesterday (Monday) occupied in strong force the town of Winderton, which is about 35 miles from Gen. Methuen's headquarters at Boshof.

The Yeomanry in the Boshof district are grateful for the splendid service of the American field hospital during the recent operations.

A despatch to the Times from Lourenco Marquez says that the Transvaal and the Orange Free states continue to buy enormous supplies of provisions. Practically all the goods brought by German and French steamers are landed into cars and promptly taken by rail to the Transvaal. The German steamer Heroze is now discharging three thousand tons of freight.

LONDON, May 1, 3.50 a. m.—The Boers are now showing uncommon activity west of Bloemfontein. They are in force between Fourteen Streams and Kimberley. On Sunday they occupied Winderton, west of the railway, and now threaten to interrupt the communication of the British forces at Warrenton to the north.

This, too, at a time when General Hunter is about to start on a 200 mile march to Mafeking, probably with 5,000 men.

To the east of Bloemfontein the Boers Sunday night were still holding the hills near Thaba N'Chu, while behind them long wagon trains, loaded with wheat for the Boer army in the north, are moving through Ladybrand.

The British captured the Boer convoy on Saturday, but its size is not mentioned. Wepener, lately the scene of incessant fighting, is deserted, Gen. Buller and Col. Dalgety having moved northward.

A despatch from Maseru, dated Monday, says: "The Basutos are a second time asstounded to see the Boers peacefully retreating with herds, which the natives think should be the booty of the British, who are said to be the conquerors."

According to information from Maseru, the main body of Boers reached Leeuw Koop, west of Ladybrand, Sunday, small parties being held at intervals of ten miles to protect the rear and whip up the herds. Slight outpost actions take place daily beyond Kamek Spring, where the head of the British invasion is concentrated.

DON'T FORGET

About Fraser's Great Clearance Sale of Clothing Gen's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Trunks, and Valises to be cleared out before the first of August.

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W. C. T. UNION. Quarterly Convention Held on Friday in Union Hall.

Interesting Reports from Fairville, Carleton and City Unions—Paper on Sabbath Observance—Address by Rev. Mr. Steel.

Quarterly convention of St. John W. C. T. U. met with the north end union on Friday afternoon. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hartley. The subject was Sabbath observance.

Mrs. Hartley read a very interesting paper on this subject, which was spoken to by Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hanselbacher and others. Later, in connection with this subject, the following resolution was passed: That as under the existing circumstances it seems impossible for the proprietors of the groceries and dry goods stores, to close on Saturday night before a late hour, we request the housekeepers of our city to carefully consider the matter and to endeavor to make their necessary purchases as early on Saturday morning as possible.

It was further resolved to place the matter before the Evangelical Alliance and to ask them to preach a sermon to their congregations along these lines.

The decision of the judges in regard to the Sunday observance law was favorably commented upon. The success of Mrs. Bailey in getting subscriptions for the Womens Journal was remarked, and the commendation made to each local union to secure as many as possible.

Mrs. Bailey had secured 20 names. A parliamentary drill was held, when questions were asked and discussed regarding the duties of a press superintendent and the requirements of a column.

It was resolved that in future the W. C. T. U. column in the Sun shall be edited regularly every Saturday. A press committee was appointed with Mrs. Davidson as chairman.

The fear was expressed that the sickness in some of the schools arose from defective sewerage, and the wish was expressed that the matter should be brought before the school trustees.

The meetings in the evening were called to order by the president, Mrs. Davidson led the devotional exercise, and gave a short address on temperance considered from the broadest sense of the words, Temperance in all things.

The report of Fairville union was then read. The meetings have been held regularly every two weeks. The Fairville union has been organized, and the fund for dominion president's expenses to world's fund, and to other funds as called for. Contributions have been sent to Little Girls' Home, suits of clothing have been sent for the poor, and fruit, berries and other delicacies provided.

St. John (north) reported regular meetings have been held, four new members added, and three new departments of work, literature, temperance and press work. 8,510 pages of reading matter were sent to the lumbermen during January. A box of clothing was sent to the Indians at Oromocto. Two parlor meetings were held, 24 sick visits were made, and 2 to the hospitals. A bed in the Home for Incubables has been furnished. 1,500 pages of literature on temperance are ready for distribution.

Mrs. G. E. Lockhart reported that two boxes and 13.70 were sent to the Indians at Oromocto. Carleton reported that a Francis Willard memorial service had been held, a concert netting \$36.20 was given in aid of the Red Cross society, three lumber camps have been supplied with literature.

St. John reported that ten regular meetings and three mother's meetings have been held, 45 were sent for the relief of the Indians at Oromocto, as well as two boxes of useful articles. Hospital and sick visits have been made, and on March 29th Mrs. Davidson lectured for the benefit of the Red Cross society.

After the adoption of the reports Mrs. Davidson sang a solo, "How Beautiful to be with God."

Mrs. Gray of Fairville read an interesting paper on the Duties of a President. Many valuable suggestions were made which will be of service not only to the president of the W. C. T. U. but also to the president of any other society.

A reading entitled Married to a Drunkard was given in a very pleasing manner by Miss Ottilie Maxwell. This was followed by a solo by Miss Elsie Rolfe.

A report from the Little Girls' Home was read by the superintendent of that department. This will be given in the press column on Saturday.

A poem, "All for Jesus," was read by Mrs. Hanselbacher. Miss Bratley sang a solo in a very acceptable manner.

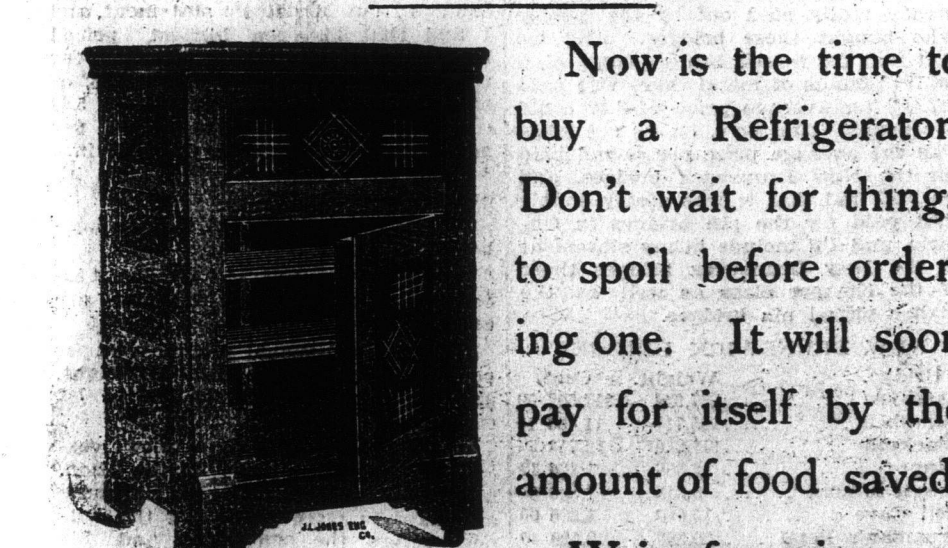
A collection of \$4.50 was taken in aid of the India famine fund.

Rev. Mr. Steel made a few remarks and Evangelist Romig gave an exhibition of lime-light views.

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